

# Section News for December 2005

## Atlantic Division

### Southern New Jersey

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 2006 SECTION MANAGER, JEAN PRIESTLEY, KA2YKN Welcome to the year 2006. Can you believe that we are 6 years into the New Century, which isn't so new at this point? There will be plenty to look forward to such as making those yearly changes in the shack whether it is needed or not. (Just for the fun of it) I am already looking for some small changes I can make to streamline and make better use of the small space. If you have a large space to fill, check out the hamfests and yard sales. Sharpen your pencils for the contests that will be coming up. Mark Field Day on your calendar for three days and check your antennas from outside for any problems or potential problems that the winter has created. If you haven't been to the ARRL website, go in and see what is new. Make a New Years resolution to spend more quality time with your radio gear and to make a set number of contacts per week or month. Get back into the swing of listening and just for good measure practice breaking through a pile up. You did it before but polish up your skills for this year's contesting. But let's get serious, use them or lose them. Dan, K2UL, our Traffic Manager for SNJ is requesting nominations for the three annual New Jersey Traffic Handler Awards. Please send nominations by mail. Each award is presented as an engraved wooden plaque. The winner keeps the plaque for one year. The W2OEZ Memorial Award is for outstanding contributions to the NJ Traffic handling community. The W2SWEMemorial Newcomer Award is for the New Jersey Rookie of the Year and K2SE Memorial Award is for outstanding contributions to VHF Traffic Nets. For more info, go to <http://k2ul.home.att.net/awards.htm> Your nominations must be in by January 31, 2006. We all like to receive a note of cheer when we are ill or been. We can understand what a long hospital stay can do for the morale. But we can not understand what Randy, KC8VKZ and his family and friends are going through. They are going through a very dark time. We can light a candle for them with a QSL card and maybe a short note. True, Randy may not be able to read them for himself right now but will appreciate every one of them when he can. Right now his family can appreciate the love that those cards will bring especially when they tell him "Randy, you need to see all the QSL cards you are receiving". As we know, Randy survived tremendous odds. From the info coming in, the love of his fellow minors kept him alive. We can help continue that love and caring by doing a simple action. Send Randy a QSL card. Each card will be a lit candle to light his way back. It will also help the family. Once he is able to read them himself, he will realize just how much pull was there for him. Send to Randel McCloy, Jr. PO Box 223, Phillippi. WV 26435 Things are doing very well on the Battleship New Jersey. The official winter hours are January 1 through February 28, 2006. Winter hours are 9am to 3pm Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays. There is still a lot happening on the ship. Most recently the SPS-49 search radar antenna was installed by a helicopter which lowered it in place. The weather was perfect and every thing went smoothly. Channel 6 news gave it good coverage. Don't forget to check the BNJARS website at [www.nj2bb.org](http://www.nj2bb.org) In the fall of 2005 there was a changing of the guard in the Atlantic Division of the Directors position. After many years of service to the Atlantic Division, Bernie Fuller, N3EFN, decided to not seek reelection as Director and retired from service. We wish Bernie and his lovely wife many years of doing everything they want to do in retirement. Bill Edgar, N3LLR, is now Director. He was Vice Director under Bernie. It is time to think about Public Service activities as spring arrives in a few months. March of Dimes and the MS Walks are gearing up as we speak As every year about this time, I start asking you to think about participating in these various activates. It is a good way to train for real emergencies that you might be asked to be a part of in the future. SECTION TRAFFIC REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2005 DAN OSTROY K2UL/STM SNJ/NNJ SECTION NET REPORTS QNI report NJM 90 N2GJ NJPN 207 W2CC NJSN 193 K2PB NJN(E) 220 AG2R NJN(L) 149 (the above nets are dual sections nets of SNJ and NNJ). Liaisons with 2RN SNJ LOCAL NET REPORTS JSARS 248 W2HOG

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## **Central Division**

### **Illinois**

First of all I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Amateur Radio had many opportunities to shine during 2005 and it did. During the hurricane disaster when no other means of communication was there, amateur radio was. ARRL is giving a special recognition certificate, via Section Managers, to all those who were deployed during the disaster. If you were deployed, send an email to Pat Ryan, KC6VVT, who is helping me compile a complete list of Illinois Section hams. Send him an email at [kc6vvt@arrl.net](mailto:kc6vvt@arrl.net) even if you have done so in the past so that we can get this list compiled. The Radio Amateur Downstate Illinois Organization held their annual Christmas Party and elections on December 14th with the following results. WB9UDJ, Gary Auerswald, President, KA0JUW, Jim Tribble, Vice President, KC9FMR, Neil Cokely, Secretary/Treasurer. On December 18th at the annual Logan County EMA/ETSB Christmas dinner there were two awards presented to Lincoln Weather Communicators. Rick Kempf, WD9HRU, received Communicator of the Year for his team leadership position during the year. Nick Mishler, KB9VYN, received an Outstanding Performance Award for his setting up and using EchoLink during weather watches and Skywarn Recognition Day at the Lincoln Weather office. Nick is also spearheading the continued APRS network operation that aids in locating spotters and receiving APRS data. New officers for the York Radio Club who were elected December 16th are: President, Gehl Entwistle, KB9DVC; Vice-President, Todd Benson, W9YK; Secretary, Marv Jelonek, KB9ZGR; and Treasurer, Jeff Oravec, W9JT. The Kishwaukee Amateur Radio Club officers for 2006 are: Tom Lower, K9GPC-President; Don Gray, N9RFR-Vice-President; Eric Behr, KC9DUX- Treasurer; and Tom Dettman, W9TGD-Secretary. This is the second term for each of them. The Six Meter Club of Chicago presented the Founders Award (formerly Ham-of-the-Year) to Bob, AK9Y at its December Christmas Dinner meeting. Bob is the Treasurer of the club as well as its Webmaster, VE-ARRL liason and is active in contesting and chasing DX. The election of officers for the DuPage Amateur Radio Club (W9DUP) was completed at the November club meeting. They are: President-John, N9HRT; Vice-President-Jeff, KC9GBX; Treasurer-Maureen, KB9WVJ; Secretary-Brian, WB9UGX; Sergeant at Arms-Pat, KC9DKM. Also from the Secretary of the DuPage ARC--The DuPage ARC will be offering a 10-week course for the entry level in the basics of radio communications. The start date and time for this class is January 28, which is a Saturday at 9 A.M.-noon. The location is Woodridge Park District, 2600 Center Drive, in Woodridge, IL. Call the Woodridge Park District to register at 630-353-3300. For those interested in upgrading their Technician license, there will be an 8-week General course. Space is limited to no more than 20 students.. A Morse code section will be offered after the regular class for those wishing to improve their CW skills. Start date and time for this class is February 11, which is also a Saturday at 9 A.M.-noon. Location for this class is also the Woodridge Park District. Looks like a great opportunity for getting a license or to upgrade. One more note about election of officers. The Shaumburg Amateur Radio Club elected the following officers at their November 17th meeting. President-Kent Ochs, W9KAO; Vice-President-Al Silver, W9ZJX; Secretary-John Bettasso, AJ9ON; Treasurer-Cliff Sowka, K9QD; Board of Directors-Pete Schuyler, N9OF and Jim Campbell, KB9RGU. The Peoria Area Amateur Radio Club is also offering a Technician Class on Thursday evenings from 7 P.M.- 9 P.M. for 14 weeks starting January 19th through April 20. This class will be held at the Peoria City Civil Defense Emergency Operations Center, 3615 Grandview Dr. in Peoria. For more information call 309-369-7428 or Email

w9uvi@arrrl.net. Election of officers was held on January 9th at the Starved Rock Radio Club. Here is the 2006 SRRC officer team: President, Bill Kraus, KA9FER; Bob Cockream, AB9EE, Vice-President; Tom Chromzack, KC9EGB-Secretary; Mark Gebhardt, K9ZQ-Treasurer, Keith Risley, KB9VFX, is the "STATIC" Editor. The Board of Directors, Jesse Risley, KB9TMA, Joe Tokarz, KB9EZZ and Nick Sotiriou, KB9PUT. The SRRC lost a good friend in December. Joe Musial, KC9EMP, became a SK in December. Friends say that he showed them the importance of taking care of yourself, your family, neighbors and community and even communities you don't live in. He was the volunteer's volunteer, and when he was done learning something, he learned something else. And as a CERT instructor, he shared his experiences with others. Did you know that the injured coal miner in West Virginia is a ham? There is an effort underway to send QSL cards to Randy McCloy Jr, KC8VKZ, who is the lone survivor of the tragedy in West Virginia. If you don't have a QSL card, a get well card or a note of support would be nice. Please indicate your callsign and your county on the QSL or card. His address is: Randal McCloy Jr., KC8VKZ, PO Box 223, Philippi, WV 26435. Three amateurs were recognized at the annual Bollingbrook Christmas party. Elden Laffoon, WA9IQL received the Achievement Award. A Service Award was given to Tom Ballard, N9LJY and the Ham of the Year Award went to Phil Rittenhouse, NW9V The Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs will hold their annual Mid-Winter hamfest at the DuPage Expo in St. Charles on Sunday January 22, from 8 A.M. to 1 P.M. Note that this is a new location. On January 28 Winterfest will be held at the Gateway Center in Collinsville, IL. and is sponsored by the St. Louis & Suburban Radio Club. Visit <http://www.slsr.org> or call Jim Glasscock, W0FF at 636-584-888 for more information. Joe Kratky, KA9KBU, was named Hamfester of the Year at the Hamfester's Radio Club Christmas dinner in December. Besides serving as the Net Control for their club's Monday Night Net, Joe participates in Field Day and has brought out to several Field Days a solar panel he built and then operates using solar power. Joe will also be taking over the duties as club Treasurer. December traffic reports: W5DTR-36, PSHR 75; WB9TVD-10; KA9MZJ-30. ISN-QNI-159, QTC-40, 26 SESSIONS; Illinois Phone Net QNI-160, QTC-17, 25 SESSIONS. ILARES HF Section Net report for 2005, 23 sessions, QNI 445, with an average of 19 check-ins per net for this twice monthly ARES net. December totals: ILARES, QNI-37, QTC-0 2 SESSIONS. W9VEY Memorial Net had 6 pieces of traffic and 177 total checkins. Mike WA9RUM has been laid up since October 29th. He was in a bad car accident and totaled his Yukon. He hit a herd of cows crossing the road. Mike reports that they all walked home but his Yukon is gone. Mike says that if he had been in a car he would have been killed because a cow would have rolled across the hood and into the windshield. We all wish Mike a continued steady recovery. .

## Wisconsin

WISCONSIN: SM: Don Michalski, W9IXG. BWN 3985 0500-0715 W9IXG. BEN 3985 1200 KE9VU. WSBN 3985 1715-1800 K9FHI. WNN 3723 1800 KB9ROB. WSSN 3645 1830 N9JIY. WIN-E 3662 1900 WB9ICH. WIN-L 3662 2200 W9UW. (All times are Central time) \*\* With deep regret, I am informing you of the passing of the following Amateurs: -- Leo Thoma, WD9EKY, 79. Leo was a member of the RRRC. -- Ambrose Rinzel, K9UJU, 82. Ambrose was a member of WARAC. -- Jeff Von Allmen, KB9MRU, 48. Jeff was an Assistant Emergency Coordinator and active with Sullivan NWS. \*\* If you are interested to learn more about WinLink 2000, Jim Darrow, KB9MMC, kb9mmc@arrrl.net will be presenting two Power Point programs. The title of the program is: WinLink 2000 Digital Messaging for ARES. First presentation will be at the Milwaukee / Waukesha ARES Meeting on February 7, 2006 at 7:00 pm. Location: Milwaukee Red Cross 2600 W Wisconsin Ave Milwaukee, WI 53233 Contact Dan Workenaour (N9ASA) at n9asa@wi.rr.com for seating. Ozaukee Amateur Radio Club Meeting on March 8, 2006 at 7:30 pm. Location: Grafton Senior Center 1665 7th Avenue Grafton, WI Contact Leon Rediske (K9GCF) at k9gcf@arrrl.net for seating. There will be a presentation in Madison at the Dane County ARES Meeting on April 13, 2006 at 7:30 pm. Location: WEM EOC Department of Military Affairs Wisconsin Emergency Management Room 102 2400 Wright Street Madison, WI 53707 Contact Mack Brophy, N9NTB, 608-242-3323, wc9aag@dma.state.wi.us for seating. \*\* Congratulations to Jim

Staatz, KI9H, for being elected president of ECARC! Also, nice to hear about the ECARC auction on March 18. I expect to be there behind the ARRL table and am looking forward to seeing many of you there. [www.ecarc.org/pdfword/auctionflyer.pdf](http://www.ecarc.org/pdfword/auctionflyer.pdf) \*\* Time to start thinking about the Wisconsin QSO party. This year it takes place on March 12. Details and rules can be found at the West Allis RAC site: <http://www.warac.org/wqp/wqp.htm> \*\* WARAC put on a great hamfest on January 7. A good turnout (standing room only)! Dick Isely, W9GIG, Central Division Director, and I enjoyed meeting many who stopped by the ARRL tables. \*\* Prospects for another banner year for the M&M ARC and amateur radio appear bright. Work to establish a ham station at the M&M DAR Boys' and Girls' Club will be getting underway with donated gear. We thank the M&M ARC for their continued efforts to spread amateur radio within the community!! \*\* STM REPORT WISCONSIN SECTION DECEMBER 2005 FAQ #51 How did we do in 2005? Another year, another compilation of statistics. This past year, we lost a number of excellent traffic handlers. Those that became silent keys are sorely missed, but new voices and CW fists are emerging to help fill the void. Please encourage new Hams and those who have not been active in traffic handling to participate in this phase of the hobby. ORS appointments are available. Net operation is fun. In 2005, there were 2,414 formal NTS net sessions in our section. Those nets checked in 41,259 stations and passed 28,211 pieces of formal traffic. Compared to 2004, when we had better conditions and better reporting of 2,463 net sessions, we checked in 43,083 stations and handled 25,966 pieces of traffic. So check-ins are down (by 1824) and traffic is up (by 2,245). Does that mean fewer Hams are doing more work? Maybe. Please help. Thanks to all who support the nets and Ham Radio in Wisconsin. 73 – K9LGU/ STM-WI 3-year comparison: 2003 2004 2005 QNI 42010 43083 41259 QTC 23597 25966 28211 SSNS 2548 2463 2414 WISCONSIN SECTION MONTHLY NET ACTIVITY SUMMARY DECEMBER 2005 NET QNI QTC QTR SSNS NM BWN 1832 2526 4597 31 W9IXG BEN 554 65 1071 30 KE9VU WSBN 739 84 1072 31 K9FHI WNN 186 20 301 25 KB9ROB WSSN 160 23 280 27 N9JIY WIN/E 171 34 246 29 WB9ICH WIN/L 138 52 293 31 W9UW WRACES 45 0 77 3 N9VAO \*\* One of my favorite statements from a club newsletter came from ORC president Tom Ruhlmann, W9IPR: "I guess one of the most important questions each of us can answer is; "did I help someone else understand or enjoy HAM radio just a little bit more during 2005." If the answer is yes, it has been a successful year. If the answer is no, that would make an excellent New Years Resolution. Get involved – have some fun." Yes, let's have fun and help other Amateurs and our community in 2006! 73, Don W9IXG

## **Dakota Division**

### **Minnesota**

ARRL MINNESOTA SECTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2005 SUMMARY FROM SM ++ The MN section ARES and Traffic summaries are enclosed below. ++ See the Section web site for up-to-date information and bulletins. ++ In addition to the MN Section Club newsletter, the ARRL is planning to publish a club official's E-letter to start soon. Watch for this important addition to the ARRL communications plan. Respectfully submitted by: Skip Jackson, KS0J, MN SM MN SEC REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2005 Total number of ARES members reported: 307 Change since last month: +26 County EC's reporting: Blue Earth (WA2OFZ), Carver (N0EN), Chisago (KC0ASX), Cook (KB0BDN), Dakota (AB0XE), Itasca (KG0FD), Lincoln (WD0BZU), Lyon (WD0BZU), Redwood (KA0ISD), Scott (N0BHC), St. Louis-North (WD0GUF), St. Louis-South (KB0LC), Steele (N0UW), Wadena (K0JO), Washington (KC0OIO), Local Net Names: CCART, River Valley, SEMARC, Scott County, Chisago County, Carver County, Washington County, Forx Valley Monday Night Net, Mankato Area Radio Club Emergency Services Net, Marshall Emergency Net, Redwood County, Wadena Area Hamnet, Northern Lakes Radio, NE MN Public Service, SE St. Louis Emergency Service, Dakota County ARES. Total sessions: 75 NTS liaison is maintained with the MN Section, Tenth Region, and NTSD Traffic Nets by N0UC, W0LAW, NT0B, WA0TFC, WD0GUF Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month: 18 Person hours: 168 Number of public service events this month:

0 Person hours: 0 Number of emergency operations this month: 1 Person hours: 2 Total number of ARES operations this month: 19 Total Person hours: 170 Comments: Dakota County: Training on NTS message handling by CW on their 15 meter net. Steele County: Formation of ARES group announced in the OSCAR newsletter. Established and announced coordinated SKYWARN class with Technician class in Steele County. Continuing to work with surrounding counties. Exploring concept of using APRS for flood gauge telemetry to Steele County EC. Washington County: Held NTS training session at their regular meeting with 40 persons attending. An advanced class is planned for January 14th. Respectfully submitted by: Frank Karnauskas N1UW, MN SEC MN STM REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2005 NET  
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 Meyer, W0LAW, MN STM

## North Dakota

NORTH DAKOTA: SM, Kent Olson, KA0LDG - Happy New Year! Resolutions...we all try to make a few once the new year starts. Well, I have a few ham radio resolutions that I challenge you all to take. Encourage someone to become a ham, help teach a license class, volunteer for a public service event, become an officer in your local club, try out a new band/mode, build a home-brew project, take an ARRL Emergency Communications Course, get your WAS award, get your DXCC award, volunteer for a ND Section position, etc, etc. As you can see I've listed a few that popped into my head, but I'm sure there are hundreds of other ham radio related activities that you can get involved in. I guess to sum it all up, "Get Involved", as you'll be glad you did, and wonder why you didn't do this a long time ago. The Dickinson hams have been busy fixing repeaters and their club trailer. There are a few upcoming hamfests which should help us through this winter: first is Grand Forks on February 4th, then Bismarck on February 25th, and then Fargo on April 22nd. I won't be at all of them, but should make it to two of the three. Work once again will preclude me from attending all three. I'm still looking for a net control for the Goose River Net, and other Section positions as well, so if you're interested, please let me know. Section's web site: <http://home.earthlink.net/~qtipf16/>. HF NM K0JIM net reports for December: Goose River Net, 0/0/0; WX Net 54/1010/13; Data Net 31/653/18.

## South Dakota

SECTION NEWS Here is the section news for South Dakota, if there are any clubs that have material that they wish to have posted please email me the information no later than the 5th of the month so that I can get it posted to both the summary and the web site before the cut off date. I did not receive much to add this month. Northern Hills ARC The Western South Dakota Emergency Net meets each evening at 8:30 local time on the Terry Peak repeater 146.760 MHz and Rapid City repeater 146.940 MHz for

weather and traffic reporting, and training purposes. Please stop by and check in. Public Service Events Chuck N0UKO previewed the upcoming Public Service events for the year of 2006 which are posted on both the NHARC and BHARC web pages (URL's are located at the end of this document). Chuck gave a brief overview of a number of the events, and asked for volunteers. These events are a great learning exercise, and participation in them sharpens one's operating skills. We always need volunteers for the communications duties. Gene N0MHJ stated that we have a very big plate to fill this year as communicators, and echoes Chuck's comments about volunteering for these events. Other Activities Scott WA0VKC reported on some of the BHARC activities including a digital electronics class that will start in January. See the BHARC web site for details as they are available. Scott also mentioned the annual BHARC auction will be in February on the 18th at the Canyon Lake Senior Center, 2900 Canyon Lake Drive in Rapid City. This is the same site as the last two years. There will also be VE license testing that morning at the School of Mines building, and the annual BHARC Holiday Dinner will follow at 6 pm at the Moose Lodge, 841 St. Patrick in Rapid City. Contact Cathy KC0GWU at KC0GWU@rushmore.com or by phone at (605) 342-5677 by February 3rd for reservation details. Scott also mentioned that plans are going forward to equip the new Pennington County emergency communications trailer with amateur gear as the county recognizes Amateur Radio as valued participants in emergency response. Technical Committee The technical committee has been busy with maintaining the various radio equipment so that it is ready for use when needed. The State Link Philip site has an intermittent problem that only shows up when it is bitterly cold out there. One attempt to isolate the problem has been unsuccessful, and another trip to the site is being planned. The Terry Peak 76 repeater receiver is hearing noise from as yet unidentified source. As soon as we can get to the site, the problem will be rectified. ARES Update - The Lawrence County Search and Rescue team was called out to find a couple of motorists that had gotten themselves lost, and stuck in the snow. Two NHARC members were on the team that was doing the searches. Other Business Gene N0MHJ has a code practice CD that he reports is really well done, and he offers the information about the CD to any interested parties that contact him. Program Notes The technical committee led a discussion about repeater interference, and what we as users can do to help identify track down the various noises and signals that plague the repeaters. The techniques and methodology to use when operating as a team were highlighted, and all were asked to participate in this effort. Respectfully submitted John Burch WB6GHA Secretary - Northern Hills Amateur Radio Club - KC0BXH Brookings Radio Research Club Meeting is 1st Monday of each month which is Nov 7th. Deuel County Amateur Radio Club Meeting is 2nd Friday of each month which is Nov 11th. Black Hills ARC Meetings heard on the 3rd Friday at 7:30 PM at the Clubhouse on Radar Hill. Sioux Empire ARC Next club meeting will be on December 5, 2005 at the Hub Area Technical School @ 7:00pm. 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 Spearfish Area Breakfast Club A small group of Hams meet at a local restaurant each Saturday morning at 7:30 AM. Normally we meet at the Millstone in Spearfish but have been known to change locations occasionally. Contact Bob Weaver, KØGZL at rhweaver@rushmore.com if would like to be notified of the location via Email.

## **Delta Division**

### **Arkansas**

Arkansas Diamond ARC --Planning for our October meeting we decided that we needed to re institute our weather net and that would be the program for the meeting. Rick N5HQO (sk) we had gone some time without a plan and we needed to be ready. Little did we know that the plan we had set up would be put to use so soon with the tornados in less than 60 days. In the plan that we set up at that regular meeting, four persons were to be the control operators George KC5RED from Perry County, Jim AC5RT Morrilton and Conway County, Charles N5IBP for Faulkner County, and AC5RU Tom from North Conway County. The idea was to separate the four persons so that if something happen in the area

of the control operator, one of the other two would take over. Everything worked out as planned. KD5LBE Mayor and KE5DOR Jim monitored the communications and kept in contact with OES in Conway County. We maintained our link after the tornado to OES command for about 5 hours until the area was shut down. Given the current weather conditions with the warmer than normal weather, we can expect to reactivate our storm watch program again and probably more than once. At sometime we will probably do some additional planning for spring tornado season. Officers for 2006: George Martin, KC5RED, Pres; Stewart Nelson, KD5LBE, V. Pres; Gayle Wright, KC5IAL Sec; Jim Wiedower, AC5RT, Tres. Arkansas ARRL Amateur Youth Net! This Net meets every Monday Night at 6:00PM on the 147.285 repeater in Clarksville, Arkansas, and the 147.315 repeater in Russell, Arkansas, also with the 147.300 repeater in Little Rock, Arkansas. This is a directed net, and all traffic should be handled through the net control station. We ask that youth amateurs check in first, and then adult amateurs that have information for the youth group check in when called to do so. Please join in! The newly appointed Arkansas ARRL Youth Leadership is as follows: ASM Youth: Brogan Collins, KD5WKA; Youth PIO: Jon Reed, KE5DKR; Youth Web Page Webmaster/PIO: Scott Covert, KE5EJQ. OOC Dave Berry, KE4W "Retires". Arkansas ARRL OOC David Berry, KE4W has resigned as Arkansas OOC effective January 1, 2006. Dave has accepted a new position that will take him from Arkansas. Dave will be Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs at Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana in Evansville. Dave will continue to be active in ARRL and club membership, and hopes to serve as an OO for the Indiana section. Good luck Dave and TNX for your service to the Arkansas Section. K5UZ will name Dave's successor as OOC at the Section Leadership Conference in January Ft. Smith Area ARC News. 2005 is almost history! This has definitely been a historic year with all of the hurricanes and evacuees being spread around the nation, not to mention the war in Iraq continuing. This has also been an outstanding year in the Fort Smith area with new hams from classes and upgrades. Thanks go out to the efforts of the local Elmers assisting with teaching theory as well as code. It is good to see that some who were learning amateur radio skills in 2004 have become leaders in training for 2005. 2006 is shaping up to be a very exciting year for amateur radio in our area. We are still moving forward to having IRS recognition as a charitable organization with expectations that it will give new avenues for funding equipment and facilities for amateur radio communications. Thanks to all who helped with the Fort Smith Christmas Parade. The parade seemed to go very well from what I heard and all who participated are appreciated. We are looking forward to the annual Christmas Banquet next week and hope all can attend to help wrap up 2005 and launch 2006 in the amateur radio community in the Fort Smith Area. The 2006 Hanging Judge Hamfest could possibly be the location for the Arkansas state ARRL convention. We are offering to host the event at our hamfest and hope that the offer is accepted for 2006. If that comes to pass, we will have extra activities to plan and host – more volunteers, but the rewards will more than offset the cost of time and effort needed. For the second straight year, the FSAARC was asked to provide assistance for the Fort Smith Christmas Parade. A small handful of members answered the call for the event held on the afternoon of December 10, 2005. Hams with HTs spread out along the parade route which included Rogers and Garrison Avenues in downtown Fort Smith. They were asked to monitor the parade progress and to report any problems noted in the crowd. Again this year, the parade went off without a hitch. The Police Department and the Fort Smith Jaycees (parade sponsors) appreciated the clubs help! CAREN News. CAREN held their Christmas Banquet December 1, 2005 at the Burns Park Hospitality House. The event was well attended and many public service awards were passed out. Also at the Dinner, Diane Meador, KD5QNN, was presented the Mary 'Bootsie' Gordon Spirit of Ham Radio award for 2005 - - CAREN's ham of the year honor. Dale also presented special certificates to CAREN Board and Committee Chairs: Mark Barnhard, KD5AIV - Vice President; Jon Savary, KB5ZZM - Treasurer; Tamara Tidwell, KD5MOV - Secretary; Don McDaniel, WA5OOY - Technical Committee; Jerry Dixon, N5WVI - Public Service Events; Cindy Chambers, KC5WVL - Webmaster; Pat Dixon, N5ZSN - SkyWarn Personnel Coordinator. SKYWARN Appreciation Day W5A. As of this past weekend, 65 of the forecast offices (110 originally said they would participate) have posted their logs on web site <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/hamradio/index.php>. Little Rock is 7th in total QSOs (446) 10th in number of states (worked 43 out of 49) and 10th in number of WX offices

worked (worked 49, the top station had 71). 73s Fred- N2JAS. Fred Shay N2JAS, Emergency Coordinator, Saline County, was the driving force for this event and as you can see from the above results, very successfully. Congratulations and thank you Fred. Batesville ARC News After being down for about 10 days the BARC KD5AYE 147.27 repeater, or the .27 machine, is back on the air! Noel, KD5HPK and David, N5TSC have worked some late and cold nights to get us back up and running. The current machine is a GE Master II commercial unit provided by KD5HPK. The replacement has better output and we have been working into Little Rock, Memphis and Mississippi regularly again. Our old Yaesu repeater has developed a serious transmitter problem after nearly 20 years of service. We will discuss the permanent disposition of the repeater at the Christmas Party/Annual Banquet. A very special thanks from the club to Noel and David for getting this problem resolved! Ind. Co. EC Noel KD5HPK is running an ARES/RACES net on 147.225 PL tone 108.7, on Thursday nights at 6:00PM. Please check in and support Independence Co. ARES/RACES. BARC WI-FI Phase I is on line! The system is currently experiencing some intermittent connectivity problems with the high-speed Internet connection. This is proving to be an inconvenience; however, SBC is working on the problem as it is in their fiber-optic line or switch. MONTHLY TRAFFIC REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2005 ARKANSAS PHONE NET ARKANSAS MOCKINGBIRD NET ARKANSAS RAZORBACK NET SESSIONS 27 SESSIONS 22 SESSIONS 31 QNI 514 QNI 824 QNI 2180 QTC 27 QTC 21 QTC 60 TIME 857 TIME 405 TIME 724 NET MGR. W5SXV NET MGR. WB5YLI NET MGR. K5BOC ARKANSAS OZK CW NET ARKANSAS STATION ACTIVITY SUMMARY SESSIONS 28 K5BOC 35 QNI 59 WB5HIL 15 QTC 4 K7ZQR 12 TIME 164 K5WTH 6 NET MGR WA5JAN KC5VQW 6 AD5JA 4

## Louisiana

LOUISIANA SECTION NEWS – DECEMBER 2005 Congratulations to Roberto KB5AVY on being named the recipient of the W. Sandy Lynch Memorial Award! This award has been given annually since 2003 by the Tokyo International Amateur Radio Association to one licensed amateur radio operator in the world who most exemplifies the dedication and personality of the late W7BX/7J1ABV. For 20 years Roberto has struggled to keep four repeaters on the air in the New Orleans area with little assistance from other users. One of his repeaters was the only link to other relief and emergency centers for a critical period following Hurricane Katrina. Roberto's repeater did not lose power because its location at the Ochsner Clinic Foundation had its own auxiliary power plant. The FCC is now inviting comments on petitions submitted by the ARRL and a group calling itself the Communications Think Tank (CTT). The League's "Regulation by Bandwidth" petition, designated as RM-11306, asks that the FCC regulate the bands by necessary bandwidth rather than by mode. The CTT petition (RM-11305) requests that the FCC discontinue mandatory segregation of emission modes and the activities using these modes by substituting a voluntary system of coordination. The deadline for submitting comments on these two petitions is February 6. I encourage everyone to carefully read both of these petitions and then file your comments with the FCC. In last month's report I asked Emergency Coordinators to assist me in determining the total score of their local ARES group for the 2005 LA Section ARES Award Program by submitting reports to me by mid January. It is now mid January as I prepare this section report and I have not heard from a single EC yet! Perhaps there is insufficient interest among our local ARES leaders to sustain such an awards program. Don't forget the upcoming LA QSO Party from 1500Z February 11 until 0300Z February 12. Awards and certificates of participation will be given by the Thibodaux ARC, the party's sponsor. Check out <http://www.laqso.w5yl.org/> for the complete rules. Although the Hammond Hamfest has been cancelled for this year, the Southeast LA ARC will still have a free "Junk-in-the Trunk" meeting on Saturday, January 21, from 10 am until 2 pm, along with VE tests and prize drawings. Visit the club's web site at <http://www.selarc.org/selarchamfest.htm> for more details. In addition, the Forty-Sixth Annual Acadiana Hamfest will be in Rayne on March 10 and 11. For the latest updates on this hamfest check out <http://www.w5ddl.org/hamfest/> I am very sorry to report that W5FYZ is now a Silent Key. Ernie was a ham for many years and will be missed by all who knew him. Each League appointee is expected to be active and should submit reports periodically to his appropriate



leader. Everyone who holds an official position in the ARRL Field Organization "answers" to at least one other person. Many hams have been seriously affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita, of course, and we are trying to give these appointees a reasonable amount of time to contact us concerning their future plans. Appointments will probably be cancelled in the near future, however, for those who have submitted no reports since September. Traffic totals: K5MC 96, WA5LQZ 50, AE5V 14, N5KWB 14, W5PY 12. Public Service Honor Roll: W5PY 122, K5MC 110, N5KWB 89, KC5RJY 72, W5HUD 72, K5ER 71, AE5V 68, KD5ITA 52. Section net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Louisiana Traffic Net: 19/184/21. Louisiana CW Net: 16/74/21. Local/district net reports: sessions/check-ins. Calcasieu Parish ARES Net: 1/6. Cameron Parish ARES Net: 2/14. East Baton Rouge Parish ARES Net: 4/40. Franklin Parish ARES Net: 2/27. Lafayette Parish ARES Net: 4/20. Ouachita Parish ARES Net: 4/80. Richland Parish ARES Net: 8/81. St. Tammany Parish ARES Net: 4/17. Tangipahoa Parish ARES Net: 4/52. Union Parish ARES Net: 4/53. Vernon Parish ARES Net: 1/20. ARES reports: parish/EC. Allen/KA5NXT, Caddo/Bossier/NZ5S, Calcasieu/KC5FGO, Cameron/WA5LQZ, Claiborne/KD5JJP, East Baton Rouge/N5ULA, Franklin/N5ASA, Jefferson Davis/WA5LQZ, Ouachita/K5ER, Rapides/KD5DFL, Red River/KD5IUZ, Richland/KC5RJY, St. Mary/KA5LMZ, St. Tammany/KC5EAK, Tangipahoa/KD5PKS, Union/KA5JNL, Vernon/WB5JZQ, Washington/AI5B, Webster/KB5WFE. 73, Mickey Cox K5MC LA Section Manager Email: k5mc@arrl.org LA Section Website: www.laarrl.org/

## Mississippi

Mississippi Section Report for December 2005 SM: Malcolm Keown, W5XX. Mississippi Section Web Page at arrlmiss.org. Web Master W5KWB at w5kwb@arrl.net. STM: N5FP. NM: WB5ZED, K5NRK, KB5W, AD5J, W5NCK, W3TWD, KA2KMU, K5ASL, and KM5UH. Don't forget to clear your calendar for the ARRL Mississippi Section Convention and Capital City Hamfest in Jackson on February 3-4. Festivities will begin at the Trade Mart at 5 PM on Friday the third and then again on Saturday beginning at 8 AM. Our ARRL guest will be W4OZK, the Alabama SM, who manned the ham desk at the Red Cross Staging Point in Montgomery during Katrina. For more information contact Hamfest Chairman W5LEW at w5lew@arrl.net. Mississippi DEC/ECs and invited guests met at the Longleaf Trace Railhead Facility December 10 on the USM Campus in Hattiesburg for a Katrina Lessons Learned Meeting. Each of the participants had an opportunity to speak about the good and bad experiences of the ham radio emergency communications response to Katrina and our coordination with served agencies. Thanks to AG5Z for making local arrangements to hold this meeting. Following lessons learned meetings in Louisiana and Mississippi, SMs K5MC and W5XX met with ARRL Headquarters Staffers to discuss the findings of these meetings. If current thinking becomes implemented, ARES should be in a much more effective position to deal with a regional disaster when the next Katrina-level storm event occurs. Speaking of Katrina, KC5TYL, Lamar County EC, wrote a nice article on his experiences during the storm event entitled "Amateur Radio Shines Brightly Through Storm Clouds" which was published in the February QST and the December SERA Repeater Journal. Further, KD5KXJ, had a nice write up on his Katrina activities in the Public Service Column of the December CQ. Several Mississippi Hams were in attendance as Santa's ARRL Sleigh rolled into Jackson from Memphis and unloaded toys at the Salvation Warehouse on Boling St. Alabama-Mississippi-Louisiana Disaster Services Director WB8BZH said that over 5000 toys were collected by the ARRL and distributed across the Gulf Coast. In addition to Delta Division Vice-Director WD4Q and Alabama SM W4OZK, those local hams in attendance were AB5WF, W5LEW, AD5PV, KA5TJW, and W5XX. Thanks to N5FP for being the MC for our Annual New Year's Eve Party on 3862. Lee reports that everyone had an opportunity to make comments, but no one could figure out Lee's question of the day: How many total gifts were given in the "12 Days of Christmas?" We now have a year to figure it out before the question pops up again. Congratulations to W4WLF, who was voted as the Magnolia DX Association Member of the Year and to N5GH, who was voted MDXA DXer of the year. Also congratulations to WB5TTE on his upgrade. Welcome to new ARRL Members KJ5CO, KE5FSO,

K5JHK, N5HUP, KE5UD, N5XZF, KD5YXI, and KB5YXT. Regret to report the passing of N5TQT of Ponotoc, N5LAJ of Hattiesburg, WD5FBE of Hattiesburg, and WB5PMK (Father of W5OXA) of Pearl. Newsletter/Club Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Lowndes County ARC, (K5VVA). OO Reports: W4TUP, K5XQ. DEC/EC Reports: WB5CON (Alcorn), KD5CQT (Jackson), KC5EAK (Pearl River), KD5GWM (Lauderdale/Clarke), KD5KXJ (Leake), KB5JN (Adams), AC5SU (Metro Jackson), WA5TMC (North Mississippi/Tippah), KC5TYL (Lamar), AB5WF (West Central Mississippi), W4WLF (Gulf Coast/Harrison), K5WSY (Tishomingo), AG5Z (Forrest) OBS Report: W5KWB Net Reports: Session/QNI/QTC (Net Manager) MSPN 31/2518/42 (K5NRK) MS TFC Net 31/161/8 (KB5W) Magnolia Section Net 31/1130/10 (AD5J) Jackson Co ARES 31/258/4 (KD5CQT) MS Slow Net 22/108/2 (W3TWD) MLEN 4/18/0 (K5NRK) Meridian Area EN 4/47/0 (KD5GWM) JARC EN 4/31/0 (AB5WF) Monroe Co ARC Net 4/56/0 (AD5DO) Itawamba Co ARES 4/47/0 (N5FP) MS Baptist Hams Net 4/29/0 (WF5F) St. Tammany/Pearl River ARES Net 4/14/0 (KC5EAK) Tishomingo Co ARES 4/40/0 (K5WSY) PSHR (minimum 70): WB5ZED 150, KD5FUY 146, W5XX 121, AB5WF 112, N5FP 110. Traffic: WB5ZED 2189 (BPL), W5KWB 6, W5XX 5, W5LEW 4. Compilation of Net and Traffic statistics provided by N5FP, Mississippi Section Traffic Manager.

## **Great Lakes Division**

### **Michigan**

I am very pleased to report that the proposed changes to the "Michigan Scanner Law" have moved to the next phase in the legislative process. A draft version has been completed which now includes a specific exemption for licensed radio amateurs. Members of the Michigan House and Senate have been working to produce this final version for several weeks. The next step is a review by the Senate Judiciary Committee and if no further changes are needed, it will be sent to the Senate with a recommendation for passage. It would then go to the Governor for her signature. This is the bill about which I testified before the House Judiciary Committee last fall and then, as recently as last week, debated again when I was informed that the amateur radio exclusion clause was going to be deleted. I advised the committee representative that we radio amateurs would oppose the bill if the clause were to be eliminated, as we already have an exemption based upon the existing federal preemption in PR docket 91-36. Based upon my communications about our concerns with the exemption being removed, Rep. Elsenheimer decided to keep the language in place. The intent of this law revision is to eliminate a significant workload in the issuance of scanner (receiver) permits and make legal the use and transportation of scanners by the general public. As an example, under present law, persons traveling to a motor sports event where they intend to monitor racecar driver conversations were in fact in violation. My personal thanks goes to Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer and his staff for their diligence in sponsoring and strongly supporting this bill. On Friday, December 16, the Steelcase Foundation informed The Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA) that they will be the recipient of a \$5,000 grant towards the rebuild of the W8DC Supersystem Repeater. This timely announcement brings to a total repeater fundraising amount of \$15,000 for 2005! The Steelcase Foundation grant, in addition to a \$10,000 Grand Rapids Community Foundation grant, well in obtaining the remaining funds for their project. As required by the terms of both grants, GRARA will issue press releases to the local press and the national Amateur Radio press as well. These releases will be issued for the first week of 2006. The Genesee County Radio Club held its elections at their annual Christmas dinner. The new club officers are: President K8KZB, Treasurer K8VW, Secretary K8LJG, Trustees W8ACW & K8LJG. 2006 Officers for the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club are President KC8QZB, V.P. AB8RX, Sec'y KI8C, Treas W8EGI, Dir WD8BCS, Dir KC8FSK, Under 22 Director KC8QYO. The Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance held club elections at their December 14, 2005 meeting. Elected for 2006 are Pres KI8JD, VP Lee W8ZP, Treas W8MSK and Sec K8JX, are returning for the coming year. Elected officers of the Michigan Area Repeater Council are: Pres WD8DFG, Sec KT8F, Treas WD8DJB, W8YUC Dir W8YUC, Dir WB8AZP. Muskegon Amateur Radio Council officers are: Pres AB8SC, Vice Pres AB8RD, Sec N8CTT, Treas

N8IU, House Mgr WA7VLH, Dirs KD8AKC, KC8VTX, K8BP. Branch County ARC officers for 2006 are Pres WB8R, Sec'y/Treas KB8VWI, Dirs: NS8T, WD8MGF, and N8CTI. MiTN Needs Net Controls. The Michigan Traffic Net which meets daily at 7:00PM on 3952kHz has a need for additional NCS operators. If you have a few minutes you can devote to assisting one evening a week, check in and the net manager know of your interest. This is an excellent net for handling traffic and a great venue for public service. SARs for December, 2005: N8FPN 364, K8LJG 243, WD8USA 193, K8AE 136, WB8RCR 109, K8CQF 102, WB8TKL 68, K8ZJU 67, AA8SN 59, W8RNQ 49, KV8Z 43, W8QOI 36, KA8IXC 34, K8UPE 30, N8UN 23, KD8BGQ 18, K8FE 17, KC8ZCF 12, KC8MLD 10, WB8WJV 5, WA8OOH 4, KC8JLF 4, KC8RTW 2, KC8ZGB 1. PSHRs for December, 2005: KD8BGQ 143, K8ZJU 110, N8FPN 110, K8AE 100, WB8RCR 95, KA8IXC 84, KV8Z 72, KC8RTW 21. OES reports came in from K8COP, KC8ULE, KC8ZCF, and N8HA. 73, Dale

## **Hudson Division**

### **Northern New Jersey**

SM Bill Hudzik-W2UDT,ASM-N2WZB,STM-WB2FTX,ACC-N3RB,SEC-K2SO,OOO-K2ZD, PIO-WB2CRD,TC-NR2H NNJ Webpage: [www.hudson.arrl.org/nnj/](http://www.hudson.arrl.org/nnj/) MONTHLY ARES NET: Second Monday of each month (8PM) on the Morris County OEM Repeater; WS2Q 146.895 MHz (PL 151.4) minus 600 Hz. New officers for the Bergen ARA are:K2AMI-President,W2ML-Vice President,KC2KIS-Secretary and WB2AIU-Treasurer. The club will be holding an auction on Sunday, March 5th. Please check the BARA webpage for more information. Also, new 2006 officers for the County Line ARA are: K2AF-President, N2KGW-Vice President, NJ2OM-Secretary, and KB2YWZ-Treasurer. I know many clubs are planning events as the warm weather approaches so, please be sure to let our webmaster, N2WZM, know of your event and Mark will gladly post it on the section webpage. Our events section is a great means of making sure your activity gets the best coverage. The Ocean Monmouth ARC held a Special Event at Camp Evans in Wall Township on January 7th celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Project Diana which was the first successful attempt to bounce signals off the moon. What helped to make the event a success was that OMARC invited other groups to share their facility during the celebration. Other organizations may want to consider this idea as a means of offering the public several venues to be attracted by. A brief background on this historical event can be found on the Infoage Learning Center website: [infoage.org](http://infoage.org) or, the OMARC website which has a link to Infoage. At the other end of the section, the Liberty Science Center's Program Delivery Manager, Ben Chamberlain, who is KG8SX, is looking to include amateur radio as part of the Center's new communication exhibit. The very successful Labor Day Ham Radio presentation coordinated by the New Providence ARC made a positive impression on the Center's management. We already have the ARRL involved which is sponsoring a teacher training program later this year. During 2006, the LSC, as part of its traveling science program, will be having 2 hour "Family Science" events through out the state. As coordinator of these presentations Ben is looking for clubs to help out at the various sites. Those that assisted at the Labor Day event are already on the mailing list. We would like more people and groups to get involved. Folks, this is an opportunity that we cannot let pass by! Having amateur radio on the venue of the metropolitan area's premier learning center is a gift. Let's not let it remain unopened. KG8SX can be contacted at: 201-451-0006 extension 266 or, via e-mail at: [bchamberlain@lsc.org](mailto:bchamberlain@lsc.org). You can visit the LSC site at [www.lsc.org](http://www.lsc.org) to learn more about the programs and activities offered. Let's show Ben we are serious about supporting amateur radio as a learning tool! The W2 QSL Bureau, sponsored by the North Jersey DX Association, is in its 49th consecutive year providing volunteer QSL card service to the W2 district. At the NJDXA's annual luncheon, Bureau Manager, Doug Rue-W2EN provided some interesting facts. In 2005, the Bureau's 35 volunteer workers handled over 1500 pounds of mail which amounted to some 210,000 QSL cards being distributed to its subscribers. Who says hams don't QSL anymore! The NJDXA website, [www.njdxa.org](http://www.njdxa.org) has information about the Bureau, DX news and how to become a member. All the Bureau workers are

dedicated DXers who view their time as a way of returning something to ham radio for all the enjoyment and friendship DXing has given them. 73, Bill Hudzik- W2UDT SECTION TRAFFIC DEC-05  
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## Midwest Division

### Kansas

Kansas Section News Summary- December 2005 SM, Ron Cowan, KB0DTI-- SEC/OOC: Robert Summers,K0BXF ASM: Orlan Cook,W0OYH SGL: Steve Hamilton, KB0JYL Silent Keys: KBØLVD, Ralph Belknap, Garden City KBØDNP, Perry Wasserstein, Topeka KC4PFF, Ralph Zaruba, Overland Park, KS/Florida KCØIA , William Charles Lang, Shawnee WBØTUP, Robert VanSteenburgh, Wichita WØQEK , Woody Kielhorn ,Liberal ----- The new year is well underway but I want to pause and thank the operators that made a difference last year. Thanks to all the Net Control Stations that were there to conduct the Kansas nets(we have 6 nets ), thanks to all those that took the time to check-in and connect your part of Kansas with the many others, thanks to all of the Station Appointees that fulfilled their duties (and let me know they did) and to those operators that made the effort to support their local club. And of course since we are RADIO operators a special thanks to those stations that got on the air and talked with another station be it in public service, on an A.R.E.S net, Section net or VHF on the way home from work. With 2006 we have new experiences to look forward to and more friends to find on the air. I hope you will make a commitment to do more and have more fun with the Amateur Radio Service this year. ----- Pilot Knob and Leavenworth Co. Ham of the Year is Ed Menard-KD7QOR. Ed received the recognition at the clubs Christmas dinner. Ed has been the secretary and also the Newsletter editor. Shawn Phillips-KCØLPS received the coveted Buffalo Chip Award. Shawn's Mom is ABØXX and Dad is KEØDL. Trojan ARC once again made a Multi-Op run in the annual RTTY Roundup Members KØQP, KØFJ and KØBJ worked out of Mike-FJ's station in Colby. They said this was the best effort of the 4 years they've participated in this manner. KCØGLA reports that the 444.55+ 88.5 CTCSS in Goodland is on the air It's a new machine covering the local Goodland area and offers an alternate if the 147.03 is in use on IRLP or otherwise in not available. Central States Traffic Net manager Jay Curry, AB5PA became a Silent Key December 27 th. Jay had been the manager of the net for many years and will be missed. Glen Felt, WTØA of Friend, Nebraska has been appointed Net Administrator of CSTN. The net is held on 7.253.5 MHz Daily at 12:30 PM except Sunday. CSTN is sometimes referred to as Kadiddle Hoppers. Some of you (Orlan) will remember this as the old Kansas Post net. Mine Creek's Hamfest is February 4th at LaCygne, just South of KC. US 69 is 4 lane down to the Linn County line now. Doors open at Nine AM. Contact KBØDTI ----- ARES REPORT for November 2005 activity 1A 7 nets 103 QNI 16 QTC 1C 2 nets 16 QNI 0 QTC 1E 3 nets 21 QNI 0 QTC 1G 4 nets 44 QNI 0 QTC 2B 2 nets 30 QNI 0 QTC 2D 3 nets 26 QNI 0 QTC 3E-F 4 nets 48 QNI 0 QTC 4A 36 nets 302 QNI 12 QTC 4B 8 nets 67 QNI 3 QTC 4D 4 nets 26 QNI 4 QTC 4H 1 net 18 QNI 0 QTC 5A 4 nets 12 QNI 0 QTC 6B-C-D 2 nets 26 QNI 0 QTC 6E 5 nets 28 QNI 0 QTC 6F 4 nets 28 QNI 0 QTC 6G 0 0 20 Zones 90 nets 762 QNI and 35 QTC State RACES 1 net 5 QNI 0 QTC, Riley, Brown, Leavenworth, Wyandotte and Shawnee counties represented. KS ARMY MARS reporting membership had 27 stations 770 man hours of on air operation handling 2474 messages. We are nearing 50 percent

of our Zones reporting now and that is good. A little extra push by some of you, out there, to get the rest of our Zones in the habit of reporting would be appreciated. Bob Summers K0BXF ARRL SEC KS -----  
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N0KFS KMWN/30/552/445/WB0YWZ KWN/30/884/652/WB0YWZ CSTN/26/1902/95/AB5PA QKS  
34/116/53/ NB0Z QKS-SS 8/32/2/KB0DTI Traffic: KC0HHO 186 NB0Z 67 W0WWR 53 KB0DTI 31  
W0OYH 18 N0ZIZ 14 N0ENO 11 KC0MRJ 5 73- Ron To receive or contribute to Orlan's Kansas  
Amateur Radio News E-mail News Letter contact Orlan-W0OYH-Editor at W0OYH@arrl.net See KSN  
on ARRL Website for detailed PSHR and more Kansas news: <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=KS>

## Missouri

JANUARY 2006 MISSOURI SECTION NEWS Best wishes to everyone for a Happy New Year 2006. I hope that this Christmas season was a good one for you and your families. It is 2006 and time for all affiliated clubs to update their club information. This can simply be done by going to <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/biglist.html> and selecting Missouri, finding your club (which will be listed alphabetically by city) and at the bottom of the club data there is a hyperlink for a club officer to update the club information. Note: If by chance your club has been dropped because it has not updated its information in the past 3 years then in addition to selecting Missouri you will need to select inactive club to get the information about your group. Fill out the new President, and etc and submit. This should get the club back on the active Affiliated Club Roster. If you have some problems, contact the Section Manager for assistance. I was saddened to learn of the passing of Larry Anthony, WBØVAM, of Kennett MO. Larry was an excellent leader in the south east region of Missouri. He served the ARRL and the Amateur Radio community as a District EC, the Kennett ARC PIO, and as a Technical Specialist. He was only 64 years old and he will be missed far into the future because of his leadership and the quality of his service to others. CONVENTIONS & HAMFESTS REPORTS FYI (I'm repeating last month's report as a reminder) I hope to visit with all the Amateurs that attend the three Hamfest in January 2006. They will be lots of fun and an opportunity to upgrade your station. Willard is located a few miles Northwest of Springfield, MO on Missouri Highway 160. The Willard ARC Hamfest Jan. 14th, 2006 at the Willard Recreation Center on 128 N. State Highway Z. Michael Blake, NØNQW, can provide more info if you e-mail him at [n0nqw@att.net](mailto:n0nqw@att.net) Next up will be the Northwest MO Winterfest Jan 21, 2006 in St Joseph, MO. The Hamfest is sponsored by the Missouri Valley ARC and the Ray-Clay ARC. Pre-registration tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. At the door tickets are \$4.00 or 2 for \$7.00. Tables are \$15.00 each. Exhibitors need to contact Roy Frank Burtnett, KAØSIU by phone 660-446-3589 or 816-387-3758 or E-mail [rfbkdb4@ccp.com](mailto:rfbkdb4@ccp.com). The Hamfest is at the Ramada Inn, at exit 47 of I-29. FCC Exams at 10:00 a.m. and if you want to take an exam, send a completed 605 form to Northwest MO Winter Hamfest P.O. Box 1533 St. Joseph, MO 64502. The St Louis and Suburban Radio Club Winterfest will be Jan 28, 2006 at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville, IL. This is the largest Hamfest in the St. Louis area. Talk in 146.94 ? and 146.97 (w/141.3 tone) repeaters. Tickets are \$6.00 in advance and \$7.00 at the door. Vendor tables go for \$22.00/table with an additional \$25.00 charge for electricity. For more information e-mail Jim Glasscock, WØFF, at [w0ff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:w0ff@sbcglobal.net) or phone him at 636-584-8888. AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS KEITH HAYE, WEØG, ACC Mid-MO ARC member Kevin Brown is going to Bonaire on his first ?DX? and ?Dive? trip. We will be able to work Kevin on 15 m / 17m/ and 20m phone beginning Feb 12th to 20th 2006. If you need a ?PJ4?, then Kevin will be glad to join with you in a QSO. Hope he has a great time and doesn't get too sunburned. The ?DX HOG? of the Mississippi Valley DX and Contest Club, reports on the latest information about the Zero QSL Bureau. As of Dec 31st the new zero QSL bureau has received \$2,861 from zero land Hams to purchase envelopes, stamps and credits. The Bureau received 7,323 incoming QSL Cards in November and 5,271 QSL cards in December for distribution. Looks like the Bureau is sorting lots of QSL cards and doing a great job. The Macon County ARC received acknowledgement of their donation to the 2006 Spectrum Defense fund at the ARRL. That's a worthy effort and I hope all the clubs in the section consider making a donation. Rally American Pro Rally

being held Feb 24, Feb 25 in the Salem, Mo area. Ham operators are needed for both days. This year's rally is joining the pro circuit so ham radio skills and equipment are needed. Assignments total in the mid 60-70 figure. Operations duties include start, finish control, marshal points, radio for ambulance duties, fire rescue duties, service marshal, some traffic control, spectator marshal duties, and net control. Interested parties can email mike mccrann (wd0gsy), at [mike@100aw.org](mailto:mike@100aw.org). Equipment to bring would be a minimum 30 watt vhf mobile, with power cables and mag mt antenna, so if asked to ride in another vehicle, you would be able too. The Joplin Printed Circuit had a nice article on building a 1 watt that worked from 160 meters to 30 meters depending on crystal and inductors. John Tudenham, WØJRP, using a 6J6 dual triode tube. This well constructed xmtr looked like it would be fun project. So far the Route 66 effort of Joplin AR W6N has netted about 167 QSLs from 22 states and provinces. Jay Ruparm KØETC coordinated the effort with some help from Mac McNally, W9LNA and John Tudenham, WØJRP.

**SECTION ARES REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2005**  
**DON MOORE, KMØR SEC**  
 Total # of ARES members: 669 Change since last month: Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month: 77 Man hours: 424 Number of public service events this month: 4 Man hours: 50 Number of emergency operations this month: 3 Man hours: 40 Total number of ARES operations this month: 84 Total Man hours: 514 Comments: 6 of 9 districts reporting. To view this and other Monthly Section ARES reports go to <http://www.ares-mo.org/currentsec.asp>

**SECTION TRAFFIC REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 2005**  
**DALE HUFFINGTON, AEØS, MON - CW**  
 Sessions 51 QNI 66 QTC 42 NM K9ZTV MO Phone Sessions 31 QNI 654 QTC 90 NM KØDAT MESN Sessions 4 QNI 54 QTC 0 NM AEØS Audrain AARC Sessions 4 QNI 66 QTC 0 NM KBØKWC Callaway CARL Sessions 4 QNI 30 QTC 0 NM WBØHKN Boone Co Sessions 4 QNI 58 QTC 0 NM WMØH Hickory Co Sessions 8 QNI 36 QTC 0 NM KCØFDF Jackson Co Sessions 5 QNI 88 QTC 2 NM KØUAA Macon Co Sessions 4 QNI 26 QTC 0 NM KØKY Rolla RRARS Sessions 31 QNI 497 QTC 15 NM NAØV WAARCI Sessions 4 QNI 99 QTC 0 NM WEØG 10th Reg Sessions 62 QNI 172 QTC MO 58 % with K9ZTV, WØSJS NM WØSS

## **New England Division**

### **Connecticut**

Section Leadership: ASMs: K1STM, KY1F, NK1J, K1BRF; Bulletin Manager KD1YV; Official Observer Coordinator W1GC; Public Information Coordinator W1FXQ; Section Emergency Coordinator N1FNE; State Government Liaison K1MK; Section Traffic Manager K1HEJ; Technical Coordinator N1KHB. A very Happy and Healthy New Year to you all! The Insurance City Repeater Club will be helping out with the annual Klondike Derby in early February at The Girl Scout camp in Tolland, Mass. This is a two-day event; Rick, N1JGR is coordinator. Following the ICRC business meeting, a demonstration of digital communications over 2 meters was presented by Chuck, K1DFS. Two stations, consisting of soundcard equipped laptops and 2 meter HTs were set up on opposite sides of the room. Various digital modes, such as PSK31 and MT63 were successfully demonstrated. Speaking of digital modes, DEC Bill, W1WJB often runs nets on various digital modes to give ops the chance to test their skills and integrate it into their ARES operating plans. Let's make this year one in which more of CT ARES becomes familiar with and integrates some digital mode in their ecomm capabilities and operational planning. Let's make this year one in which we concentrate on mentoring one another in some new aspect of the hobby. As a community, we need to be more aware of our responsibility to elmer a newcomer and help the old timer learn something you know all about! Sometimes it seems as if we barely have time to do what is needed for ourselves; work situations are busier than ever these days but we just have to keep reminding ourselves what it was like when we were new ops! I always feel like a novice again when I try some new mode and it's fun! Generally, club activities have been concentrated on reflections of the past year and holiday parties! It was a privilege for me to attend the GNARC and NARL events; my thanks to others of you who were kind to invite me—can't make them all, hi. Congrats to Jonathan, KB1KIX who was NARL's ham of the year!

Awards were also given to Al, N1JWF who continually works behind the scenes to make things happen both at NARL, at ham fests and at the Big E. A special service award was given to Public Information Coordinator Al W1FXQ whose special service to NARL continues to be valued and appreciated. Over the holiday, Barb K1EIR and I had the pleasure of visiting with Rick and Joanne Palm, K1CE and W1GUN! Rick is a brand new RN and is presently working in the ICU at a large hospital in Daytona Beach. It sure was fun to visit—he says hello to all! You will remember that Rick was Manager of The Field and Educational Services Dept. ARRL for many years. It's been longer than we've planned, but we are in fact finishing the TOPOFF After Action Report, primary author Chuck, AB1CR, editor Wayne, N1CLV and the ARES leadership team along with the SM as authors/ reviewers. A few of us are putting the finishing touches on it. Documenting such a large effort is a lot of work but a very worthwhile and beneficial effort. More to follow very soon. See you here next month and on the air.

## **Eastern Massachusetts**

Greetings to all: I hope you and your family had a good holiday. Please accept my wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year! I would like to take this opportunity to briefly outline our efforts with the Governor's Office since the "Town Meeting" incident last November. Rob, KD1CY, Mark, KB1EKN, and I attended a meeting in December with MEMA Director McCombs and Response and Recovery Branch Head John Tommaney. Both expressed their full support and appreciation for our efforts in supporting MEMA. As I reported in an earlier message, representatives from both the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army have also personally expressed their support to me on your behalf. Additionally, Rob and I met with the Governor's Staff and Director McCombs last week at his office at the State House. It was a very satisfactory meeting with both teams agreeing to a set of outreach activities and timeline. I now consider the matter closed, and I hope you will too. Since our last discussion, I appointed Phil, K9HI, as the Section Associated Club Coordinator (ACC). We are indeed very fortunate to have Phil as our ACC. As you may know, Phil already performs yeoman duties as our webmaster. By the way, other section managers have expressed to me their awe at the robustness of our site. Some have even said it is the best they have seen, so thank him if you see him! Please visit regularly our section website at <http://www.ema.arrrl.org> for the latest in section news and events. It will also serve as my general conduit to you in case of an emergency. In other news around the Eastern Mass Section (contributed by our PIC, Ron, W1PLW); The Algonquin Amateur Radio Club will once again be holding its annual Flea Market in Marlborough on February 18, 2006 at the Marlborough Middle School. 0900 – 1300. General admission is \$5.00 VEC Exams 0900. For more information, please contact Ann Weldon, KA1PON, at 508-481-4988. The Billerica Amateur Radio Society (BARS) one-day Tech Class was "a great success," according to BARS' Bruce Anderson, W1LUS. He explained that "Thirty-three signed up for the class and 23 people actually showed up. Nineteen of the 22 people passed the Technician test". Anderson further explains that one of the original 33 actually passed the exam before the class. "After reading the ARRL book "Now You're Talking" she decided to try the exam before the class. She is now KB1MSV", he said. The class participants are now all BARS members and Anderson hopes to see them at future BARS meetings. He also encourages club members to greet the "new faces" and welcome them into the club and to Elmer them. W1LUS credits his fellow instructors WO1N, N1HTS, AA1VS, and K1TWF for the class, with assistance from KB1CIC and KB1DMO. He also acknowledges the VEs who conducted the examination at the conclusion of the class: WO1N, K1LJN, K1TWF, AA1VS, N1HY and N1HTS. "It took a lot of work to administer 35 exam elements," said Anderson. He added, "It was a very long day for the students and the instructors, but well worth it. Now I remember why we only do this once a year." A North Dartmouth ham has received praise from the Minnesota-based Courage Center Handiham Program. Volunteer reader Bob Zeida, N1BLF has announced that he will retire from reading the FCC question pools beginning in 2006. Zeida, who is also a member of the Southeastern MA Amateur Radio Association (SEMARA), has read all of the current pools on behalf of Handiham members. He is a familiar voice to many blind amateurs studying for their Technician, General, and Extra Class licenses. "His measured, clear delivery

is appreciated by those of us who must make our way through the huge number of questions during our studies," writes Handiham Manager Pat Tice, WA0TDA. "We thank Bob for his wonderful service to Handiham members who listen to his reading around the world!" Members of the Nashoba Valley ARC sorted their way through thousands of W1 QSL cards at NVARC's October club meeting. In all, 17,000 cards were pre-sorted in just two hours. The cards were arranged into piles according to the first letter of the call sign suffix. Then they were repackaged for delivery back to the W1-bureau, for final sorting by various volunteers across New England. Volunteers included: KB1JKL, KB1HDO, K1LGQ, WA1TAC, W1JMM, W1XP, KB1ESR, AB1DS, KB1LZH, KB1MBR, KD1SM, K1LK, KD1LE, W1ZBT, N1SV, and K1NKR. Each year the club does this and it is a good time for all. On November 29, 2005 at 1824 UTC, students at Hawthorne Brook Middle School in Townsend had the opportunity to speak directly with ISS Expedition 12 Commander Bill McArthur via NA1SS in yet another successful ARISS contact. Coordinating teacher Marilyn Richardson used her own amateur radio call sign N1CSH to establish contact with the Space Station as soon as it rose above the horizon. During the 9-minute pass 17 students from grades 6, 7, and 8 asked questions and received answers from NA1SS on a wide variety of topics. Wearing blue t-shirts with an image of the ISS they stood in a queue waiting to take their turn at the microphone. Meanwhile the ground track of Space Station during this direct contact was projected on a large screen at the front of the room. The ground station was assembled by members of the Nashoba Valley Amateur Radio Club ( [www.n1nc.org](http://www.n1nc.org) ). Their assistance was critical in meeting some of the challenges associated with the location of the school. In order to clear surrounding treetops a 100-foot mobile tower (extended to 70 feet) was setup on the school's basketball court! This degree of support resulted in a very successful contact for the students. Congratulations and thanks to Stan KD1LE, Bob W1XP, Larry KB1ESR, Joel W1JMM, Les N1SV, Gary K1YTS and Richard KB1MBR. Public Service Volunteer Opportunities in the New England Division \*\*\*\*\* Every event listed is looking for communications volunteers \*\*\*\*\* Date Location Event Contact Tel/Email; Feb 10 Laconia NH Sled Dog Derby Dave KA1VJU, 603-398-3667, [ka1vju@cnharc.org](mailto:ka1vju@cnharc.org) Feb 11 Laconia NH Sled Dog Derby Dave KA1VJU, 603-398-3667, [ka1vju@cnharc.org](mailto:ka1vju@cnharc.org) Feb 12 Laconia NH Sled Dog Derby Dave KA1VJU, 603-398-3667, [ka1vju@cnharc.org](mailto:ka1vju@cnharc.org) Feb 18 Sandwich NH Sandwich Notch 60 Dave KA1VJU, 603-398-3667, [ka1vju@cnharc.org](mailto:ka1vju@cnharc.org) Feb 25 Meredith NH Dog race Dave KA1VJU, 603-398-3667, [ka1vju@cnharc.org](mailto:ka1vju@cnharc.org) Feb 26 Meredith NH Dog race Dave KA1VJU, 603-398-3667, [ka1vju@cnharc.org](mailto:ka1vju@cnharc.org) Apr 30 Groton MA Groton Road Race Ralph KD1SM, 978-582-7351, [kd1sm@arrrl.net](mailto:kd1sm@arrrl.net) May 21 Devens MA Parker Classic Road Race Stan KD1LE, 978-433-5090 And don't forget about the Boston Marathon, April 17th!. Please view the website address on our website. 73, de W1MPN

## **Rhode Island**

Greetings fellow Rhode Islanders: To lead off this month, I wish to remind everyone about the free license renewal service that is provided to every ARRL member. Of course, you may also renew your license on the FCC website by yourself. It's a 60 second task and is totally free and simple. I just helped another ham in renewing his ticket on-line and it reminded me to include mention of the process here in my monthly report. W5YI VEC sends out propaganda mailings deliberately too early, about 120 days before license expiration date. It is clearly designed to alarm you that you will lose your license if you don't take action immediately. THIS IS NOT TRUE. ARRL normally mails its members necessary paperwork 90 days before their expiration date. All it needs is your signature and mail back to Newington. W5YI tries to get to you 30 days sooner than you're even permitted to renew with FCC. Apparently, that's enough time to scare up business for him before people realize that it's a racket and they've been taken. In his mailing, he provides an order card to fill out and send to him with your check or credit card number so that he can renew your license for you and collect \$8 for his effort. Folks, it's a one minute task and it's free from FCC! Don't ever send money to W5YI. It's not necessary. Please either call ARRL or me for help. We're happy to help you with your renewal or address change process while you wait and our help is absolutely FREE! During a chat on our .94 repeater in Lincoln before Christmas with an old friend, W1TEM, Ron told me of something he suggested to the ARRL several



years ago, to appoint someone on the SM's staff to gather all the information within the section of new Silent Key events and pass the information along to HQ for publication in QST. Great idea, I thought! Especially since that's a job I have tried to do myself since I took this SM post on Jan 4, 2001. My Goodness! It's been five years already? Anyway, I'm willing to continue to submit obituaries of SK RI Amateurs but I need your help to expand it to the level Ron would like. There's no way that I, or anyone else for that matter, can possibly be aware of every new SK Amateur from Westerly to Newport to Burrillville to Cumberland. Starting now, when you learn of the passing of anyone who holds an Amateur license, please notify me with as much information as you have. My contact information is on page 16 of any QST. A newspaper obituary with date and newspaper name is ideal. Please use regular mail, e-mail, telephone, fax, wig-wag, smoke signal or whatever means is most convenient for you. Don't worry about duplicate reports. Of course, you may submit the dated obit material to ARRL HQ (ATTN Silent Keys) directly if you prefer. As I said to Ron, the call sign's appearance in QST Silent Keys is the final dignity we can bestow on our brother or sister Amateur and we must take the responsibility very seriously. Thanks very much for your help. While thinking of section appointment duties, I have a vacancy to fill as Asst Section Manager. If anyone is interested in helping me by working in this post, please contact me so we might talk about it. There's no glory to it and no pay either but helping fellow hams is a great kick. You'll love it. I won't appoint anyone who only wants the post. I will select someone for the post who is ready on a phone call's notice to take over as Section Manager. That's how I became SM, incidentally. If anyone has thoughts of becoming Section Manager, this would be a perfect and painless way to prepare. The manual scanning of DXCC records I've undertaken has produced 28 active and inactive RI DXers who have 100 or more confirmed entities, including nine Honor Rollers and two Top of the Honor Roll place holders. I know there must be more who haven't stepped forward. I plan to include them when I can figure out how to do a merge of the DXCC data base with the data base of all RI Amateurs. Doggone it! I miss having our previous ASM, WA1RI. He could do this kind of thing over night. Any computer wizard out there? I need help. Please step forward.... In the meanwhile, I'll publish the RI DXCC list as it stands now in a separate e mail to all members. Bob "Whitey" Doherty, K1VV is President of the Marconi Radio Club, W1AA. Lately, he and Don, N1DT have traveled from Mass. to RI and activated Newport Harbor Light, Rose Island Light, Hog Island Shoal Light and Prudence Island Light. They plan another couple of weekend visits to RI and put 5 or 6 more lighthouses on the air before returning to Massachusetts activations. They've been making about 250 QSOs from each lighthouse. Looks like great fun and a great club project for our own clubs. Check <http://arlhs.com/> for details. I've been told that the station needs only to be within sight of the lighthouse to be credited to that lighthouse, a lot easier than in accreditation for DXCC credit. I was mildly giggled last month for using acronyms that members couldn't identify. Some didn't know that RIAFMRS stood for Rhode Island Amateur FM Repeater Service. I apologize and will try to be more careful. The Amateur Radio Association of Southern New England, a.k.a. "W1AQ club" has resumed its winter series of Technical Talks; Jan 27th on contesting by KM1X, Feb 24th on APRS by W2DAN, Mar 24th an FM clinic by K1JI. All are invited to the W1AQ clubhouse. For custom directions to W1AQ, go to <http://members.cox.net/w1aq/>. I've been receiving phone calls and e mails from new and potential hams in the area asking for classes, both theory and code. If any clubs are conducting classes this winter and spring, please let me know so that I can direct these folks to your clubs. We have a new Section Manager in neighboring Western Massachusetts. Ed Emko, W1KT has been elected to serve the Amateurs of Western Mass. Sean, KE1AB and I have been in touch with Ed and offered help our help and cooperation to get them up and running. They look like fine neighbors and Ed admitted that he has been reading our section activity reports for some time. One never knows who is reading these things, huh? You're all most welcome, neighbors. Last item for this month, I want to thank ARRL members in RI for your support over the last year. RI is the only section in New England that has gained members over this time last year. All other sections show a drop in ARRL membership. Thanks for your support and confidence. I'm working hard for you and I expect that you're working hard with me to convince those free loading non members to cover their share of the work ARRL is doing for all Amateurs, whether or not non members prefer to admit it. Thanks for the opportunity to work for you for the last

five years(!) 73, Bob Beaudet, W1YRC

## Vermont

Happy New Year my fellow Vermont Radio Amateurs. I have not sent you a Section News Summary since November 18. I guess I needed a December break. Not only that, but I made a mistake in that Summary. The link that I sent you to view Division or Section e-mail logs and summaries does not work for you. The link only works for Section Managers, and I did not catch it. Strange that you did not notice it, and e-mail me about it. Hmmmm – oh well. However, I maintain a link near the top of the ARRL Vermont web page that brings you to the current and previous Section News Summaries, going back to November 2002. So here's a trick you can try. If you want to see the previous Section News Summary for another Section, like say Kansas, replace the VT in the link with KS, and hit Enter. The League also maintains a link at the top of each Section page to do this, but only for a few days out of the month. The Vermont QSO Party is coming! The VT QSO Party is coming! The date is February 3-5. It starts at 7 PM on Friday, and ends at 7 PM on Sunday. This is your chance to put the rare state of Vermont on the air for the rest of the world to hear. And believe me, they will be looking for you. Contacts with Vermont radio amateurs are still a treasured thing. This event tends to be a SSB contest, but you are allowed to work stations once per mode, up to 4 QSOs per band! Our QSO Party happens in conjunction with several other contests that weekend (including RTTY), so there will be plenty of Hams on the air: that's for sure. To read all the fine details, see February QST page 99 and/or

<http://www.ranv.org/vtqso.html>. The other big event coming up in February is the ARRL Vermont State Convention on Saturday, February 25 from 8 AM to 1 PM. This is also known locally as the Milton Hamfest. I will have more about this in my next Summary, but I wanted to make sure that I mentioned it now, so that you can clear your calendar. This is Vermont's only remaining Hamfest, and it really needs your support. It is important in our hobby to actually see the faces that we talk to on the air once in a while. Your image of the person on the other end of the coax is never really the same as when you finally meet the Ham in person. Plus, there will be great deals, forums, and demonstrations. Details can be found in February QST page 96 or here: <http://www.ranv.org/milton.html>. You may have noticed in the January QST page 79 that I am up for reelection. I plan to run again, just to let you know. If you would like to also run for Section Manager of Vermont, and are not sure how to do it, please read that page. Eligibility requirements, and petition instructions are clearly laid out there. A job description can be found on the ARRL web site. On January 7th, I attended the New England Division Cabinet Meeting in Springfield, MA with other Section Managers and ARRL Affiliated Club Presidents from around New England. Our Division Director Tom Frenaye K1KI and Vice Director Mike Raisbeck K1TWF hosted the meeting. Also in attendance from Vermont were Allen Tinker W1AAT of CVARC, Carl Dow AB1DD of RANV, Deb Clark NN1C of GMWS (also Assistant Director), and Bill Burden WB1BRE of TSRC (also Assistant Director). In all, 40 people were at the meeting, including Allen G. Pitts W1AGP, who is the ARRL Media and PR Manager. Allen was particularly fun to watch because he was so animated and enthusiastic about his position, and the future of Amateur Radio as a whole. He has many things in store for the coming year, including a PR Campaign called Hello Radio that will be launched around May-June, and will climax at the end of the year to coincide with the 100th anniversary of voice over the air. The meeting was 12 days before the ARRL Board meeting scheduled for January 19-20 and gave us a chance to talk about issues we thought the Board should be considering. We covered such things as BPL, Re-farming the Novice bands, a Bandwidth Petition, how to get new Hams into the hobby, and the future of Morse code. I'm sure that the Minutes of the Board Meeting will on the ARRL web site soon. Here is the November Traffic Report Submitted by Bert Morton W1DFU  
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N1HXC VTNH 30/146/61/324 W1DFU KWN (Kingdom Weather Net) 20/114/0/461 KB1HWB  
Bennington County ARES NET 4/21/3/93 N1SP CVAN (Central Vt. ARES NET) 5/27/3/118 WA1LIE  
CVFMN (Central Vt. FM NET) 4/52/3/221 W1AAT ARES D-6 4/36/0/114 N1UKK DEC GERITOL  
NET No report VE2MTM CVARCCN (Central Vt. ARC Ham& Cheese Net) No report KD6PCE Here

is the December Traffic Report NAME/SESSIONS/QNI/QTIC/MINUTES/MGR VPEN 4/14/0/90 WA1DLA GMN 27/646/20/1705 N1HXC VTNH 31/174/39/307 W1DFU KWN (Kingdom Weather Net) 22/139/0/519 KB1HWB Bennington County ARES NET 4/23/2/110 N1SP CVAN (Central Vt. ARES NET) 4/45/0/107 WA1LIE CVFMN (Central Vt. FM NET) 4/57/3/217 W1AAT ARES D-6 4/28/0/111 N1UKK DEC GERITOL NET no report VE2MTM CVARCCN no report KD6PCE In other related news, Bruce Greenleaf KF1Z has achieved Public Service Honor Role for the months of November and December. My congratulations to Bruce once again. More information about PSHR can be found on the ARRL web site, which I am told has a new and improved search engine. Test it out and let me know what you think. Until next time, 73.

## **Western Massachusetts**

Western Massachusetts SM Ed Emco, W1KT Team, I can't tell you how very much I appreciate the honor which you have conferred upon me. I will continue to try to deserve it. After much research, I feel we have put together a leadership team that will make the WMA section proud. This team has the charge of keeping all Amateur radio operators informed and involved in all activities in the section. A new web site is in the development stage. My goal is to be a large section working as one unit, not several independent units in one section, thus making the pool of qualifications much larger when needed. I understand that all clubs, and operators have individual goals and plans, that's great and please continue to do so, but please remember we are all part of the WMA section. Our new SEC, John, N2YHK has made it his goal to revamp the ARES organization and develop a unified plan for the section, so all operators are on the same page He will be visiting clubs soon to introduce his plan. If you are interested in an ARES appointment drop a note to John As promised in my platform, there now 4 ASM's, so all Amateurs will have easy access to the leadership to discuss their needs and, or, problems. They are Ralph, KD1SM for the Northeast, Gil, WKIH for the Southeast, Dave, KB1MU for the Southwest and George, KB2SAE for the Northwest. These ASM's also have the responsibility of being affiliated club liaisons and will work with the clubs in their area. In other positions the new PIC is Mark, WB1ARZ, Brian, N1FIY is the new TC, Mitch, WB1CHU, is the STM, our new SGL is Shawn K3HI, which shares his duties with the EMA section and Paul, N1FI will stay on as the OOC Remember, this team is here for you and your comments are welcome. Before closing, I would like to thank Bill, W1UD, for being our SM for the last several years I know now it is not an easy job and some say it's even a thankless job but forging ahead together, it will be a memorable job. If you hear a new ham on the air, make them feel welcome, with your guidance, not criticism, they will become good operators. Section Activities: The Worcester Emergency Communications Team (WECT) was activated by the State RACES officer, Tom, N1CPE, on 03, Jan 2006 for storm emergency coverage. Here is his quote. "Thanks to everyone for their work today, and a special thank you to the Worcester Emergency Communications Team (WECT) for filling the gap in Worcester County for us today, Great job guys." The operators at the Worcester ECC during this event were John, N2YHK, Ron, N1ZSW and Kurt, N1PFC. This is a fine example of ARES and RACE working together. I attended an ARRL board meeting in Springfield on 07, Jan, it was nice to see old friends and meet some new ones. I am very excited on what our PR department is going to do. I will keep you updated when it is all final, but it has to do with the 100th anniversary of voice of the air ways. The Hampden County Radio assn will be conducting technician classes' starting in late Feb. These classes will be held in Longmeadow MA. Details are still in the planning stage right now, but will be posted on the HCRA web site as they become available. The MTARA flea market needs volunteers to make it work, to volunteer contact the board of directors 73 Ed, W1KT ..

## **Northwestern Division**

### **Montana**

The months of December and January have been busy for your SM. I've been working in and out of town and have to let the radio world slide by for a while. Most should know by now that we were saddened due to the loss of Greg Milnes, our NW Division Director before Christmas. He had served a long career in support of Amateur Radio both here in the area and in Newington, CT at League HQ. He'll be missed. I had the opportunity to talk with Jim Fenstermaker, K9JF/7 over the last week. He'll be replacing Greg as Director and has made contact with us here in MT, asking about our concerns for the future. He's headed to Newington soon as our representative, and will be in contact often with us. I look forward to a good working relationship with Jim. The Billings Club celebrates 50 years of service this month. The celebration was marked in an article by the Billings Gazette. Great press and a fine milestone of accomplishment. Thanks to all who support the club and who make it function as it does. IMN-W5UYH, QNI-490, QTC 174 MTN-KD7HWV, QNI-2489, QTC-109 MSN-KC7CIS/KC5YED, QNI-129, QTC-6 73 Doug, K7YD

## **Western Washington**

December Monthly Naratives SEC Jim K7CEX reports that although December was a slow month of ARES activity, 2005 was very busy. With tsunami warnings, 9-1-1 outages, SAR operations and much more, the Western Washington Teams spent lots of hours and drove lots of miles, in support of their local and regional communities – each person giving of their time and equipment and in some cases lots of money – in order to make sure that the citizens were covered with proficient communications in times of need. My sincerest thanks and heartiest praise for all of the Western Washington Teams. An additional thanks to the DEC and ASEC staff who work hard at coordinating the efforts of the local teams; what a year! And what a successful year! A full report on the year's activity will be coming out soon. A special Congratulations to the Clark County Club (many members of which are involved in ARES) who celebrated their 75th anniversary in 2005. It is rare that a club boasts such a long time record of constant service to the local hams and the community. District 1 DEC Bill, W7ARC reports that long time member Dennis KD7PTT became a silent key, in December. Bill is planning a quarterly District meeting in Anacortes hosted by San Juan County. District 2 ADEC Russ, K7INA reports that the district was very quiet in December, with no call outs – but stand bys for any flooding and high wind issues that had been predicted by the Weather Service; sometimes they're right and sometimes .... Well it's not an exact science. District 3 DEC Ken, K7TAG reports that his district was very quiet too. The Grays Harbor team assisted their DEM and Northwest Weather Service, in programing weather radios for the public, in Ocean Shores. What a good idea; maybe the rest of us would consider such an event in the other Counties. District 4 DEC Randy NU7D filed his last report as DEC for many years. Randy is stepping down to concentrate his efforts on his EC position for Cowlitz County. We wish Randy a great career and thank him for his many years of service as DEC. If anyone is interested in the DEC position for District 4, they should contact SEC Jim, K7CEX at: k7cex@arrl.net or by phone at: 360 736 2221. Randy also reports that Cowlitz County responded to the EOC during a fiber optics failure at mile post 36 on I-5. Clark County continues to support their County DEM by handling the weekly CEMNET checkins for State EMD. 22 ARES/RACES members provided communications on December 3rd and 4th for the annual Walk and Knock and on Sunday, 8 members circulated picking up food that had been missed the day before. Here is another great program that other teams might consider getting involved in; serving our local communities is what we are all about. On December 20th, the Clark County team had a surprise drill which 43 members checked into the net, with 41 indicating that they were available for assignment. District 5 and 6 report a very quiet month. Medical Services Team Coordinator Marina, reports that the team is working on getting all the radios installed in the hospitals – then comes the learning how to run them. All in all a very quiet month. STM December Report NET QNI QTC SESSIONS NET MANAGER CCARESNet 129 0 4 ND7P ESTS 37 59 31 WB7WOW NOON TIME NET 15516 599 62 W7TVA NWSSB 511 37 31 N7YMY PSTS 0 0 0 KA7TTY WARTS 2915 58 31 W7GB WCN 281 15 31 K7WCN WSN 788 166 93 W7QM TOTALS 20177 934 283

## Pacific Division

### Nevada

Nevada Section News Summary for December'06 Some stories are abbreviated. See the Nevada Section website at <http://nv.arrl.org> for the complete stories. January 12, 2006 - ARES Monthly Report for December'05 SEC Summary December is usually a quiet month, with the holidays and many folks being out of town. This year is no exception, but still there were several things going on in the section. Many of the Nets report limited check-ins due to holiday travel and such. Much emphasis this time of year can be put on preparation for the continuing winter months, with urging all to stay ready with batteries charged, generators ready and go-kits loaded with winter gear. I urge all to take these steps at this time of year. Planning for the new year is also en vogue, and I am gearing up with ideas which I will be sharing with the DEC's for what we would like to accomplish in 2006. One of those goals is to see that we have all of the county EC spots filled if possible. Finally, as the year closes, I wish to thank one and all for their help, support and willingness to support our programs in the section. You are a blue ribbon team, and I am proud to be able to work with all of you. We have some tremendous talent in Nevada, and it encouraging to know that our ranks are growing with new members who are eager to train, learn, prepare and accept the challenges before us. Thank you once again, and I look forward to an exciting new year ahead. Happy New Year to you all! 73 de Don Carlson KQ6FM SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORT: Not much activity in December. Planning continues to install an IRLP/Echolink node in Tonopah. That node will be on 146.46 simplex. The computer and radio are currently being set up for installation, which should be within the next few months. Dave KE7LC set up his radio to cross band repeat the Mt. Rose repeater in Reno to monitor activities during the Truckee River Floods. DEC checked into the Section HF Net New Year's Eve morning and later on the Noon Net. This was right in the middle of the activity (see Northwest report for details). Skywarn Recognition Day went well. Participation in the Skywarn Conference in Las Vegas was also interesting. Skywarn also celebrated in Vegas with members participating on December 3, making contacts through various modes around the country. IRLP/Echolink used from the LVARC Comms trailer at NWS office. Operations were from 0700 until 1400. Total reported contacts, 61. 23 members checked into the ARES/RAC ES Net on New Year's Eve, 1900 through 1/1/06 at 0400. The Clark County EOC Active, but abbreviated from previous years. A quiet evening overall. Happy New Year greetings from DEC and team to all. 73 de Glenn Hale, KB7REO NORTHWEST DISTRICT REPORT: Skywarn Recognition Day was a hit in Reno, as many hams helped out with the station at WX7RNO at NWS Reno. Many contacts and records for NWS were set. Thanks to AEC Dee Arnold, KA7LOZ for helping to coordinate the effort. A flooding event took place in and around Reno/Sparks on 12/31/05, and NWS called hams into action. Reports were given from throughout the NW District. DEM in Carson City monitored and reported that our information was more timely than conventional methods, and amateur radio was commended. Storm watch began at 4:30am, and lasted through late afternoon. Local amateurs were kept busy with information passing. Dee, KA7LOZ and Zahra, W7ZMA were primary at the WX7RNO station. Thanks to all for a job well done. Douglas County DCART members were also dispatched for flood watch to the County EOC which activated, as well as state DEM. A total of 4 members used a total of 28 hours. Many roads were closed due to the flooding. Highway 395 was the only one open reliably. DCART training cancelled for December due to the holidays. Churchill County had no flooding and things quiet. General group meeting planned for January. Major flood event also called Lyon County ARES members into action, as they served multiple agencies on New Year's Eve. Hams manned a shelter, activated Lyon County ECC and served Search and Rescue/Fire Department. All agencies pleased with the performance. Great job everyone! Lyon County also activated on 12/22/05 supporting the Wood Cutter incident. Members staffed Command post and two SAR vehicles during the search for a man who possibly had a medical emergency and could not be located. Event under the leadership of AEC Bob Freeman, KE7ATZ. Mutual aid was asked for by Lyon County through DEC Doug Abramson, KA7FOO who responded personally. Another incident in NW District, where Matt Parker, N7TOD took report from Jim

Utterback, WB7ARC reporting that an injury traffic accident occurred, about 12 miles south of Gardnerville on US 395. Information relayed to NHP. A Ham Cram Course being planned for January 7 with about 50 people signed up, including Washoe County Emergency Manager, Aaron Keniston. More on that next month. Until then, Happy New Year! - 73 de Doug Abramson, KA7FOO NORTHEAST DISTRICT REPORT: Little to report from the Northeast this month, as things remained fairly quiet during the holiday season. The Elko team did participate in Skywarn Recognition Day on December 3, with very good results once again. They operated from the NWS office in Elko. - 73 de Joe Giraud, N7JEH January 12, 2006 - Ideas for school demos of Amateur radio Mark Spencer, WA8SME, the ARRL Education and Technology Program Coordinator, responded to a question from a league member about how to do a classroom demonstration of Amateur radio. His response was particularly insightful. With his kind permission, we make it available on the section website to all who might be doing a classroom demo. Thanks Mark! January 12, 2006 - Outpost v2.0.4 Released. See the NV website for details. January 2, 2006 - Section Calendar Update - Happy New Year! We've updated the Nevada section calendar for the entire year of 2006. It would be very much appreciated if club officers would verify that we have the correct dates, times and links for their clubs activities. Please point out any errors you find to the section webmaster Glenn Thomas wb6w@arrl.net. December 20, 2005 - Who's your representative in Washington D.C.? - ARRL members can find out by logging into the "members only" section of the main ARRL website and look on the "members only" page. December 17, 2005 - Reno Area Christmas Potluck (update) - N7UVL writes: I thank everyone that came to the All Ham (& Guests) Annual Christmas Potluck last night. Good fellowship, lots of food, more than enough desserts, lots of giveaway prizes, and a good Islands On The Air (IOTA) program presented by Barry, K6ST. December 13, 2005 - QCWA Outstanding Radio Amateur of the Year awarded - This year's Outstanding Radio Amateur of the Year is awarded to Gary Grant, K7VY of Reno. Gary has contributed countless hours to the Red Cross, Salvation Army and to the cities of Reno and Sparks. The award will be presented to Gary in January at the QCWA breakfast. Congratulations, Gary! December 12, 2005 - OOPS! The recent Nevada Section News Summary that was e-mailed claims to be for October 2005. Uhhhh... no, it's really for November 2005. Sorry about that, chief. Lashes have been applied as appropriate. -30-

## **Sacramento Valley**

SECTION NEWS DECEMBER 2005 YEAR 2005: I wish everyone a Happy New Year 2006. 2005 was an active year for the ARES groups in other parts of the country, but in the SV section it was fairly quiet – until the last couple of weeks of the year, when we had heavy rains and some flooding. Predictions are that it will be a wet winter, so be prepared, at home and ARES activities. Here in Roseville we had one area flood, about a quarter of a mile from my house, but there were only a few houses involved and no call out for communications. I have had to pump out my back yard at least once each day, during the rain, or I would be flooded. During the heavy rains, the ECs reported to the Section Emergency Coordinator, Dave Thorne K6SOJ, each day on their status and Dave sent out email summary reports at least once each day. This enabled everyone to know what was going on in the section. To all of the ARES groups – WELL DONE. Thanks to all! I have made a new staff appointment, beginning January 1st 2006. Peter Gambee, N6XYI, has been appointed to the State Government Liaison position, which I covered for the last few years. Peter is a registered lobbyist with the State and will be able to keep an eye on any possible legislation that would affect amateur radio. This position will be able to keep the Pacific Division and Southwest Division apprised of possible legislation. Welcome Peter. TELEPHONES: In the latest issue of EMCOMM Monthly, Dave K6SOJ, had an important paragraph on telephones. Don't throw out your old telephone. During power outages the landline telephone system usually will remain operational. However, most cordless phones, answering machines and many business exchange systems will not work without power. So keep one on a line or handy to plug in during a power outage. CLUB OFFICERS: Now is the time to update your club's information on the ARRL web pages. It can be done in less than 5 minutes and helps the League and the Section Manager, to know who and how to contact

the club if there is need. It also provides information on the interests of the club and their activities for prospective members. Also continue to keep me on your mailing list, for your newsletter – by postal or email. Also please keep your web pages up to date, especially meeting dates and time, or special events. Today, not one of the web pages that I checked was up to date and some had no date or time of their meetings. I received very few newsletters in December. ARRL: The League is still contacting the FCC about Broadband over the Power Line, (BPL). There is a new system, by another manufacturer, that seems to cause much less interference and there is a test being held at League HQ, on another system. HQ is again proposing, to the FCC, for an entry level license (Novice) that would have access to some of the HF frequencies. You can read about it on the League's web pages [www.arrrl.org](http://www.arrrl.org). There is new information, each day on the web. Keep up on the latest news, by checking the web several times a week. ANTENNAS: I received several reports of antenna damage during the recent storms (including mine). Now is the time to get the parts and to study the antenna books for those new or replacement wires or beams. When the weather becomes nicer, you will be ready to put them up. NETS: The Northern California Net (NCN), connects to the ARRL National Traffic System (NTS). It meets twice each evening, at 7 pm local on 3630 KHz and at 9 pm local on 3705 KHz for the slow speed training net. The Section nets meet each Wednesday at 7:30 pm on 3987 KHz. The 1, 3, 4 Wednesdays are based on ARES and the 2nd is the SV Section net. Also on the 2nd Wednesday at 7 pm is the SV Section VHF net on 146.085 MHz, PL 127.3 Hz. Hope to hear you on the nets. There are also many club and ARES nets, especially on VHF, held each week. As many of the clubs held Christmas parties instead of regular meetings and did not publish their newsletters, I have very little other information to pass on this month. Again, for the latest information check the ARRL web pages and the SV section page (click on SV on the upper right hand side of the ARRL home page). Keep me posted on your activities and news. Keep your GO Kits ready in case of emergencies – Winter has just begun. 73, have a wonderful year and keep promoting the ARRL, Jettie, W6RFF.

## **San Francisco**

San Francisco Section News - January 2006 2006 started off very wet in the section. ARES teams in the section were either semi-active or on standby as the year opened with the heaviest rainfall in a short amount of time in recent history. Del Norte ARES was in position and helped the Red Cross with some activities. Humboldt ARES was also in position during the storms. Mendocino, Lake and Sonoma ARES were on standby status. San Francisco ARES was ready to provide mutual aid to the northern counties. Even with the flooding experienced in most areas, there were no communications issues. The incident was good experience for all to test their readiness. Many thanks to all who were either in place or standing by. Your time away from your families and friends during the holiday in service of your communities is greatly appreciated. Congratulations to all the new club officers that have taken their respective positions. I hope you and your clubs have a very successful 2006! Please be sure to update your club information at the ARRL website. That way people looking for information on your club will have the most current info. Special recognition is in order for a member of our section who spent many days helping out with activities related to hurricanes Katrina and Rita. If you have already received your copy of the February QST, you will find a listing of those who volunteered. What is missing are the names of those who did not go into the effected areas, but served on the periphery handling traffic from outside. Check Ternes N6OJ of Petaluma is one of those special people. Chuck was on the air for countless hours during Katrina and Rita handling traffic for the SATERN HF nets. As a small token of appreciation, Chuck was presented with a Certificate of Merit from the ARRL. Thanks a lot, Chuck. It's not too soon to begin planning for conventions and activities coming this year. Be sure to keep an eye on the EmComm West website for information on the specialty convention to be held the first weekend in May in Reno, NV. I'm told that the details are still being worked out, so hold the dates and keep checking! <http://emcommwest.org> Also on the agenda is the San Francisco Section Convention that will be held the first weekend in June at the Ferndale Fairgrounds. Keep checking the Humboldt ARC's website for information. <http://www.humboldt-arc.org> This last November, the ARES groups in the

section participated in the statewide EMSA drill, sometimes known as the “hospital drill.” With things learned from Katrina and Rita fresh in mind, the section planned to not only have local VHF/UHF nets, but to establish HF contacts between throughout the section. This extra effort really paid off as drill messages were passed both locally and throughout the section and state. We had HF communications links with all of the counties in the section, plus contact with state OES and adjacent sections. We will continue to exercise this “muscle” in future drills. Enough for now. Stay dry and remember: 72 hours is the MINIMUM!!!! 73, Bill

## **San Joaquin Valley**

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for the month of December 2005: 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. The Section Staff wishes every one a Happy New Year. Thanks to the members of the ARRL Field Organization for their service to Amateur Radio in 2005. Keep up the good work!! Thanks to Rex, KE6ZOC, for maintaining the SJV page on [www.pdarrrl.org](http://www.pdarrrl.org). Emergency Coordinators are needed in Kings, Mariposa and Merced Counties. Contact N6ZFN ([n6zfn@ares-races.net](mailto:n6zfn@ares-races.net)) or W6DPD ([w6dpd@arrl.org](mailto:w6dpd@arrl.org)) if you can help. Mark your calendars. The International DX Convention is April 21-23, 2006 at Visalia. Check <http://www.dxconvention.org/> for information. EMCOMM West is May 6-7, 2006 in Reno. Check [www.emcommwsst.org](http://www.emcommwsst.org) for information. Field Day is June 24-25, 2006. The 64th Fresno Hamfest will be August 5, 2006 at the Satellite Student Union on the CSUF Campus. Check [w6to.com](http://w6to.com) for information. Pacificon 06 will be October 13-15, 2006 at the San Ramon Marriott. Check [www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org) for information. 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](http://www.arrl.org) for exam information. You can also search for Amateur Radio Classes in your area. 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. The California Traffic Net meets daily on 3.906 MHz and 6:30 PM local time. It is my sad duty to report that KE6KDM is a Silent Key. He will be missed. Congratulations to KK6RRT, AE6SX and N6SUZ on completing ARECC Level 3. Turlock ARC members provided communications assistance for the Turlock Christmas Parade. The Fresno ARC named Don, AJ6X, its Amateur of the year for 2005. Congratulations Don. Thanks for you many years of work on behalf of the club. W6DPD is listed in the 2006-2007 edition of Who's Who in American Education. WG6L earned a PhD in electrical engineering. Clovis ARP named AE6GE as the outstanding ham for 2005 and KB6LQV received the bonehead award. The Central California DX Club celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2006. The Madera County ARC celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2006. 2005 IARU HF World Championship had K6AAB as the highest scoring station from the SJV section. N6EE was second and KA6BIM was third. QCWA Fresno Chapter 213 officers for 2006 are pres W6YDE, vp W6YEP, S/T W6DPD, and directors K6SHN and K6XJ. Check [www.qcwa.org/chatper213.htm](http://www.qcwa.org/chatper213.htm) for information. Stockton-Delta ARC 2006 officers are pres WB6NVB, vp W6INP, sec KD6NIG, and treas KB6QIT. The club meets the 2nd Thursday in Stockton. SJVARS 2006 officers are pres KF6ZSW, vp and treas KG6TTF, and sec KF6GKC. Check [www.sjvars.com](http://www.sjvars.com) for information. Traffic for December: K6RAU 18 and N6SUZ 78; Total 100. PSHR K6RAU 70, N6SUZ 100.

## **Roanoke Division**

### **North Carolina**



NORTH CAROLINA: SM, John Covington, W4CC - SEC: WA4MOK. STM: K4HA. TC: K4ITL. BM: KD4YTU. PIC: N2COP. OOC: W4ZRA. ACC: WA4KE. SGL: AB4W. In my columns I have discussed many facets of Amateur Radio, but there are two which are most responsible for the general public's awareness of us: antennas and disaster communications. While antennas are a sore subject for some, our role as backup communicators has time and again proven important to our communities. Hurricanes and ice storms are the largest (but not the only) hazards we face in North Carolina. The ice storms in December 2002 and February 2003 caused power outages for well over a million people, myself included, for many days. Hurricane Isabel caused power outages for many weeks for those in the northeast part of the state. Hurricane Ivan caused flooding and landslides in the west. No part of our state is immune from severe weather. Are you ready? To answer yes, you must make sure that: 1. You are personally prepared for disaster. 2. You have regular contact with your county ARES EC. 3. You and your EC have identified specifically how you can help. 4. You have prepared to do so. All of the items on the list are dependent on the first. Even those who are well-prepared for disaster can't anticipate everything; and if you have not prepared at all, then chances are you will not be able to help with Amateur Radio communications, you will be dealing with personal issues instead. I like to be prepared for disasters for three reasons: so I am as safe and comfortable as possible, not a burden on relief efforts, and able to help with disaster communications if we are needed. I have more information on personal disaster preparedness in an article I recently revised: <http://www.ncarrl.org/ares/prepare.html> Regular contact with your county EC is important also. How often is regular? Well, certainly often enough that he would remember who you are. Registering for ARES once and never following up means you are out of the picture pretty soon. At the very least, as an ARES volunteer you are expected to contact your EC at least once a year, let him know the status of your station, and exchange contact information (which changes more rapidly than ever these days). The better your EC knows you, the better you both will be able to determine where you fit in. Your interests, capabilities and availability will change over time - this will affect where you fit in, so keep your EC posted. Disaster communications is not limited to shelter and EOC deployment, there are lots of ways to serve before, during and after a disaster activation. For example, hams who work in public safety are otherwise deployed during a disaster, but can help with equipment maintenance, training or other "before" tasks. If your home station can operate during a disaster, you can serve as a net control without leaving your home. The possibilities are too numerous to list here, but keep in mind that almost everyone has something to contribute. Once you have identified how you can help, make sure you have prepared to do so (especially if it is a "during" task). If something happened NOW, do you know how quickly you could be ready to go? Test your equipment periodically. Participate in drills and training so you will know what to do. If you are in charge of making coffee, then clean the coffee pot! Even after all this preparation, there will be some disasters for which we are simply not needed. Remember that we are a backup communications resource, and if regular communications continues to work, our deployment may be brief or not at all. This will be a disappointment once your adrenaline gets going, but if it happens accept it with grace and leave a good impression behind. Keep in mind that this is presently the most positive manner in which the general public is exposed to what we do - make sure you are a good ambassador for Amateur Radio. We don't really train for this, but probably should. Last month, I recognized ARECC graduates in North Carolina by listing those who have reached Level 3. ARECC graduates at any level have put in a lot of time and effort to improve their skills and knowledge of emergency communications. This month, I list the NC Level 2 graduates: KD4YTG, KD4ZOE, KE5ABB, KU4GZ, K4BMH, KG4AWO, N4YMO, KI4HFN, KE4JT, W4JBP, N4JBP, WD4LSS, ND4MR, KG4MYD, K4DJW, KD4ITI, N4XBF. Also, KI4AHA has just completed Level 3. My congratulations and thanks to all of you. Next month I will list the Level 1 graduates. For more information about ARECC, visit <http://www.arrl.org/cce/> Just a reminder that official ARRL Field Organization appointees at all levels are required as one of the conditions of appointment to maintain current ARRL membership. Your appointment is not cancelled immediately, but after about a three-month lapse in membership your appointment is dropped from the database. Affiliated clubs must file an annual report each year. After two years without an annual report, your club's affiliation will expire. We have several clubs in the section that are in jeopardy of losing this

status right now. If you're a club officer, please file an annual report if your club has not done so lately. ARRL HQ needs this info to refer prospective hams to nearby clubs!  
<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/forms/fsd2/> My congratulations and thanks to Mike Lewis, WA4KE for accepting the Affiliated Club Coordinator position. Mike is well-known as the North Carolina News correspondent in the SERA Journal. I am sure he will do a fine job as ACC. Silent Keys: Don Coeyman, W4RRK of Greensboro; Joseph Homovec, WA4ENZ of Raleigh; and Monroe Kennedy, WB4VKK of High Point. Upcoming Hamfest: Charlotte, Saturday and Sunday, March 11-12. A gun show in the building next door bought out the parking lot, so parking is FREE this year! There will be an ARRL booth and forums, and lots of other things to do. I hope to see you there. The NC QSO Party will be on February 26th. More info can be found at: <http://www.w4nc.com> December Traffic: W4EAT 1572 (BPL), W0UCE 2239, AD4XV 215, K4RLD 210, K4IWW 201, KI4YV 173, W2EAG 156, W4DNA 122, KG4YNM 116, KD4FUN 84, WA4OBR 81, W3HL 64, W4FAL 58, KE4AHC 49, W4IRE 40, KE4JHJ 39, NC8D 38, W4EHF 34, W4TTO 33, W4NCD 31, W4LN 25, WA2EDN 22, KI4AHA 18. December PSHR: W4DNA 185, K4RLD 175, W4NCD 162, W4EAT 130, K4IWW 120, W0UCE 120, W4FAL 120, NC8D 114, KE4JHJ 98, W4LN 95, KI4YV 90, W2EAG 90, KD4FUN 90, KI4AHA 83, KG4YNM 80, W4TTO 73. November PSHR: NC8D 86.

## **South Carolina**

Greetings to all Amateur Radio Operators. This is Dr. Jim, N2ZZ with the January 2006 South Carolina Section Manager's Report! Please remember that the SC Section website can be found at: [www.arrl-sc.org/](http://www.arrl-sc.org/) where my full SM report will be listed as well as up-to-the-date information on Amateur Radio in South Carolina! Happy New Year to All! I hope the holiday festivities were enjoyable to all! The New Year 2006 is upon us, and time to renew our enjoyment in Amateur Radio! I am happy to report that our Section now has a new Section Traffic Manager. Mac Heaton N4MEH, STM spoke with Peter KG4VDR prior to his move to Alabama, and has stepped up to become our new STM! I would like to thank Peter again for all his hard work in managing the National Traffic System in South Carolina, and would like to welcome Mac to the ARRL-SC team! Mac has put together traffic reports for December, and a new project is on the horizon. John WA4GPS from Charleston had suggested that I add a "SC Nets" section to the ARRL-SC webpage. I asked Mac to compile that information for me. When complete, I will add all net information provided to our [www.arrl-sc.org](http://www.arrl-sc.org/) website! On the topic of nets, I would like to welcome Jim WB4DLD as the new Net Manager of the South Carolina Sideband Net. Jim takes over the position from Johnnie WA4UGD, who has held the Net Manager position from 2002 to present. I would like to thank Johnnie for his years of service and dedication to the net, and thank Jim for his future service to the net. I spoke with Jim as to the ARRL's position regarding the statewide nets, and assured him that we are here to support and encourage net activity! I was told that Ms. Emmie KA4LRM is working on the SC SSB net roster. To be certain that you are included and receive a copy, be sure to check into the SC SSB net on 3915 kHz at 1900 local time. I received a note from Jack W4EFZ, who is the Conference Chairman for the Southeastern VHF Society (SVHFS). The society is holding their 10th Annual Conference this year on April 28 and 29 in Greenville, SC. This is the first year the conference has been held in SC. In spite of the VHF in their name, the group covers many topics of interest on frequencies from 50 MHz through 141 GHz. This is a technical conference in which all interested amateurs are invited to submit papers and make presentations at the Conference. All the presentations will be bound and printed by the ARRL and each attendee will receive a copy. In addition, test equipment will be available to test both homebrew and commercial preamps, transverters, and local oscillators. An antenna range will be set up on Friday from 8:00 AM until 12:00 to measure antenna gain, from 50 MHz thru 24 GHz. Jack is happy to announce that Joe Taylor, K1JT, will attend this year's conference to make a presentation and be their Saturday night Banquet Speaker. Joe won the 1993 Nobel Prize in Physics, and is the author of the WSJT suite of software for weak signal and EME work! The conference will be held at The Embassy Suites Hotel, 670 Verdae Road, Greenville, SC. Please check out the Southeastern VHF Society Web Site [www.svhfs.org](http://www.svhfs.org) for all the details and the latest

news! The Greenwood hamfest was held this past Saturday at the Greenwood Civic Center. Speaking with the hamfest officials, it was one of the best attended hamfests in their recent history! Many commercial vendors were present, along with those selling used equipment as well. As in recent years, this was a very enjoyable hamfest, with a lot of opportunities to revisit with those we have not seen in several months. This hamfest was also the hamfest debut of the Aiken County Emergency Services Trailer! Bob K4NJN, ASM6 drove the trailer up to Greenwood for display and tours. Those assisting Bob with demonstrating the trailer were Paul KB4GYT; John K4JCC; Tony N4ADM, TS; Charlie AE4UX, SEC, and a few others from Aiken. We were fortunate to be visited by the Greenwood County Sheriff and the Greenwood County EMD director, as well as the Saluda County EMD director. I am very pleased that our county officials are taking an interest in Amateur Radio, and our capabilities. In my discussions with the Sheriff, I mentioned that Amateur Radio has certification programs in Emergency Radio Communications, the ARRL EMCOMM levels I, II and III. That made me think- when I returned home, I checked the ARRL database of those who have successfully completed the EMCOMM courses in our state. We have 27 who have completed all three levels, 16 who have completed two levels, and 80 who have completed level I! I would like to see more taking the courses, but those numbers are great for a state our size! Our next hamfest will be held in Ladson on February 4th. Doors open at 8:30 am and talk-in will be on the WA4USN linked repeater system: 146.79- Charleston, 145.250- Summerville, and 147.045+ St. George. For a look at the Charleston Amateur Radio Society hamfest flyer, go to [www.arrl-sc.org](http://www.arrl-sc.org) and click on Hamfest Alert! There has been a request that the Aiken Emergency Services Trailer be brought to the hamfest. There is a possibility; however, the cost of transport and the availability of county employees that are certified to tow the trailer make this trip difficult. If the trailer can be brought to the Charleston Hamfest, further information will be provided! I would like to congratulate Bob Gagliardi N4XML of Myrtle Beach for winning the Grand Strand Amateur Radio Club's "Ham of the Year Award", which was announced Saturday Night, January 14 at the Club's annual dinner in Myrtle Beach SC. Bob Gagliardi, N4XML of Myrtle Beach, took top honors as this year's club member who exemplifies the spirit of Amateur Radio, as voted by the club membership. Gagliardi currently serves as Vice-President of the Grand Strand Amateur Radio Club as well as recently winning 1st Place in The ARRL South Carolina QSO Party, a statewide Amateur Radio contest of establishing the most Radio Contacts (QSO's) within a set period of time. Well, that's it for now! Be sure to check out the Section [www.arrl-sc.org](http://www.arrl-sc.org) and the National [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) websites for information on ARRL activities! December 2005 National Traffic System Report for South Carolina by Mac Heaton N4MEH, STM: NET REPORTS: Net Name/Check Ins/Traffic Sessions/Reported By Anderson Radio Club 2M Net/867/30/31/N4MEH BRARS 2 Meter Net/1880/45/31/K4SUG Carolina's Net/314/149/62/K4IWW Carolina Slow Net/112/24/30/W4EAT Columbia ARC 2 Meter Net/188/10/8/K4RKC Grand Strand ARC 2M Net/223/17/13/N4XML Greater Pee Dee 2 Meter Net/1108/36/31/K4DTT Greenwood ARC 2 Meter Net/97/7/5/W4DEW Greenwood Friendly Net/489/33/31/W4JAK Lancaster County 2 Meter Net/91/12/12/N4WMB PALS Net/995/74/32/KG4KOE SC SSB Net/1437/78/31/WA4UGD York Co. ARS 2 Meter Net/726/20/50/K4CON STATION ACTIVITY REPORTS: Station/Sent/Received/Delivered/Originated/Total KA4LRM/7/9/3/0/19 KA4UIV/40/69/8/0/117 WA4UGD/0/36/1/0/37 N4MEH/6/42/3/1/52 PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL: Station/Cat. 1/Cat. 2/Cat. 3/Cat. 4/Cat. 5/Cat. 6/Total KA4LRM/40/19/20/0/0/0/79 KA4UIV/40/40/10/0/0/0/90 N4MEH/40/40/20/0/0/0/100 Have a great month! '73 de Dr. Jim N2ZZ

## **Rocky Mountain Division**

### **New Mexico**

Section News, December, 2005 January Tailgate The annual January Tailgate will take place January 28, 2006, in the north student parking lot of Del Norte High School in Albuquerque. From the intersection of San Mateo and Montgomery, take San Mateo north to McLeod, go east on McLeod to

San Mateo Place, and south on San Mateo Place to the parking lot. The activities start at sunrise and last until 2 p.m. Entry and tailgating is free, so bring your treasures and have a good time. This Tailgate is dependent on weather conditions, as there are no indoor areas available. Remember, this is in January, so dress accordingly. Talk in frequency is 146.900- (67 Hz tone) and 146.940- (100 Hz tone) via Dee, KC5JBO. For any additional information, contact: Tom Ellis, K5TEE, at (505-291-8122) E-Mail: k5tee@arrl.net, or Gary Horlbeck, KH6JTM, at (505-299-3280) E-Mail: kh6jtm@abq.com. Mesilla Valley Radio Club Hamfest Mark April 30, 2006, on your calendar. That's the date of the Mesilla Valley Radio Club's hamfest in Las Cruces. West Virginia Mine Explosion Survivor Is A Ham The only survivor of the coal mine explosion in West Virginia, Randal McCloy, Jr., is a ham with the callsign KC8VKZ. He is still in the hospital and is making progress. If you want to send him some encouragement, send a QSL card to Randal McCloy, Jr., KC8VKZ, PO Box 223, Philippi WV 26435. The Scammers Are Out In The McCloy Case According to "The Checkout" column of The Washington Post, federal and state authorities are warning consumers about a bogus e-mail seeking donations for McCloy's aid. "The Checkout" reports that e-mails claiming to be from Dr Lawrence Roberts, McCloy's primary physician, describe the 26-year-old miner's condition and seek monetary donations for his treatment. "The Checkout" editor Caroline Mayer advises those who have received such e-mails to consider contacting the Internet Crime Complaint Center. Over the weekend, McCloy's condition was upgraded from critical to serious, but he remains in intensive care in West Virginia University's Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown. ARRL Petition on "Regulation by Bandwidth" Comments are due by Monday, February 6, on the ARRL's Petition for Rule Making that asks the FCC to regulate the amateur bands by bandwidth rather than mode. You can find the petition on the ARRL web site at <http://www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/bandwidth/Bandwidth-Minute-64-Petition-FINAL.pdf>. To file your comments, go to the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) at <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Under "ECFS Main Links", on the right-hand side of the screen, click on "Submit a Filing" to file your comments. In the "Proceeding" field, enter "RM-11306" using capital letters and the hyphen, but not the quotation marks. "SuitSat" Now Tentatively Set for February 2 Deployment Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) has announced that the International Space Station crew is tentatively scheduled to deploy "SuitSat" Thursday, February 2. Possibly the most unusual Earth satellite ever, SuitSat consists of a surplus Russian Orlan space suit converted into a transmit-only satellite with an FM downlink frequency of 145.990 MHz. Using the call sign RS0RS, it will transmit voice messages, telemetry and an SSTV image on a nine-minute cycle as it orbits Earth. The batteries powering the satellite are expected to last about a week after deployment, and SuitSat's free-floating, decaying orbit should cause it to re-enter Earth's atmosphere after some six weeks in space. The SuitSat signal should be strong enough to hear using a VHF transceiver or scanner and a simple antenna--thus making it an ideal project for students to monitor and track. SuitSat's payload also includes a CD containing hundreds of school pictures, artwork, poems, and student signatures. For more information, see article "This is SuitSat-1 RS0RS!" by Frank Bauer, KA3HDO, on the AMSAT Web site. <http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/articles/BauerSuitsat/index.php> Club Newsletters Thank you for the club newsletters. The editors are doing a great job keeping their members informed. Keep them coming, I enjoy reading them. If you would like to save on postage, and have the capability to do it, you can send them to me via e-mail at [km5ft@aol.com](mailto:km5ft@aol.com) Albuquerque Amateur Radio Club Needs A Secretary The Albuquerque Amateur Radio Club needs a secretary. If you are an AARC member and would like to help them out, and have some fun at the same time, contact Mike Pendley, K5ATM, club president, at [k5atm@comcast.net](mailto:k5atm@comcast.net). If you aren't a member, they would be glad to sign you up. Net Counts For December Rusty's Raiders 717/81 Valencia Country ARA 58/14 Deming ARC 80/13 NM Roadrunner Traffic Net 1040/70 NM Breakfast Club Net 1132/191 Yucca Net 589/44 Four Corners Net 300/20 SCAT Net 532/7 Caravan Club Net 46/3 Silent Keys We regret to inform you of the loss of Robert Jones, W5LGU, from Alamogordo. Until next time, may you have a good year 2006. In the meantime, be careful what you wish for, you just might get it. 73, de KM5FT

## **Southeastern Division**

## Georgia

SM: Susan Swiderski, AF4FO; ASM/South GA: Marshall Thigpen, W4IS; ASM/Legal: Jim Altman, W4UCK; ASM/Webmaster: Robert Tyler, KF4VBR; ASM/Youth: Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM; ASM/Scouting: David Pearce, ABØNG; SEC: Jim Cote, N4PJR; STM: Jim Hanna, AF4NS; BM: Eddy Kosobucki, K4JNL; OOC: Mike Swiderski, K4HBI; TC: Ed Tanton, N4XY; PIC: Norm Schklar, WA4ZXV; SGL: Bill Cherepy, WB4WTN; ACC: Robin Cutshaw, AA4RC [www.arrl-ga.org](http://www.arrl-ga.org) [www.gaares.org](http://www.gaares.org) Greetings, All. Hope the new year has treated you well so far. For this first mid-monthly summary of 2006, we have a few items of interest to pass on to you. First, this coming Thursday, the 19th, students at GA Tech are scheduled to make a formal contact with the International Space Station, at 10 AM EST. As far as I know, this is the first scheduled contact between GA students and airborne astronauts since March, 1995, when a group of hams from the Atlanta ARC and MATPARC (Metro Atlanta Telephone Pioneers ARC) facilitated a contact between Renfroe Middle School students and astronauts aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavor. So, this is a big deal! Astronaut BILL MCARTHUR, KC5ACR, received his doctorate in aerospace engineering from GA Tech in 1983, and he specifically requested this contact with his alma mater. While Tech aerospace students will be the primary participants, the GA Tech ARC ham shack, located on the 5th floor of the Van Leer building, will likely be bursting at the seams with other observers and local media. (Talk about great incentive to clean up the shack!) There are three possible ways to monitor this great event: on the ISS downlink of 145.80 MHz, on the WREK simulcast on 91.1 FM, and via a live internet stream on [www.wrek.org](http://www.wrek.org) (GA piglets, betcha your teacher would welcome the opportunity to have your class monitor this contact!) When you go to your local tag office to renew your ham tag this year, it'd be wise for you to carry along a copy of your ham license with you. Word has it that the state is now requiring that the tag offices attach a license copy to each application for amateur license plate renewal. Although some hams have indicated that they didn't encounter this request when they went for their renewal, hey! it'd be a lot better to have it and not need it than to need it and not have it... The ARRL's most recent petition with the FCC, regarding the proposal to regulate by bandwidth, will be open for comments until February 6. To file your comments, go to <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs> and click on the "submit a filing" link, which you'll find on the right-hand side of the page. This petition is designated RM-11306 We've had elections at a couple of more clubs recently. Congratulations to all of these recently elected officers. At the Cherokee ARS, the new club leaders are President- FRANK DEAN, K4SJR; VP- MARK HARRIS, KG4WIV; Secretary- MEG DEAN, KG4WIU; and Treasurer- JAMES JAMES, KE4HM. At the West GA ARS, the leaders include President- TIM TYSON, KB4TIW; VP- GEORGE KARABERIS, KI4CZR; FD Chairman-TOM KOCOUREK, N4FWD; and Secretary/Treasurer- PATTI SMITH, KE4ZZK. Best wishes to both of these clubs for an enjoyable and successful year. On the "Wow-can-you-believe-it?!" front comes some news from CHARLES GRIFFIN, WB4UVW, about his 1992 Buick Roadmaster being snatched right out of his home carport. These cheeky thieves not only took the car, but the attached antennas and installed radios, as well. Charles wanted me to give y'all a heads up on these stolen radios, so you can be on the alert, in case the culprits try to sell them. Two Yaesu radios: FT-8100R, serial number 01390128, and FT-8900R, serial number 21020719. Please be on the look-out for them. MARK AULICK, KF4MLT, will be teaching a 2-day technician ham class, on Jan 21 and 28, from 8:30AM until 2:30 PM, at the Chatham County Health Department, at 2011 Eisenhower Drive in Savannah. There will be a VE session, open for all elements, at the conclusion of the second class. For additional info about these classes and/or VE session, please contact Mark at [kf4mlt@arrl.net](mailto:kf4mlt@arrl.net) This past weekend was the always fun and informative TechFest, sponsored by the Gwinnett ARS, and chaired by RAY BACK, KI4GRJ. This year, the NoGA QRP Club even opted to hold their monthly meeting there, and also brought along an array of home-built QRP gear for show and tell. With many interesting displays on everything from building an HF antenna to setting up Echolink and WinLink 2000, everyone walked away with a better understanding of at least one facet of amateur radio. The QLF contest (sending Morse code with your left foot) was a lot of fun, and I know of at least one young lady who was so psyched up by CW, and by the expertise of CW guru RON LANGSTON, WE5O, that she

declared CW to be the "best thing in amateur radio!" and she can hardly wait to get her license, and is MOST interested in passing element one. So, techfest was a big success on many levels. More details to come in the February newsletter. Don't forget!! The statewide ARES meeting is coming up at the end of the month, on the 28th, at the Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth. It is open to everyone with an interest in emergency communications; you do NOT have to be an ARES member to attend. Come see what the state of ARES is in the state of Georgia, and what lies ahead for us in the year ahead. DEC meeting @10:30 AM, general meeting @1 PM. For directions and more info, see [www.gaares.org](http://www.gaares.org) (ALSO, the EC annual reports are due at the end of this month!) The GA Section webpage, [www.arrl-ga.org](http://www.arrl-ga.org) has a new addition, devoted to GA Piglets, with some great pictures from the youth forum and activities at the Alford Memorial ARC hamfest, held in Lawrenceville in November. Thanks to ROBERT TYLER, KF4VBR, for setting it up for us, and to ANDREA HARTLAGE, KG4IUM, for providing the great pictures and write-ups. Sadly, two SKs to report: RICKEY BRAY, KN4LA, and MORRIS JOHNSON, KB4IT. Sincere condolences to their families and friends. Well, that's about it for now. Until next time, this is AF4FO, signing clear. Take care of yourselves. And each other, 73, Susan QTC December: WB4GGS-\*573\*; N4VAD-93; AF4NS-86; K4WKT-59; K4BAI-43; WB4BIK-43; K4GK-35; K4BG-31; K4BEH-26; K4EV-4; KR4JI-4 \*\*with 285 messages sent, 286 received, and 2 delivered, that grand total of 573 has earned WB4GGS yet another BPL listing in QST. CONGRATULATIONS! +++ No trees were killed in the sending of this message. However, a large number of electrons were terribly inconvenienced. +++

## **Southern Florida**

Who would have dreamed that 2006 would start off with a hurricane still spinning in the Atlantic. Seems the non-hurricane time of year gets shorter and shorter. We have had a lot of hands-on training for hurricanes but there are other events we need to be prepared for. One of the community colleges in the section is proposing a homeland security training complex. The first class will begin late January and culminate with a mock disaster weekend training exercise. Classes are planed for Saturdays and will be available to first responders and residents interested in disaster relief. The institution to house the complex is Indian River Community College (IRCC) in Ft. Pierce with a location convenient to the interstate. We'll provide more information soon. Several groups are doing classroom or on-the-air training for Level 1 certification. We have a number of CEs (Certified Examiners) available to administer the exams at the end of training. Is your group taking advantage of this opportunity? The budget for the section will be out soon, after the Board of Directors meeting later this week. I will stretch it as far as possible. This budget covers some of the travel expenses for myself and the cabinet, door prizes that we bring to meetings and hamfests, postage, meeting expenses, supplies such as video tapes available for loan to clubs, and other sundry items. When possible I combine club visits with business travel or use points for free hotel rooms and save section funds for other times. In 2006 we hope to organize an ARES training day and several section wide meetings. If your group has free space for meetings that would be available or unused hours at a hamfest facility please let me know. Perhaps several clubs could combine efforts and host an event by providing cold drinks and snacks. I hope to see many of you at upcoming hamfests – Miami and Orlando in February and Stuart in March. Please keep the photos and newsletters coming. Toot your own horn. Promote your club. I will do my best to post the items to the section news page as timely as possible. And speaking of publicity this year is the 100th anniversary of voice over the air. Use that theme for promoting your club activities and licensing classes. Look for more information about saying Hello to the world with amateur radio coming from the ARRL soon. REPORTS SAR SFL DEC 2005: KA4FZI 370, KE4UOF 110, N3OZP 92, AI4GE 90, AA4BN 81, K4FQU 66, WA4EIC 43, AF4NR 12, K9GZT 11, KI4MFJ 8, K3QC 6, K0TIW 4  
===== PSHR SFL DEC 2005: K4FQU 120, KA4FZI 120, KE4UOF 120, WA4EIC 100, AI4GE 100, AA4BN 84, N3OZP 75 ===== NET ABB. SESS QNI QTC MGR Florida Amateur SSB Traffic Net FAST 31 288 72 KC4ZHF/K4SCL Florida Medium Speed Net FMSN 31 199 81 AG4RJ Jupiter-Tequesta Repeater Group JTRG 4 53 14 KF4NJB Martin County Amat. Radio Assn

MCARA 3 31 6 KE4UEI Saint Lucie Repeater Assn SLRA 3 33 6 KE4UEI Southern Florida ARES Net SFAN 2 20 0 AF4NR Southeast Florida Traffic Net SEFTN 59 625 168 AG4RJ Southwest Florida Traffic Net SWFTN 27 462 68 K4FQU ===== Bulletin Rpt from KE4UEI: Recd 22, Sent 6, Total 28 Technical Specialists reporting: K4AW, WB9JTK(helped the Boca Raton club troubleshoot its spectrum analyzer) and N4TZH. OES reports: KE4UEI, N6USP, WN3DHI, W4DKB, N3HOE, N3HN, W6QCM, KE4NUZ, and KC2DPP. Others reported directly to their EC and I was not copied. Please remember that reporting is a requirement of all appointments. Most reports are due monthly, others can be quarterly at the discretion of the SM and the Cabinet. Till next month..... 73 Sherri W4STB

## **Southwestern Division**

### **Arizona**

ARIZONA SECTION NEWS January 2006 Happy New Year! CLUBS Mary and I are putting together a list of people that would make themselves available to speak at club meetings. If you have an interesting subject in which to speak about please let Mary and I know. Mary will be sending out the completed list to the clubs. Mary Ahls W4NZJ, Arizona section Club Coordinator w4nzj@arrl.net

YOUNG HAM OF THE YEAR AWARD Many of you know about the Ham of the Year award that Amateur Radio Council of Arizona (ARCA) <http://www.arca-az.org/arca/> gives out at the Williams Hamfest every year. Several of you have approached me about starting a Young Ham of the Year award. Mary Ahls W4NZJ and I have been working on this. In fact Mary has designed a logo already. At the last ARCA meeting I suggested that this award should be managed by ARCA. I am hoping that ARCA will approve this idea at their next meeting at the Scottsdale Hamfest. If everything works out we might be able to give out the first award this year. Be thinking about who you would nominate for this award. I have one financial sponsor of this award already, however, if you or your club would also like to help sponsor this award please let me know.

NEW HAMMS The following hams just received their FCC license, Congratulations! David Richardson KE7FNU, Robert Donahue KE7FJG, Jack Armstrong KE7FNT, Gordon Wimsett KE7FQL, Wayne Lougher KE7FQK, Thomas Hintze Jr KE7FJJ, William Carnes KE7FJI, Virginia Hall KE7FJH, Charles Brown KE7FQQ, Larry Day KE7FQP, Barbara Garcia KE7FQN, Richard Salmon KE7FQR, Bruce Green KE7FJK, Nathaniel West KE7FQM, Richard Alberts KE7FQO, Jason Kraemer KE7FNS, Pablo Duarte KE7FPP, Michael Mcneill KE7FJB, Jodi Meere KE7FPQ, Shirley Matsushashi KE7FJA, Kevin Fischer KE7FME, Christina Fischer KE7FMF, Yvonne Hansen KE7FMC, Victor Hansen KE7FMH, Peter Hasnik KE7FMJ, Matthew Brewer KE7FMG, Jack Mcalister KE7FMD, Austin Rupe KE7FMI, and Gregory Soule KE7FNK.

HAMFESTS The Mesa Hamfest was on December 3rd at Mesa Community College. What a great hamfest, warm, sunny and full of hams. It was good to see so many of you there. Westfest will be on January 14th at the Glendale Community College (59th & Olive Avenues), sponsored by the Thunderbird Amateur Radio Club. <http://www.w7tbc.org> Talk-In: 146.700 - (PL 162.2); 446.150 - (PL 100) Contact: Steve Grouse, W1ADW w1adw@cox.net. Starts at 6 am. I'll see you there.

West Valley Amateur Radio Club Annual Auction will be on February 6th at the St. Clements of Rome Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd in Sun City Arizona. <http://www.qsl.net/wvarc> Talk-In: 147.300 +600 input (PL 162.2). Contact: Ken Solheim, WN7DRX 623-544-2827 or hamauction2006@cox.net

Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest and Electronics Expo will be on February 17-19th at the Yuma Fairgrounds.. <http://www.yumahamfest.com/> Talk-In: 146.840- (PL 88.5 Hz) Contact: Scott Seamans, W7RFI 928-376-3267 w7rfi@beamspeed.net

SPECIAL EVENTS Lost Dutchman Days Celebration Feb 25, 1400Z-2400Z, Mesa, AZ. Superstition Amateur Radio Club, W7W. 28.263 21.363 14.263. QSL. SARC--W7W, PO Box 21522, Mesa, AZ 85227-1522. [www.wb7tjd.org](http://www.wb7tjd.org). First Annual 7th Area QSO Party, to be held May 6-7, 2006 <http://www.codxc.com/new/Page.asp?Content=dryland7s>

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about ARRL. If your club or group has an activity or event that would be of interest to other hams throughout our section please email me with the specifics. 73, Tom Fagan WB7NXH ARRL

## West Gulf Division

### Oklahoma

Good January Oklahoma Section! Topics this month: Pontotoc County Amateur Radio Association Update Space Stations Contacts Oklahoma Section Traffic Report-Monthly and Yearly Hurricane Katrina: Lessons Learned Symposium January 19 American Airlines Amateur Radio Club breakfast January 28 Upcoming Events Amateur Radio Association elects first female president ADA — At its annual reorganization meeting Dec. 20, at the American Red Cross, the Pontotoc County Amateur Radio Association elected new officers for 2006 and for the first time, elected a woman to lead the organization. Pontotoc County Amateur Radio Association, comprising more than 20 federally-licensed amateur radio operators in and around Pontotoc County, elected Marie Wilson, president; Chad Letellier, vice president; and Steve Wilson, treasurer and secretary. All the club's new officers are residents of Pontotoc County and its members are active in the ARRL (Amateur Radio Relay League). Incoming president Wilson, recently said she expects to continue the club's commitment to provide radio communications to Pontotoc County. For more information about the Pontotoc County Amateur Radio Association, contact Christina Stine, Pontotoc County Amateur Radio Association, at (580) 332-3205. The below from Geneva Howard, Executive Director of the Ada American Red Cross and regards the club, as above. Pontotoc County Radio Association supplied communications to the three canteen units throughout the county, assisting the Red Cross in supplying food and water to the hundreds of firefighters. Communication is the most important part of our response when it is out in the county where directions don't always seem as they really are. Pontotoc County Chapter- The Chapter has responded to fires in the Town of Frances, Garr Corner, Oil Center, Roff, Vanoss, Fitzhugh, and Kalohoma. The Chapter has provided Mass Care to firefighters they served 506 meals and have 3 canteens activated. The fire at Garr Corner on the west side of the county occurred destroying one home, with 6 people of which 4 have special needs. To date we have only lost one home in Pontotoc County. Thank you again PCARA Space Station Contacts! Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) Contact with Ron-KD5GEZ, as below, indicates a splendid event will unfold at the Dale School on the space station contact schedule. He is hopeful the contact can be made on Monday February 6. We plan to share more of the particulars as the event date approaches. Thanks to Ron and others for the effort and congratulations for being selected! The below from Keith-W5IU-ARISS Mentor W5iu@arrl.net There will be two ARISS contacts with Bill McArthur, KC5ACR, onboard the ISS from schools in the West Gulf Division in the week of 6 February. Final dates/times will be available in mid to late January. The school in the Oklahoma Section is Dale High School in Dale, OK. Dale is in Pottawattamie County and is between Shawnee and Oklahoma City. This is just a "heads up" so you can get ready to participate if possible. Ron, KD5GEZ, is heading up the Dale effort. Also, SuitSat is scheduled to be deployed on 2 February during an EVA (Spacewalk) from the ISS. It should be alive and well during the week of 6 February. See <http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/articles/BauerSuitsat/index.php>. This should be a "red letter" week for Amateur Radio Space Programs in the West Gulf Division of ARRL. Contact information- Home: 817-292-5633, Cell: 817-504-0399 Traffic Report-Thanks to Arlyn-KK5GY Please send your report to him at [kk5gy@arrl.net](mailto:kk5gy@arrl.net) December 2005 Public Service Honor Roll O.C.- WA5OUV Arlyn-KK5GY Sam-W5CU Station Activity Reports KI5LQ, WA5OUV, WB5NKD, WB5NKC, KK5GY, W5CU Oklahoma Section Yearly Traffic Report Sessions-2394 Stations-23,008 Traffic-11, 225 Very impressive numbers! Many thanks to all who support net operations and allow documentation of these efforts. Hurricane Katrina: Lessons Learned Symposium from Mark-N7XYO January 19, 2006 Hartford Building 111 South Greenwood Avenue, 2nd Floor 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tulsa Partners, Inc., City of Tulsa, Islamic Society of Tulsa and R.D. Flanagan & Associates invite you to attend the Hurricane Katrina: Lessons Learned Symposium.



The symposium will feature discussions about lessons learned in the hurricane-affected areas by professionals in the fields of response & recovery, mental health, medicine, public health & safety and telecommunications. The symposium will not cover the response to Oklahoma-based Katrina evacuees. Participants will share their experiences during Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath. They will then make the information relevant to Tulsa and its future safety should the city find itself in the wake of a mass casualty disaster. There is a \$10.00 registration fee to cover lunch and related expenses. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. If you should have questions, please call Cassandra Love at 918-596-9626. Or you may contact her by email at [clove@cityoftulsa.org](mailto:clove@cityoftulsa.org). 2nd annual American Airlines Amateur Radio Club breakfast Thanks to Pete-KF5RD for sharing this. On Saturday January 28 at 1313 North Sheridan Road, North Sheridan Church of Christ.(park in back)8 A.M. for the food, 9 A.M. for the club meeting (you are welcomed to attend) 9:30 A.M. W5YI testing! PLEASE call 918 437 4846 or e-mail at [kf5rd@intergate.com](mailto:kf5rd@intergate.com) the number in your party coming! If we run out of food and YOU did not contact us that is YOUR fault! Upcoming Events: Ada Hamfest February 11 Ada Amateur Radio Club <http://www.adacomp.net/~jewell/> Talk-In: 147.285 (PL 114.8) Contact Charles Etier-KC5TGA@arrl.net Phone: 580-332-1377 League forum at 10 am. Tnx TGA! CU there amigos. West Central ARC Elk City Hamfest March 4 Contact Earl Bottom-N5NEB 580 821 0633 [n5neb@waywireless.com](mailto:n5neb@waywireless.com) Oklahoma Section Convention March 17-18 Claremore Contact [wb5osm@hotmail.com](mailto:wb5osm@hotmail.com) Lake Country Tailgate Bash in Ardmore April 1. Contact [n0irw@cableone.net](mailto:n0irw@cableone.net) Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon Sunday April 30th Contact Tom [tmwebb@cox.net](mailto:tmwebb@cox.net) Oklahoma State Convention July 14-15 Oklahoma City Contact [ne5s@arrl.net](mailto:ne5s@arrl.net) Till next time....be in God's blessings! 73, John-WB5SYT

## South Texas

What a month this has been. We are having fires in Texas and some of the other States near by. We had a bad one here in Comal County. On December 24th at 7:30 am, the church we attend caught fire. Very much damage. We are fortunate that there was an empty church building available that another is allowing us to use until we rebuild. This is from the report that I just received from the State. Since the 26th of December, there have been 650 fires with 343 houses lost. It looks like we may start getting some rain next week. Some of the fires have been from fireworks, some from cigarette butts, and some they aren't sure. I hope everyone is careful and don't start a fire. We had a few drops of rain last night, so maybe we will have some good rain this next week. We had a great time at the ham fest in San Antonio this last Saturday. There was a lot of equipment that reminded me of the good old days. I do hope everyone got the things they were looking for. I got to visit with some of my friends. We had a great forum with Dr. Woolweaver bringing the latest news of happenings at the League. BPL was one of the main topics that concerns all of us who are in ham radio. We are waiting the results of the latest equipment made by Motorola that we understand doesn't interfere with ham bands. I would like to know if those that use BPL will be covered when a failure happens with the equipment in their plug in unit and it cooks their TV etc. Has anyone thought about this side of BPL? Have you seen what happens when lightning goes through your AC? Beware. Those that sign up for BPL had better check their insurance company and see if that is covered. Or will it be like flood insurance, and they will play their violin for you? That's not a tune you will enjoy. The February issue of QST has a list of those that worked so hard for Katrina and Rita. AC5XK was in charge of supplying NCS for both frequencies and both storms and most of the net controls were not listed. I sent 35 call signs to HQ with Dr. Woolweaver this next week so at least some of those left off will be printed in a latter issue, I hope. I'm sure there were others, so I hope we will be forgiven. A list like that should not have been published until it had been gone over by all the leaders that were involved. I hope everyone is ready for the 2006 season. It may be worse than we had in 2005. Clubs helped in South Texas and maybe in other areas also. We need the clubs to help in training of operators and have them ready to help out ARES when the time comes. We do want to thank all that were involved in 2005. Check out the date of February 2nd, the frequency of 145.990 MHZ and SuitSat on the ARRL web site. I think a lot of you will find that very interesting. You don't need a great antenna to get involved. I hope you enjoy. Until next month may God Bless America and our Troops.

Ray N5NAV SM STX

# Section News for January 2006

## Atlantic Division

### Maryland-DC

We mourn with Hugh Turnbull, W3ABC, in the passing of his beloved wife Betty. Hugh had known Betty since they were five and they have been frequent guests at club and division banquets. Hugh has been and continues to be the personification of what the Amateur Radio Service is all about, with his various posts with the ARRL and his work with the scholarships provided by the Foundation for Amateur Radio. Our thoughts are with Hugh as he enters a new stage in his life. Thanks to the following for shouldering the responsibility of these section level appointments: Doug Lindsey, KB3HER as Section Emergency Coordinator; and Dave Prestel, W3AJR as State Government Liaison. We have some holes in the section to fill for the position of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service® Emergency Coordinator. If you are interested in working with the existing ARES® group in your county or inquiring about the EC position in a non-served county, please contact Doug [dgroup@verizon.net](mailto:dgroup@verizon.net). We are looking for volunteers to be appointed Local Government Liaison in each county to work with Dave in building our eyes and ears for local county/city legislation affecting amateur radio and to work with state and federal legislation. If you are interested in that position, please contact Dave, [w8ajr@arrl.net](mailto:w8ajr@arrl.net). I'm making the pitch as I visit clubs. Also, thanks to our new appointees, Ken Greenhouse, KB3IIE, EC for Prince George's County, and Rich Firestone, AB3BQ, EC for Howard County. Rich got his trial by fire being called upon to respond to a request from the county for his ARES group to work with a shelter operation during the recent snow storm. Special thanks to the huge effort put forth by Tom Coates, N3IJ and Joe Krysztoforski, AJ3X of the Baltimore Amateur Radio Club Legislative Affairs Team for getting their Home Owner's Association legislation introduced in the Maryland House of Delegates and Maryland Senate; and for their continuing commitment to guiding its passage through the legislature. The House Environmental Matters Committee heard testimony from Tom Coates, N3IJ, Bob Rose, AA3RR, son Ryan Rose, AE3RR, Al Fitzsimons, W3YRS, and Bob Martin, KC3FI. Twenty hams were in the hearing room to show support for our bill, which, if passed will not allow any homeowners association formed after September 30, 2006 to include language that would prohibit amateurs from erecting an antenna, subject to normal municipal zoning and land use regulations (for more info on the bill go to <http://n3ij.home.comcast.net> ). ARRL MDC Section members have received several notices by section-wide email from Tom through me regarding information about the process and contacting delegates. The procedure is for me to send the email, which is then reviewed by staff at HQ to make sure it is within their guidelines, and then it is sent. Kudos go to Jon Bloom, KE3Z, who answered my plea and used his Sunday afternoon to release our email from HQ, and also to those of you who took the time to send an email to the committee member in your district. This has been a great example of teamwork from all levels. The League got out our message on very short notice on a non-work day with a blizzard raging. BARC initiated the legislation and has done massive amounts of preparation towards securing its passage. And finally, but certainly not least, those of you at the grassroots level who took the time to send the suggested email, personalized it with your knowledge of your delegate or your special story, and those who arranged their schedules to go to Annapolis on a work day to sit in the committee chambers and lend support. We are learning valuable lessons for future legislative efforts. Stay tuned, because the Senate committee hearing is coming. ASM KZ3AB and I had an initial meeting with the Antietam Radio Association to propose holding a one day state convention on Saturday, July 29 in the Hagerstown area. I'm hoping that they will be able to join with other western counties and put together the convention. It may consist of keynote speakers, several tracks exploring different topics in amateur radio, demos, and possibly a graveside visit to Hiram Percy Maxim's final resting place. It's not associated with a hamfest, just pure ham radio. More about this as it develops. We envision moving the convention site to various parts of the state in the coming years. Please get out the word in your clubs

and to any college age hams that you know (not necessarily in MDC) that the Foundation For Amateur Radio administers 54 scholarships that are available to licensed amateur radio operators who are attending or plan to attend an accredited school of post-secondary education in 2006. Many of these scholarships give preference to students in MD and other states. For detailed information about this year's FAR scholarships, please visit the FAR web site at: <http://www.amateurradio-far.org/info2006.php> Interested students must request an application by April 30, and submit a completed application by June 1, 2006. Finally, please join in our first Echolink section-wide net on Friday night at 8 p.m. on the "WASH\_DC" Node 6154 conference server hosted by John Creel, WB3GXW. It's the first time we've tried this type of net. It will be a forum to talk about upcoming events in the section, meet section staff, and possibly have a mystery guest drop in from outside the section. Repeater control operators who have Echolink capable repeaters are requested to link up, turn off your reset beeps, and let your users join in via RF. Look forward to seeing you there. 73, Jim Cross, WI3N SM MDC

## **Southern New Jersey**

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRAURY 2006 SECTION MANAGER, JEAN PRIESTLEY, KA2YKN The recent snow storm serves as a lesson in life if we see with our minds and listen with our hearts. Sunday morning with the snow still coming down, there was revealed a beautiful scene of quiet and serenity. I watched the interaction of our 2 labs age 4 and age 9 years old. Annie, the younger one blazed a trail for the older dog through the 12 inches of snow for Davie to walk in without stressing. Life is a blank canvas each morning and our daily experiences are the brush and paints. We are daily reminded that life is constantly renewing and we need to get our youth following in our foot steps. We need to, at least, expose them to all aspects of the hobby. They are our renewing spring. They are our hobby's blank canvas in the morning. Once we capture their interest, we need to guide and Elmer them to a beautiful masterpiece. The Amateur of the Year Award in Southern Counties Amateur Radio Assn was originated by John Struckel. In his memory, SCARA has continued the presentation of the award, now in its 45th year. This year the award goes to Bob D'Imperio, N4XAT. He was selected for his efforts and contributions resulting in the furtherance of Amateur Radio and anticipated continued activity. Most days he can be found on an HF net. He is ever helpful in supplying information about radio events, and has been an enthusiastic "Elmer" to new Hams. He participated in many special and annual events. He served his country in the US Navy for 30 years, and CW is his second language. Bob is active in at least 4 amateur radio clubs on both sides of the Atlantic. He became the first overseas member of the UK's Eagle Radio Group. Seemingly tireless, he maintains the web site and is the treasure for Cape May County Amateur Radio Club. Congratulations to Bob I am very sad to be reporting three silent keys in this newsletter. William N McAdam, Sr age 61 of Galloway Township passed away on Jan 18 of this year. Bill was an electrician by trade. He held a lifetime member of the Absecon Volunteer Fire Co. and for a short time a member of Bayview Volunteer Fire Co. He was a member of Absecon Island Power Squadron and taught classes in educational programs and a member of the Pinelands Retriever Club and Del Bay. He makes friends easy and enjoys many more aspects of life than is mentioned here. On January 17 of this year, we lost Jacob G. Kaferle, W2IFI, age 84 of Mystic Island. He was a graduate of Drexel University and served in the United States Army and Navy. He worked for the Federal Gov as an Electronic Engineer at NAFEC and Lakehurst Air Naval Base. Jake was also a fisherman and was active with the Miss America Parade on the Boardwalk. He leaves a large family behind. On January 19 of this year, Charles Paul Geiger, Jr. age 92 of Ventnor passed away at Mainland Manor in Pleasantville. His call was W2ATL. He served his country in World War 2 as a Navy Aviation Chief Radioman on airplanes and blimps over the Caribbean Sea. He was a member of the International Amateur Radio Union and the Southern Counties Radio Assn and in 2004 he received an "Old Timers" certificate from SCARA. Charles was an active church member and also leaved behind a large family. It is with a great deal of personal sadness that I report that Betty Turnbull, the lovely wife of Hugh Turnbull, W3ABC, director of the Atlantic Division passed away. Lou and I had the pleasure

and privilege of spending many lovely evenings at different events with Betty and Hugh. Cards and notes can be sent to Hugh at 3142 Gracefield Road, Apt 508, Silver Spring, MD 20904. I am sure that cards and notes will help Hugh greatly. On a lighter note the next Delaware Valley Radio Association Hamfest in Hamilton Township will be on April 2, 2006. Mark that on your calendars. Also, the third annual Mid-Atlantic QSO Party and old-fashioned QSO Party focused on Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pa, Pa, West Virginia and DC will be from Sat May 13, at 1200 at 1200 UTC until Sun May 14 at 2400 UTC. Activity will be on all amateur HF bands from 160 to 10 meters and on the 50, 144,222and 440 MHZ bands. The committee offers certificates and plaques for Top Score in each state, top Score for the entire Mid-Atlantic region and Top Score in each state, CX country or VE province. For More information, send an email to w2wjo@arrl.net and have fun. Section Traffic report for August Traffic manager, K2UL, Dan Ostroy SNJ/NNJ Section Net Reports QNI reports NJM 72 N2GJ NJPN 211 W2CC NJSN 186 K2PB NJN(E) 240 AG2R NJN(L) 157 . ABOVE NETS ARE DUAL SECTION NETS OF BOTH SNJ AND NNJ. LIAISONS WITH 2RN SNJ Local Net Reports JSARS 330 W2HOG SJTN 40 KB2RTZ SJVN NO R Station Activity Reports (SAR) KB2RTZ 42 AA2SV 38 WA2CUW 25 K2UL 20 WA2NDA 16 K2GW 3 KC2IYC 2 Public Service Honor Roll (PSHR) KB2RTZ 160 K2UL 85 N2HQL 80 K2GW 76 WA2CUW 75 WA2NDA 65 KA2YKN 55 KC2IYC 22 January News Congratulations to Pat Butler, K2PB on winning the annual W2SWE Memorial Award for outstanding contributions to traffic handling in New Jersey

## **Central Division**

### **Illinois**

On February 11th I saw a huge flock of robins in the back of our house--if there are robins, can spring be far behind? You know what spring can bring besides new grass and flowers--yes severe weather. I have some severe weather training dates to send you--I know there will be more. March 6, Coal City (Grundy County) 7 pm Coal City Middle School. March 14 Sandwich, (DeKalb County) 7 pm Sandwich Opera House. March 22 Ottawa (LaSalle County) 7 pm Ottawa High School Auditorium. March 29 Oglesby (LaSalle County) 7 pm Illinois Valley community College Auditorium. Also on Friday and Saturday March 10 and 11 an Advanced Severe Weather Training Program sponsored by DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in cooperation with the National Weather Service. On Friday March 10 there will be a Tornado Shelter Workshop held from 8:00 am until 2:30 pm. Also on Friday a Severe Weather and Disaster Communications Workshop will run from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. On Saturday, March 11 the Advanced Weather Spotter Workshop will be held from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. All three seminars will be held on the campus of Wheaton College in Wheaton, IL. The seminars on March 10th will be at the Billy Graham Center--Barrows auditorium and on March 11 the Weather Spotter Workshop will be at Erdman Chapel. The cost for the Tornado Shelter Workshop is \$25.00; Severe Weather Communications Workshop--\$25.00; Advanced Spotter Workshop--\$25.00. Participants with registrations post marked prior to the registration cut-off date of Friday, February 24th receive a special early registration discount. Registrations post marked after the cut-off date or walk-in registrations at the door will be assessed the full registration fee of \$35.00. So register early--hand out materials and meals are not guaranteed for late registrations. WB9MMM and I had the pleasure of attending the Fox River Radio League's annual club banquet. It was held at the Fisherman's Inn in Elburn. We had a great time and we would like to thank the club for their hospitality. Congratulations to Greg Braun, N9CHA who was selected as the FRRL Ham of the Year. Earlier in the day FRRL club president, AH6EZ, demonstrating ham radio to a group of Boy Scouts from the Maramech Hill District, Three Fires Council made an unplanned voice contact with Commander William McArthur aboard the International Space Station. This was during the scout's "Klondike Derby." What a way to demonstrate ham radio! The day after the FRRL banquet I attended the Wheaton CRA Hamfest in St. Charles. Helping me in the ARRL booth was Ron Morgan, KB9NW, ASM in Illinois. We had a great time visiting with many hams from the surrounding community. With deepest sympathy, I am sorry to report

that ARES Committee member and President of the St. Clair Amateur Radio Club, Kurt Hoerz, N9PYM, became a Silent Key on Saturday Jan 28th. His passing was a shock to everyone and he will be missed in the amateur radio community as well as all of his involvement with ARES and RACES within St. Clair County. Also I report the passing of Tom Smith, WE9F on December 29th after suffering a massive heart attack. Tom was a member of the Hamfesters club. Another Hamfesters club member (Honorary) 80 year old Charles Hecker, W9KCC also became a Silent Key. Club members pass along a final 73 to both men. They will be missed. New officers for the Woodford County Repeater Association (WCRA) for 2006 are: President, John Green, W9CJX; VP, Jim Copes, KB9LNR, Sec/Treas, Roger Struder, K9VSK, Director, Ben Wagner, KC9HNM, technical Director, Tom Herrick, NT9H, and Trustee, Curtis Rocke, K9UQF. The WCRA owns and operates the 147.255 repeater at Metamora and supports both Woodford County ESDA and Tri-County ARES. New officers for the Six Meter Club of Chicago were elected during the January meeting. They are: President, Jim Novak, WA9FIH; Vice President, Ray Stair, W9CEJ; Secretary, Joseph Gutwein, WA9RIJ; Treasurer, Robert Sebonia, AK9Y; Sergeant at Arms, Kathleen Stair, KB9KDC; Delegates, Gerald Giovanoni, N9TUP, Karl Weissappel, WA9CCQ and Richard Hrubec, W9NHX. Congratulations to Gene Stankiewicz, KA9BOD, who was selected as the Rockford Amateur Radio Association's Ham of the Year at that club's annual banquet last month. The 2005 Member of the Year for the Schaumburg ARC is Andy Sharkey, K9AND. The award was presented to Andy on December 15th at their annual holiday party by the club's chairman of the board Bill Smead. Congratulations. Bob Sebonia, AK9Y, was presented with the 2005 Founder's Award plaque at the Six Meter Club of Chicago Christmas dinner in December in recognition of his distinguished service to the club including serving as Treasurer, VE Captain, Field Day CW Captain, working at their hamfest, and participation in many club activities and special events. Congratulations Bob! Last fall after much thought I decided not to run for re-election as Section Manager. Nomination papers have been filed by two individuals for the up-coming election. They are Ron Morgan, KB9NW, and Tom Ciciora, KA9QPN. Nominations must be at ARRL headquarters by March 10th, after that ballots will be mailed out. I hope that you all will get your ballot back to HQ quickly. I want to wish each candidate well. In the mean time I am still SM until July 1 when the new person takes over. I expect to be at several hamfests that are coming up. The next hamfest will be the Sterling Rock Falls Hamfest at Challand Middle School on March 12th. January traffic: W5DTR-55, PSHR 80; WB9TVD-12; KA9IMX-24. ISN JANUARY REPORT-29 SESSIONS, 237 CHECK-INS, TRAFFIC-47. ILLINOIS EMERGENCY NET FOR JANUARY-QNI-49, QTC-5, 5 SESSIONS. ILLINOIS PHONE NET JANUARY 06, QNI-20, QTC-20 26 SESSIONS.

## Wisconsin

WISCONSIN: SM: Don Michalski, W9IXG, SEC: KB9ENO, STM: K9LGU, SGL: AD9X, OOC: N9VE, PIC: KB9NUM, TC: K9GDF, BM: WB9NRK, ACC: N9LVS ASM: K9UTQ, W9DGI, N9VE. \*\* With regret, I am informing you of the passing of these Amateurs: -- Jack Pierce, N9HIP, 74. -- John Deisinger, W9KSP, 81. -- Mark Schultz, KE9C, 52. Mark was a charter member of the Watertown ARC. \*\* Following up on the popularity of Straight Key Night on January 1, Tom, KC9ECI, has started a Straight Key Century Club where folks get together on the 1st of each month. Members of the club are issued a SKCC number. He appears to have hit a winner with over 1000 joining the club from around the world! If interested, go to this site to learn more and register: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/skcc/> \*\* A reminder that if any club officer wishes to know of new Amateurs in Wisconsin, I produce a listing of them every month. If you are an officer and wish to receive a monthly copy, let me know and I will add you. Good opportunity to invite those new Amateurs near you to attend the club meetings! \*\* Wisconsin QSO Party news: March 12, 2006 noon CST ( 1800 Z ) to 7 PM CST ( 0100 Z March 13 ). Phone and CW - all stations may be worked once per mode - ALL amateur modes and bands may be used where contesting is not prohibited. In addition mobiles may be worked once per mode per Wisconsin county that they operate from. Mobiles may not sit on a county line to operate. Frequencies ( Mhz ): CW 3.550, 3.705, 7.050, 14.050, 15M, 10M, 6M, 2M and up. Phone 3.890, 7.230, 14.290,

21.350, 28.400, 6M, 2M and up. No repeater QSOs. Categories: Single Op Fixed, Single Op Mobile, Single Op Novice, Single Op Technician, Multi Op Fixed, Multi Op Mobile, Multi Op Technician, Multi Multi Op Fixed and Multi Multi Op Mobile. Exchange: Stations in Wisconsin send WISCONSIN county. Stations out of Wisconsin send State, or Canadian Province or Country. SCORING: Phone = 1 pt, CW = 2 pts ( digital scores as CW ). Multiply CW + phone points by power multiplier to determine CONTACT points. Power multiplier: x2 ( <5 W ), x1.5 (<150 W), x1 (>150 W). Final Score: WI stations - multiply contact points by sum of WI counties ( 72 ) + states ( 50 ) + provinces ( 13 ). Note - DX countries worked count for QSO points but not as multipliers. WI mobiles and portables may add 500 bonus points for each county that you operate from, outside of your home county, with a minimum of 12 QSOs per county to qualify. Non Wisconsin stations - multiply contact points by the number of WI counties worked. Full entry information on [www.warac.org](http://www.warac.org) including information on electronic log format. Submit questions to K9KR. Logs due April 13 to [k9kr@arrl.net](mailto:k9kr@arrl.net) OR to Wisconsin QSO Party, West Allis RAC, PO Box 1072, Milwaukee, WI 53201. \*\* ECARC recently honored six of their members with over 300 years of Ham Radio experience. W0AIH Paul Bittner, W9FWQ Jim Ahneman, W9ZZI Burt Spangler, W9BAR Bob Fallis, W9NW Carl Searing, W9GDW Duane Books. And, three of them are members for 50 years!! A club with very deep roots. \*\* From our Section Traffic Manager, Denny, K9LGU: FAQ # 52 How is a cat like a comma? Okay, maybe that's not a frequently asked question - but the answer brings to mind an important concept in sending traffic. The answer? Old story. A cat has claws at the end of its paws, but a comma's a pause at the end of a clause. Pauses are critical in sending traffic - in any mode. There are pauses between words, pauses between parts of the preamble, pauses after each line of an address. Pauses may also be used to listen for interruptions while sending a message. Use of break-in keying on CW (QSK) or VOX on phone makes it easy for the receiving station to ask for clarification. When a receiving op hears pauses, he or she can anticipate what's coming next. On FM repeaters, where VOX would be difficult, the breaks before and after the text are considered mandatory. Taking a short listening break after each five words of the text can make things flow more smoothly, too. Remember, if you speak only as fast as you can write (try it), the copying station can keep up. Pauses are more than refreshing. They really help in traffic handling.

73 - K9LGU/ STM-WI  
WISCONSIN SECTION MONTHLY NET ACTIVITY SUMMARY January 2006 NET QNI QTC  
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Weather spotter classes are starting soon. Classes are open to anyone wishing to learn more about severe weather and to become a trained weather spotter volunteer. A listing of these classes is given on the Wisconsin site: <https://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=WI> 73, Don, W9IXG

## **Dakota Division**

### **Minnesota**

ARRL MINNESOTA SECTION REPORT JANUARY 2006 SUMMARY FROM SM ++ The MN section ARES and Traffic summaries are enclosed below. ++ See the Section web site for up-to-date information and bulletins. ++ In addition to the MN Section Club newsletter, the ARRL is planning to publish a club official's E-letter to start soon. Watch for this important addition to the ARRL communications plan. ++ A new website for the section is in planning and is to be published soon. ++ I am pleased to announce the appointment of Greg Widin, KØGW, to the position of Assistant Section Manager. He will serve as the education consultant for the section to assist affiliated clubs in amateur radio classes and other educational activities. Respectfully submitted by Skip Jackson, ks0j, MN SM

MN SEC REPORT FOR JANUARY 2006 Total number of ARES members reported: 192 Change since last month: -4 County EC's reporting: Itasca (KG0FD), Lac Qui Parle (KC0QED), Lincoln (WD0BZU), Lyon (WD0BZU), Olmsted (AB0BW), Redwood (KA0ISD), Scott (N0BHC), St. Louis-North (WD0GUF), St. Louis-South (KB0LC), Steele (N0UW), Washington (KC0OIO), Local Net Names:

CCART, River Valley, SEMARC, Scott County, Chisago County, Carver County, Washington County, Forx Valley Monday Night Net, Mankato Area Radio Club Emergency Services Net, Marshall Emergency Net, Redwood County, Wadena Area Hamnet, Northern Lakes Radio, NE MN Public Service, SE St. Louis Emergency Service, Dakota County ARES Total sessions: 69 NTS liaison is maintained with the MN Section, Tenth Region, and NTSD Traffic Nets by NOUC Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month: 5 Person hours: 156 Number of public service events this month: 3 Person hours: 205 Number of emergency operations this month: 0 Person hours: 0 Total number of ARES operations this month: 77 Total Person hours: 349 Comments: Washington County: Net Operations Training and Exercise conducted on January 14. Much was learned and all participants agreed we should do them more often. The next training session will be hosted by Dakota County ARES. Respectfully submitted by: Frank Karnauskas N1UW, MN SEC MN STM REPORT FOR JANUARY 2006 NET FREQ TIME QNI/QTC/SESS MGR ~~~ ~~~~ ~~~~ ~~~~ ~~~~ MSPN/E 3860 5:30 P WO0A MSPN/N 3860 12 P WA0TFC MSSN 3710 6 P N/A VACANT MSN/1 3605 6:30 P K0WPK MSN/2 3605 9:50 P k0wpk PAW 3925 9A-5P KA0IZA/ wa0tfc STATION ACTIVITY REPORTS: JANUARY 2006 MONTHLY STATION ACTIVITY REPORTS (SAR) STATION ORIG. REC'D. SENT DLVD. TOTAL BPL NO.OPS. ~~~~~ ~~~~~ ~~~~~ ~~~~~ ~~~~~ ~~~~~ ~~~~~ ~~~~~ ~~~~~ ~~~~~ WA0TFC 0 95 52 0 147 W0LAW 0 54 62 3 119 KA0RMP 0 64 43 1 108 W3FAF 0 36 46 0 82 K0WPK 0 62 15 4 81 W0HPD 0 21 27 3 51 N0YR 7 8 20 8 43 KA0IZA 0 40 6 0 36 K0PSH 0 0 34 0 34 NT0B 0 3 13 0 16 KB0AIJ 0 7 7 0 14 KE0G 3 5 3 2 13 WD0GUF 0 5 5 0 10 N0JP 0 1 5 0 6 PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL (PSHR) STATION 1 2 3 4 5 6 TOTAL ~~~~~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ W0LAW 40 40 20 10 110 WA0TFC 40 40 20 100 WD0GUF 40 10 30 80 N0YR 40 40 80 SECTION TRAFFIC MANAGER MONTLY REPORT NET ABBR. SESS. TFC. NMCALL NTS LIASON ~~~ ~~~~~ ~~~~~ ~~~~~ ~~~~~ ~~~~~ MINNESOTA SECTION MSPN/E WO0A MSPN/E PHONE NET/EVENING 1,648 31 55 MINNESOTA SECTION MSPN/N WA0TFC PHONE NET/NOON 598 31 53 MINNESOTA SECTION MSN/1 k0wpk RN-10, C4 NET (CW) 6:30P 221 31 73 MINNESOTA SECTION MSN/2 k0wpk RN-10, , C4 NET (CW) 10:00P 109 28 28 PICONET ALLDAY PAW HRS KA0IZA ALL DAY WATCH 3,960 94 104 Respectfully submitted: Robert Meyer, W0LAW, MN STM

## South Dakota

Here is the section news for South Dakota, if there are any clubs that have material that they wish to have posted please email me the information no later than the 5th of the month so that I can get it posted to both the summary and the web site before the cut off date. Hot Springs Amateur Radio Club The Hot Springs ARC has started a Technician licensing class. There are 10 students in the class including 5 school age kids. The class meets on Tuesday nights. Also the Hot Springs high school club station, KB0UQH, has received word that they will be receiving a \$500.00 gift from an estate to use in purchasing equipment for the students to operate. WZ0W has moved to Spokane, WA Tim K0OR Deuel County Amateur Radio Club The Deuel County Amateur Radio Club has been busy during the winter months, mainly repairing or getting temporary fixes on antennas that were damaged by the late November ice storm. Our winter auction was held on the 14th of January with the club x-mas party that evening. Both were well attended. February brought official confirmation of the new club call sign, W0GC. This callsign was held by Gary Carlson (sk) of Gary, SD. It was his wish that the club take his call. He will forever be missed and the members of the DCARC are proud to bear his call sign. Upcoming project include a new UHF link for the 147.180 repeater along with ongoing work for IRLP in the Brookings area and APRS in the Clear Lake area. Meeting is 2nd Friday of each month. Rob, N0TAW, Pres. Pierre Amateur Radio Club ARES: Jim indicated that the yearly report had been filed. He further indicated that there had been an upgrade to the spotting software. Additionally, that spotter classes would be offered by NWS in March. Greg H. pointed out the necessity for those wishing to participate in spotting to make sure to attend at least every two years; that failure to do so would result in the member's suspension from the program. Greg H. asked about County ID cards - Jim stated that he



would contact Rob Fines and report back. Technical: Jim provided the report, stating that he had been looking for a generator for the trailer. Eldon suggested that the Club consider one that he is willing to provide. Jim also provided that the Reliance repeater is working, but is weak, speculating that there may be antenna problems at the site. Activities: Bob presented initial work up for the up coming class, stating that he will work with Jim to get things rolling by the first part of February. Old Business: Greg H. thanked Eldon, on behalf of the Club, for help with the trailer rack. There was general discussion about painting the rack, ending with a suggestion by Greg H. that work will be done again on the trailer the Saturday, January 14th, at Eldon's. In other discussion, Jim told the members about the new DCI building, advising that an open house would be held the weekend of January 14th, for those interested. Greg H. reviewed the White Paper Committee - origination and purpose. New Business: Greg H. reemphasized the need to attend Weather Spotting classes that are to be offered. Greg H. also discussed his experience in taking the ARRL Emergency Preparation Course, stating that it raised a lot of issues that most of us take for granted or wouldn't otherwise think of. He recommended the course for all amateurs that are interested in emergency preparedness. Hub Area Radio Klub TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: Everything seems to be working fine. 44Ø in Bath is now working fine. PROMOTIONAL COMMITTEE: Don NYØW has officially worked all states on the Geritol Net. He has received a certificate for his accomplishment for the club. CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD JOB DON!! Please note that Don worked all these states by himself ICS 1ØØ and ICS 2ØØ if you are interested in becoming ICS (Incident Command System) 1ØØ or 2ØØ certified, you can now take the courses online at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov). CLASSES: It was discussed how to make the studying easier for potential new hams. Concerns that were raised were; not all individuals may be able to come to a class session at the same time. Some may not be able to attend evening, and some may not be able to attend Saturdays. It was discussed that putting some classes on the website would be a possibility. More will be discussed in the future. Huron Amateur Radio Club Huron Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month in Room 107 of the Huron Towers located at corner of 4th Street and Kansas Ave. Sunday VQC net is held at 8:00 PM each Sunday on 147.090 Mhz. 2006 Officers are President, Bill, KM0F; Secretary/Treasurer, Lloyd, WB0ULX; Vice-President, Sam, N00TB; Activities Manager, Terry, KI0BV. Club web page is [www.huronarc.info](http://www.huronarc.info). Dwight Wullweber, N0VYQ Public Information Officer

## **Delta Division**

### **Arkansas**

Joel Harrison, W5ZN, Elected ARRL's 14th President (Jan 20, 2006) ARRL First Vice President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, of Judsonia, Arkansas, will be the League's president for the next two years. The Board voted 10 to 5 to choose Harrison. Harrison, 47, said he believes Amateur Radio is looking at a different society--and pool of potential licensees--in the 21st century than in the past. ARRL Delta Division Director Rick Roderick, K5UR, from Cabot was elected Vice President, Henry Leggette, WD4Q takes over as Delta Director. From ARKAN, K1ARK reports that WAA is picking up steam as we received our third "native" application this month. And the net is getting some good in and out of state response. The QSO party was plagued by bad op conditions last year and the scores were way down but participation was about what it has been around 20 logs. However, the big issue is no clubs submitted logs. I've been holding the final results hoping that I would have something from Benton ARC since they were the bonus station. As you know, the top state club gets the honor of the bonus station the next year. Mark Barnhard, KD5AIV and W5RXU attended a WMD Talon exercise to at the State Fairgrounds. Little Rock, North Little Rock, Pulaski County, 61st Civil Support Team, probably others. The scenario was a sarin gas attack with emphasis on Haz Mat and Decontamination response. Both met the new Director of ADEM. Cabot High School students were mock victims. Observed the decontamination and transport of victims from the disaster site to the DECON. Both saw Harry Ringler, KB5WHA, who is a member of Arkansas Disaster Medical Assistance Team, DMAT and asked him

what happened to Arkansas DMAT. He said headquarters sent out an order to remove web sites for security reasons but otherwise it was business as usual. Arkansas Diamond Club's new officers for 2006 are: George Martin, KC5RED, Pres; Stewart Nelson, KD5LBE, V. Pres; Gayle Wright, KC5IAL, Sec; Jim Wiedower, AC5RT, Tres. Planning for our October meeting we decided that we needed to re-institute our weather net and that would be the program for the meeting. After the loss of our emergency coordinator Rick N5HQO (sk) we had gone some time without a plan and we needed to be ready. Little did we know that the plan we had set up would be put to use so soon with the tornados in less than 60 days. In the plan that we set up at that regular meeting, four persons were to be the control operators. The idea was to separate the four persons so that if something happen in the area of the control operator, one of the other two would take over. Everything worked out as planned. KD5LBE Mayor and KE5DOR Jim monitored the communications and kept in contact with OES in Conway County. We maintained our link after the tornado to OES command for about 5 hours until the area was shut down. At sometime we will probably do some additional planning for spring tornado season. Remember this is what we train to do. ARKANSAS ARES-RACES MEETING 1-8-06 CONWAY ARKANSAS - A.D.E.M. Section Emergency Coordinator J.M.Rowe, N5XFW, opened the meeting at 1:25. David Huddleston reviewed the reorganization of ADEM. The planning for disasters will focus on not only plans and planning but on the specific standard operating practices. Specifically, step by step, what you are going to do to accomplish your mission. ARES needs to be prepared to deliver everything we need; People, Equipment, Food, Water, Shelter, etc. We don't have the money or personnel to do this. We need to write a plan with our Emergency Managers to determine what they need and what we can offer. Don't forget we have other served agencies besides Emergency Managers. We need to do the greatest good for the most people. J.M. then introduced Sgt. Jerry Cathey, Communications Team Chief, 61st Civil Support Team WMD, Arkansas National Guard who presented a power point showing a interoperability communications vehicle. The truck has internet, satellite, HF, VHF and UHF capabilities and can configure numerous antennas, radio's phones so they can all talk to each other. At 2:55 the meeting was adjourned and the group assembled in the parking lot to drool over Sgt. Cathey's communication vehicle. Bob King W5LVB, Arkansas Repeater Coordinator, advises that there are no two-meter repeater frequencies left in Arkansas unless they can clean up some of the dead stuff. To that extent, Bob passed out a list of repeaters needing updates. The list of repeaters is on the Arkansas Repeater Council Web Page. Everyone is encouraged to look at the list and if you know the status of any repeaters, not on the air, never been on the air or if you know the whereabouts of any of the trustees/owners that are unknown, either let Bob know or have the trustee/owner contact Bob regarding the repeater status. Crawford Co. ARES we had their yearly Storm Spotter Class January 10th, which is put on by the National Weather Service out of Tulsa. We had over 60 folks at the class our largest attendance ever. KD5GQY Crawford County ARES/RACES EC. Lindy Lindermeier, WW5AA has accepted the offer to serve as the Arkansas ARRL Section Public Information Coordinator. Lindy is a retired fighter pilot and is the head of security for the Arkansas Historical Museum. Lindy's organizational skills and leadership ability will be useful as we rebuild our PIO system in the state I am calling on all local club presidents and PIO's to help Lindy get our information out around the state. A.R.R.L. ARKANSAS SECTION TRAFFIC REPORT JANUARY 2006 By TERRY R. BREWER, WB5HIL ARK. PHONE NET ARK. MOCKINGBIRD NET ARK. RAZORBACK NET SESSIONS 26 SESSIONS 22 SESSIONS 31 QNI 556 QNI 834 QNI 2425 QTC 24 QTC 11 QTC 89 TIME 837 TIME 467 TIME 849 NET MGR. W5SXV NET MGR. WB5YLI NET MGR. K5BOC ARKANSAS OZK CW NET ARKANSAS STATION ACTIVITY SUMMARY SESSIONS 27 K5BOC 32 QNI 61 WB5HIL 14 QTC 9 AD5JA 10 TIME 167 K5WTH 9 NET MGR WA5JAN KA5RRK 4 Ark. ARRL Youth Net is meeting every Monday night at 6:00PM local on the Skywarn CAREN and CAUHF repeater systems. CAUHF has an Echolink node tied in to their system so I urge all young hams (21 and under) to check in and participate! Contact KD5WKA, KE5DKR, KE5EJQ, or K5UZ for further info. Bob Ideker, WB5VUH is putting an "old callsign" reference library for Arkansas hams. If you have any old call books, please contact Bob via email at wb5vuh@arrl.net. A very successful Section Leadership Conference was held Saturday January 21 in NLR. Several ideas were proposed and are being

implemented such as posting all Arkansas club newsletters to a page on the arkansashams.org website. Recruitment, elmering and retention were discussed as was our long term planning for ARRL in Arkansas. A full rundown of the Ark. Leadership Conference is posted on the arkansashams.org website. Interested in working DX? Check out the Ark. DX Assoc. ADXA meets quarterly and is exclusively a DX club for Arky Dxers. Contact N5RN or N5ZM for info.

## **Louisiana**

LOUISIANA SECTION NEWS – JANUARY 2006 A large number of our amateurs have passed away since last month's report. I am very sorry to report that KC5JM, WA5QMI, KA5OLE, KA5TNT, are KC5WIX are all now Silent Keys. KD5IBY recently emailed me about the subject of ham clubs adopting a school as a club project. I agree with John that this would be a great way for us to promote our hobby with the young folks. Hams acting individually or through their clubs could contact teachers or principals to discuss the possibility of demonstrating amateur radio in one or more schools. In some cases we might want to focus first on recruiting teachers to become hams so that they could then discuss ham radio in their own classrooms. Our hobby should be easy to sell to teachers because it's a great educational tool. Science and engineering, geography, and foreign languages and cultures are among the most obvious subjects connected with ham radio. Plus, astronauts are still getting their ham tickets to make contacts from space, which should surely appeal to the schools. The Morse code will also likely interest a lot of the younger kids because it's a "secret" code that is easy for them to learn. Many of today's hams work in related electrical and electronic fields because of their early exposure to the technical phases of amateur radio and that fact could also be pointed out. The educational aspects of amateur radio are many and I believe the LA Section should now assume a more positive role in this matter. Therefore, I would like to appoint someone to be the "Educational Coordinator" for ham radio in LA. This person would then help recruit hams and clubs throughout the state to adopt their local schools as suggested by KD5IBY. The ideal candidate for this new position would be a ham who teaches at the elementary, middle, or high school level. If you or someone you know has the interest and time to serve in this important position, please don't hesitate to let me know. I am happy to report that N5NVP is our new Affiliated Club Coordinator. Jim will be helping our clubs keep up with their periodic paperwork required by ARRL Headquarters. Affiliated clubs or those wishing to pursue League affiliation should email Jim (bookter@bellsouth.net) if they need assistance. The 2006 Hurricane Season is not too far away! A Delta Division Memorandum of Understanding between AR, LA, MS, and TN is in the works and should be in force well before June 1. This new MOU will be posted on the LA Section web site as soon as it becomes official. The Forty-Sixth Annual Acadiana Hamfest will be in Rayne on March 10 and 11. During the ARRL Forum I plan to present many Emergency Communications Commendation certificates for the good work during last year's hurricanes. For the latest hamfest updates, visit <http://www.w5ddl.org/hamfest/> The Sixty-Ninth Annual Baton Rouge Hamfest will be a "Junk in the Shade" affair on May 6 in Baton Rouge at the Highland Road Astronomical Observatory. Visit [www.brarc.org/](http://www.brarc.org/) or email Ed at [ad5jv@arrl.net](mailto:ad5jv@arrl.net) for more details. Finally, I recently changed my ISP and now have DSL instead of my old dial-up service with MSN. My new email address is [mcoxk5mc@bellsouth.net](mailto:mcoxk5mc@bellsouth.net) I may not have received all of my intended messages and monthly station reports during this changeover. If your report doesn't appear below, please send it to me again (at my new address!) so that I can include it in next month's report. You can also send me email via [k5mc@arrl.org](mailto:k5mc@arrl.org) or [k5mc@arrl.net](mailto:k5mc@arrl.net) as before. Traffic totals: K5MC 175, AE5V 121, WA5LQZ 68. Public Service Honor Roll: K5MC 110, W5DSG 102, AE5V 95, N5MEL (ex KC5RJY) 87, K5ER 84, KD5ITA 84, W5HUD 82, KB5UHH 34. Section net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Louisiana Traffic Net: 31/395/53. Louisiana CW Net: 24/111/79. Louisiana ARES Net: 5/80. Local/district net reports: sessions/check-ins. Caddo/Bossier ARES Net: 1/23. Calcasieu Parish ARES Net: 2/10. East Baton Rouge Parish ARES Net: 4/20. Lafayette Parish ARES Net: 5/39. Ouachita Parish ARES Net: 5/117. Rapides Parish ARES Net: 4/18. Richland Parish ARES Net: 5/65. St. Mary ARES Net: 4/28. St. Tammany Parish ARES Net: 5/34. Tangipahoa Parish ARES Net: 5/68. Union Parish

ARES Net: 4/54. Vernon Parish ARES Net: 2/20. ARES reports: parish/EC. Allen/KA5NXT, Avoyelles/KD5IGG, Beauregard/KC5AHA, Caddo/Bossier/NZ5S, Calcasieu/KC5FGO, Caldwell/KC5BSC, Cameron/WA5LQZ, Claiborne/KD5JJP, Desoto/AA5HY, East Baton Rouge/N5ULA, Franklin/N5ASA, Iberville/W5OVV, Jefferson/KD5EWD, Lafource/N5PZJ, Lincoln/AD5AQ, Orleans/NO5FD, Ouachita/K5ER, Rapides/KD5DFL, Red River/KD5IUZ, Richland/N5MEL, St. Bernard/KD5BPW, St. Mary/KA5LMZ, St. Tammany/KC5EAK, Tangipahoa/KD5PKS, Union/KA5JNL, Vernon/WB5JZQ, Washington/AI5B, Webster/KB5WFE, West Baton Rouge/KB5YHI, West Carroll/KD5DJ, West Feliciana/N5SOD. 73, Mickey Cox K5MC LA Section Manager Email: k5mc@arrl.org LA Section Website: www.laarrrl.org/

## Mississippi

Mississippi Section Report for January 2006 SM: Malcolm Keown, W5XX. Mississippi Section Web Page at arrlmiss@org. Web Master W5KWB at w5kwb@arrl.net. ASM: W5KWB, NN5AF, AD5IS, SGL: AB5WF, STM: AD5IS, TC: N5JGK Mississippi hams have been trying since 2001 to get a bill through the State Legislature to provide 'reasonable accommodation for the erection of antenna structures by local zoning boards' and to separate hams from cellular phone tower interests. The most success realized through last year was that a PRB-1 bill passed the House and died in Senate Committee or passed the Senate and died in House Committee. On January 31 (death day for bills to come out of committee), Section Government Liaison AB5WF reported that this year's House and Senate PRB-1 Bills were both out of committee. HB 736 came out of the Public Utilities Committee and SB 2709 came out of both the County Affairs and Municipalities Committees (bill was double referred). Both bills were placed on their respective chamber's calendars for floor vote. HB 736 was introduced by Dr. Chester Masterson (Vicksburg), Dr. Sid Bondurant (Grenada), and Rep. Bill Denny (Jackson). SB 2709 was introduced by Senator Walter Michel (Jackson). Special thanks to Representatives Tyrone Ellis (Starkville) and Senators Tom King (Hattiesburg) and Videt Carmichael (Meridian) for moving these bills out of committee. SB 2709 passed out of the Senate to the House on February 2nd. HB 736 passed out of the House to the Senate on February 7th. Both bills will be assigned to committees. The last day to be brought out of committee for floor action is February 28. Never give up! Speaking of 'never giving up,' State RACES Officer AB5WF reports that the State RACES Plan was signed by the MEMA Director on December 20, 2005. The first draft was submitted to MEMA during the summer of 2003. Thanks to the Jackson ARC for hosting another great Hamfest! JARC President and Hamfest Chairman W5LEW reports a record attendance of 1,143 (but not including dealers). Lew says this would not have all been possible without the help of the following: Committee Chairmen: K5BLL, K5CEO, KC5FAD, KD5GDK, N3HUP, AK5J, KD5JPB, W5PFR, AB5WF, and Marianna White and their tireless helpers: KE5AJI, KE5DYC, KE5EDO, K5IFJ, KD5GDL, W5GEK, KE5GKD, N5GT, KE5GWL, KD5KHI, KD5MGK, KD5NHJ, ex-WN5NSD, N5OH, KC5OSM, AD5PV, KD5RIJ, K5RWB, KD5SBP, N5SBZ, W5SJG, KA5TJW, KB5UDF, KI5UK, W5VXG, K5XU, K5WBX, KD5WEA, KD5WYG, KD5ZBL, Paula Drake, Kathleen Duke, Kathryn King, Linda King, and Derric Trosclair. It takes a bunch of folks to put on a first class hamfest. Thanks! In addition to the record attendance, Section Managers from four states were in attendance: W4OZK from Alabama, K5MC from Louisiana, W5XX from Mississippi, and WB4NCW from Tennessee. Further, new Delta Division Director WD4Q came down from Memphis to visit with us. Good Luck with your new job, Henry! Congratulations to KB5JEE, W5KDM, and KD5ZER on their upgrades. Welcome to new Mississippi hams: Sammy, KB5GUK – Tupelo; Timothy, KE5GVM – Belmont; Jay, KE5GVO – Olive Branch; Jason, KE5GWG – Brandon; Ruby, KE5GWH – Morton; Dennis, KE5GWI – Brandon; Lorenzo, KE5GWJ – Jackson; Mark, KE5GWK – Florence; Enoch, KE5GWL – Florence; Joe, KE5GWP – Union; Steve, KE5GYQ – Southaven; Margaret, KE5GZD – Olive Branch; Eric, KE5GZE – Olive Branch; Hugh, KE5HBE – Starkville; Dallas, KE5HCY – Southaven; Kevin, KE5HDQ – Seminary; and Terry, KE5HDR – Wesson. Also welcome to new ARRL Members: KD4BRT, WD5BSJ, K5CBS, KB5DMT, KD5EDV, KA5EPR, N5FQF, W5FSO, K5FZ, WD5GDA, KE5GVO, K5GVR, WD5IUI, KA5JNG, KD5MGK, K5MVP,

KC5QVK, K5RPH, W5SGW, AD5TJ, KD5UBC, KD5UVV, and KB5WWS. Regret to report the passing of AB5WR of Southaven, N5HGK of West Point, and N5AXV of Natchez. DEC/EC Monthly Reports: WB5CON (Alcorn), KD5CQT (Jackson), WV5D (Jones), K5DSG (Lafayette), KC5EAK (Pearl River), KD5FUO (Golden Triangle/Lowndes), KD5GWM (Lauderdale/Clarke), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KD5KXJ (Leake), W5LMW (Union), N5TBB (Benton), WA5TMC (North MS/Tippah), and K5WSY (Tishomingo). Club Newsletter/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Lowndes County ARC (K5VVA), Tippah County ARA (N5TBB), Vicksburg ARC (W5WAF). OBS Report: W5KWB Net reports: sessions/QNI/QTC (Net Manager) MSPN 31/3209/74 (K5NRK) MS TFC Net 31/135/9 (KB5W) Magnolia Section Net 31/1199/9 (AD5J) Jackson Co ARES 31/316/5 (KD5CQT) MS Slow Net 21/119/3 (record QNI!) (W3TWD) Miss/Lou WX Net 5/50/0 (K5NRK) MS Baptist Hams Net 5/39/0 (WF5F) Monroe Co ARC Net 5/77/0 (AD5DO) Hattiesburg Area EN 5/38/0 (N5MZ) Meridian Area EN 5/65/0 (KD5GWM) Pearl River/St. Tammany ARES Net 5/34/0 (KD5EAK) Jackson ARC EN 5/59/0 (AB5WF) Itawamba Co ARES 5/58/0 (N5FP) Lowndes Co ARC Net 4/60/0 (KM5UH) PSHR: W5XX 195, WB5ZED 150, AB5WF 119, N5FP 110, KD5FUY 96. Traffic: WB5ZED 2,697 (BPL), N5FP 40, W5LEW 6, W5XX 6. Compilation of PSHR and Traffic statistics provided by N5FP, Mississippi Section Traffic Manager

## **Great Lakes Division**

### **Michigan**

With the mid-winter blues upon us, the thoughts of spring, hamfesting and even Field Day are appearing. Many clubs are really looking towards getting started on Fox Hunting and their other outdoor events. Races and rallies have continued in Michigan through the winter both for snowmobiles and dog sledders, with active involvement from amateur radio operators. More news on the "Scanner Law": Your SM testified before the Michigan Senate Judiciary Committee on February 7th in support of the revised version containing the Amateur Radio Exemption. It was passed by the Judiciary Committee unanimously and then passed by the full Senate 37 to 0 on February 14th. You may view this legislation at: <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2005-2006/billengrossed/House/pdf/2005-HEBS-4544.pdf>. As you will recall, this legislation will replace the existing MCL 750.508 and continues to exempt ham operators from any restrictions on carrying a receiver capable of monitoring Public Safety frequencies. We are expecting the Governor's signature around the end of February. Congratulations to Lyle Willette AB8CB as he changes roles in the Michigan Section. For the past several years, Lyle has served as our Assistant Section Manager for Training. A retiree from the National Weather Service (Marquette), Lyle will be returning to familiar turf as he accepts the position as District Emergency Coordinator for the Marquette and Alpena NWS offices. With this change, Michigan will now have specific DEC's assigned to coordinate amateur radio efforts with each of the Michigan-based NWS facilities. Lyle's former ASM/Training position will be reevaluated in light of the following paragraph, where we now have very specific needs. For ARES/RACES, in Michigan (and elsewhere) the requirements from our served agencies are the basis for us to implement a phased program to offer advanced levels of training for all of our volunteers. As this plan is just now getting rolled out, ECs and local members will have ample time to examine their needs and look at the various training options available to us. While this may appear at first glance to be a difficult requirement for some to fulfill, the need is there for us to all understand the growing communications needs of the agencies we serve, how the Incident Management System works and how amateur radio fits into the overall picture. None of it is difficult, and your old SM has plodded through all of the requirements that are in the forecast through 2006. I found the courses enlightening and interesting, so I am confident that with the available options for on-line, classroom and personal training, we can easily step up to this challenge. Thanks to all who reported SARs for January, 2006: K8LJG 364, KB8ZYY 267, K8AMR 125, WD8USA 120, K8ZJU 109, K8AE 103, W8XKW 68, WB8RCR 66, AA8SN 62, W8RNQ 52, KV8Z 40, KA8IXC 31, WB8TKL 18, KC8ZCF 17, KC8RTW 15, W8RAE 12, N8UN 8, KD8BGQ 5. PSHRs for January, 2006: K8AMR 145,

K8ZJU 120, K8AE 105, WB8RCR 100, KD8BGQ 86, KV8Z 72, KA8IXC 71, W8RAE 60, K8VFZ 41, KC8RTW 15. OES reports came in from K8COP, KC8ULE, KC8ZCF, and N8HA. PSHRs and SARs should be filed monthly with WB8RCR and OES reports with WA8EFK. 73, Dale

## 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.arrrl.org/nnj/](http://www.hudson.arrrl.org/nnj/) MONTHLY ARES NET: Second Monday of each month (8PM) on the Morris County OEM Repeater; WS2Q 146.895 MHz (PL 151.4) minus 600 Hz. Hamfest season has already started with three events scheduled for March. The Splitrock ARA hamfest is set for Saturday, March 4th with the Bergen ARA Auction on Sunday, March 5th. The following weekend is the Cherryville ARA hamfest on Saturday, March 11th. Please support all our NNJ hamfests. It's not only a great way to meet old friends but shows your support to the sponsors. Clubs; be sure to post your events on our NNJ webpage. It not only shows support for the section but is a fast way to let other NNJ hams know about your club's activities. Field Day is only a few months away and I know many clubs are already planning for another good year. Be sure to get the new FD rules from the ARRL webpage as a few rule changes been made in the GOTA section to encourage more activity there. Don't forget to post your FD location and directions on the NNJ website as well. You may know where you are but other potential visitors may not. Speaking about our NNJ website many clubs post information bulletins on their websites. Please make use of the club listing we have to find out when and where clubs you may be interested in meet and what they are doing. All the newsletters are very informative and often have announcements of upcoming events which may be of interest. Don't hesitate to visit; you will be welcomed. Another scheduled event where club officers are welcomed is the quarterly Hudson Division Director's meetings. The first one of 2006 was held last month. Director Frank Fallon-N2FF sets a very informative agenda each meeting. The morning session is an ARRL update along with SM reports from all 3 sections. After the usual pizza lunch is rest of the meeting is about club concerns and activities. Invitations are sent out to all affiliated clubs in the division. The exchange of ideas and concerns are worth the time and definitely a learning experience. I REALLY encourage all our NNJ clubs to have an officer or member attend one of these cabinet meetings. You will not be losing a Saturday morning by doing so. By the way, at the January meeting I gave N2FF a pack of cards from a recent NJDXA meeting. I couldn't figure why Frank kept waving a card my way until he let me know at the break that one of the QSL cards was his 300th country confirmed on RTTY! I have always said the QSL Bureau delivers. I was happy to present a Special Service Club certificate to the Tri County ARA at their February meeting. Tri County becomes the 6th SSC club in the section! If your club is interested in becoming an SSC by offering more public services contact our Affiliated Club Coordinator, Ron Bilon-N3RB. He will help you with the application and can direct you to the ARRL contact who can answer any questions. Also, all affiliated clubs have many services open to them which can be found on links from the ARRL main page. Please take advantage of these offers as they provide many benefits to affiliated clubs. I know many clubs are getting ready for another season of licensing classes. Please let the ARRL know of your plans as well as posting them on the NNJ website. I often get calls from potential hams, and new ones who want to upgrade, asking about classes in their area. Being able to direct them to a site where the information is helps everyone. The more we advertise licensing classes the more we grow the amateur radio service. 73, Bill Hudzik- W2UDT SECTION TRAFFIC JAN-06 NNJ ORG RCVD DLVD SENT TOTAL N1JX 4 82 105 12 203 N2GJ 5 30 19 15 69 N3RB 1 1 18 17 37 W2CC 0 15 0 1 16 WB2KNS 0 10 16 1 27 W2MTO 0 10 7 8 25 Total 373 NET MGR. SESS. QNI QTC QSP QTR STNS LIAISONS NJMORNINGNJM) N2GJ 13 72 11 11 193 13 2RN NJPHONE (NJP) W2CC 36 211 69 57 235 20 2RN NJSLOW(NJSN) K2PB 31 186 8 8 425 16 2RN NJNET (NJJ/E) AG2R 31 240 61 51 395 18 2RN NJNET(NJJ/L) AG2R 31 157 23 21 288 11 2RN CEN.JER (CJTN)KB2VRO 31 254 40 37 195 29 NJSN,2RN,PACKET NJVHF(NJJN/E)N2RPI 31 330 57 51 343

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## Midwest Division

### Kansas

Kansas Section News Summary- January 2006 SM, Ron Cowan, KB0DTI-- SEC/OOC: Robert Summers,K0BXF ASM: Orlan Cook,W0OYH SGL: Steve Hamilton, KB0JYL Silent Keys: NØFEQ - Karen Bennett, Overbrook WØBND - Floyd Duell, Topeka KAØRZO - Paul Chapman, Clay Center ----  
----- Mark Boyle- KBØMQX received the 2005 Joe Addison Trophy at CKARC dinner. Kaw Valley elects officers for 2006. Steve- WAØVRS President, Ed-NØARR Secretary, Doug-WDØDBS Treasurer. The Kaw Valley club marks 80 years of League affiliation this year. Topeka area hams operated a special event station on Kansas Day. JOCO ARC held a technician class this past January targeted at CERT, and emergency management personnel. The exam was to take place Feb 4th. Trojan ARC reports a good turnout with new faces at their first meeting of the year. Douglas Co. ARC has a class starting February 20th. ----- KANSAS SEC report Dec 2005 activity. 16 Zone EC reporting 80 net sessions 673 QNI and 13 QTC handled from a total of 381 members of a potential of over 7000 available. Looks like a lot of our clubs in the state could do a large membership drive and pick up a few members with a little effort. DON'T KNOW WHO THEY ARE??????? If you go to one of the call book lookup sources and download the proper zip codes in your area, you will maybe be surprised at who is out there. DEC and EC could do the same and with the help of a local club, membership should increase. SATERN lists 128 Kansas Hams available to aid that organization should an emergency arises. RACES could use your QNI on the first Thursday of the month, 3940 khz at 7PM. Check in and let WD0DMV know of your interest in the RACES activity of your area. Last net reps from Riley, Harvey, Phillips, Johnson, Linn/Bourbon Shawnee and Wyandotte were on hand. Army MARS continues to be active with 849 on the air man hours of operation handling 3011 messages during December. Last but not least KC0AUH is attempting to build a fair size library of books that might aid you in some of your endeavors. Get in touch with him for more info. 73 Bob Summers K0BXF ARRL SEC KS ----- Conditions on 75/80 still difficult in the evening. The band stretches out about 6:15 during the WX net. DEC. Sessions/QNI/QTC/Mgr: KSBN/31/748/35/N0KFS KPN/22/253/32/ N0KFS KMWN/31/620/485/WB0YWZ KWN/31/862/611/WB0YWZ CSTN/5 /366 /36/AB5PA/SK QKS 37/114/24/ NB0Z QKS-SS 8/24/1/KB0DTI Traffic: KC0HHO 126 NB0Z 54 W0WWR 39 KB0DTI 29 W0OYH 19 N0ZIZ 15 73- Ron To receive or contribute to Orlan's Kansas Amateur Radio News E-mail News Letter contact Orlan-W0OYH-Editor at W0OYH@arrl.net See KSN on ARRL Website for detailed PSHR and more Kansas news: <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=KS>

### Missouri

FEBRUARY 2006 MISSOURI SECTION NEWS Ed Hare, W1RFI, needs some input from Missouri Section Amateurs regarding the BPL activities by AMEREN UE in Cape Girardeau, MO and by Aquila in Lees Summit, MO. If you live in either of those areas please investigate how this BPL experiment is impacting Amateur Radio Communications in your AREA. Cliff Chamney, KØBIX of Shawnee, KS has made an effort to collect information filed his comments with the FCC. Hopefully some of the Clubs in the area can work as a team to determine the extent to which the BPL is a problem and file this info with the FCC and also include Ed Hare, W1RFI by also e-mailing him your findings at w1rfi@arrl.org . If you would, please also CC me with your efforts at kØky@arrl.org . Apparently AMEREN UE and Aquila do not feel that BPL is a problem because there have been no complaints to them or to the FCC about their BPL operation. If you only read the Section News that comes as an e-mail, then you might

have the same concern that several have already expressed to me. There is a need to have spaces between paragraphs to help make the e-mail easier to read. In the future I do try to add blank lines when ever possible, but sometimes it is necessary to remove these blank lines to keep the total number of lines within the limit set by the e-mail system used for the Section News. Perhaps in the future there will be a few more lines available in the e-mails.

**CONVENTIONS & HAMFESTS REPORTS** The next Hamfest will be the Ararat Shrine Hambash in Kansas City, MO on April 15, 2006. Table Reservations or more information can be obtained immediately from Steve Dowdy, WJØJ by e-mail at [sdowdy@kc.rr.com](mailto:sdowdy@kc.rr.com) and tickets by mail can be requested by sending \$5.00 for three tickets and an SASE to Ray Pautz, NØRP 13 SE 125 Road Warrensburg, MO 64093. Tickets at the door will be \$3.00 each. The Ararat Amateur Radio Shrine Club is expecting a great turn-out this year. It is always a good idea to arrive early and stay late to see it all! I am looking foreword to another fun Shrine Hamfest in 2006, and I hope to see you there if you are in the area. The Willard Hamfest went well I understand. This is the first time I was unable to attend a Missouri Section Hamfest due to illness. This cold and flu Season has really hit hard this year. I want to thank Michael Blake, NØNQW, and the whole Willard Hamfest crew for their assistance with the ARRL exhibit this year The Missouri Valley ARC and the Ray-Clay ARC the Northwest MO Winterfest was held Jan 21, 2006 in St Joseph, MO. (note: I felt well enough to attend this one.) The Winterfest was quite well attended and there were plenty of great Flea Market and Commercial vendors to make it a fun experience. There were lots of new ARRL members signed up and several ARRL membership renewals at this years Hamfest. Congratulations to the membership of both clubs for making this year's Winterfest a success. The St Louis and Suburban Radio Club Winterfest was held Jan 28, 2006 at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville, IL. The Winterfest is the largest indoor Hamfest in the St. Louis area and this year attendance looked even larger than last year. A big pat on the back to Jim Glasscock, WØFF, Bill Coby, KBØMWG, and the SLSRC crew for their excellent job organizing and promoting this outstanding event. In addition to visiting with all the MO Section Amateurs it was nice to meet Patrick Ryan, KC6VVT, the IL SEC and Brad Pioveson, W9FX one of the IL ASM.

**AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS** KEITH HAYE, WEØG, ACC As reported in the The Kimberling ARC Squelch Tale The KARC has a new website thanks to the efforts of Ron Clarron, KCØVCL. If you want to see what Ron has done check out <http://www.karc.org> . The KARC has elected Dean Bickford, KØPHI as its President for 2006. At their Christmas Dinner meeting Ryan Martin, KCØKIW, a Board member of the Southern Stone County Fire Protection District was the speaker. The Callaway Amateur Radio League will sponsor a special event station commemorating the 60th anniversary of the famous Churchill Iron Curtain speech given on the campus of Westminster College in Fulton, MO. They Plan to set-up on the Westminster Campus and use the call WØC. The operation will be held from 1500 UTC March 3rd to 2400 UTC March 6th. On CW they will be 14.040 MHz, Phone 14.275 MHz, RTTY 14080 MHz. and PSK on 14.070 Former Hiram Percy Maxim Award winner from Missouri Thad Huff, KCØAQG, is now a full time Radio Technician at the State Headquarters of the MO State Highway Patrol. Thad was really excited about the opportunity to continue his career in Communications Technology. Congratulations Thad. The Missouri Section has 50 current affiliated clubs at this time. There is actually over 100 Missouri Section Amateur Radio Clubs that could be recognized as Affiliated ARRL Clubs. Most of the 50 non-affiliated clubs have simply failed to update their officers and membership information. If your Radio Club is not currently affiliated, check out the ARRL Website and see what it will take to become part of the proud ARRL Affiliated Clubs.

**SECTION ARES REPORT FOR JANUARY 2006** DON MOORE, KMØR SEC Total # of ARES members: 688 Change since last month: Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month: 91 Man hours: 323 Number of public service events this month: 4 Man hours: 29 Number of emergency operations this month: 1 Man hours: 22 Total number of ARES operations this month: 96 Total Man hours: 374 Comments: 5 of 9 districts reporting. I attended the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency's Crisis Communications Conference again this year. There were a good number of amateur operators in attendance and it was a great place to showcase ARES® for the emergency management type folks who attended. To view this and other Monthly Section ARES reports go to <http://www.ares-mo.org/currentsec.asp>

**SECTION TRAFFIC REPORTS FOR JANUARY 2006** DALE HUFFINGTON,



AEØS, MON - CW Sessions 49 QNI 71 QTC 42 NM K9ZTV MO Phone Sessions 31 QNI 751 QTC 45 NM KØDAT MESN Sessions 5 QNI 160 QTC 3 NM AEØS Audrain AARC Sessions 3 QNI 49 QTC 0 NM KBØKWC Callaway CARL Sessions 3 QNI 36 QTC 0 NM WBØHKN Boone Co Sessions 4 QNI 70 QTC 2 NM WMØH Hickory Co Sessions 10 QNI 46 QTC 0 NM KCØFDF Howell Co Sessions 2 QNI 21 QTC 0 NM KØRWL Jackson Co Sessions 5 QNI 88 QTC 2 NM KØUAA Macon Co Sessions 4 QNI 24 QTC 0 NM KØKY Rolla RRARS Sessions 31 QNI 514 QTC 11 NM NAØV WAARCI Sessions 5 QNI 150 QTC 0 NM KØHDC 10th Reg Sessions 62 QNI 144 QTC MO 63 % with K9ZTV,

## **New England Division**

### **Connecticut**

Section Leadership: ASMs: K1STM, KY1F, NK1J, K1BRF; Bulletin Manager KD1YV; Official Observer Coordinator W1GC; Public Information Coordinator W1FXQ; Section Emergency Coordinator N1FNE; State Government Liaison K1MK; Section Traffic Manager K1HEJ; Technical Coordinator N1KHB. Believe it or not, the 61-page TOPOFF After Action Report is finished and on the CT ARES Web Site: <http://www.ctares.org>. To download the PDF file, right click on the link and choose "Save Target As", then follow the prompts. Enjoy the document. If you are so inclined, write me and let me know what you think. From Richard Monahan, K1FPP Nutmeg Chapter QCWA: Today, on St. Valentine's Day, at the USL (Underwater Sound Laboratory) Luncheon, Tom Guadiana, W1DCM (Dogs, Cats, & Mice) was presented with his 75 year QCWA, (Quarter Century Wireless Association) Award. Along with this award he received an honorary Life Membership to the National QCWA. Tom is a young 94-year-old very active Amateur Operator that participates in many HF net including, USL net, 4 Pmer's net, Use To Be net, East Cars, and a 2-meter VHF evening net. If you hear him on be sure to say hello. Tom always has a very famous and original expression: "If you see someone without a smile, give him yours". And now, here's something really nifty! "The Cannons Have Fired"—Mac, W1FYM Rear Admiral Barry K. Atkins was interred in Arlington National Cemetery on January 30, 2006. Amateur Radio helped coordinate a simultaneous rifle salute in Hartford, Connecticut. The request came from Alex Parley of Windsor, CT, who was a member of Atkins' crew during WWII. Their destroyer, the USS Melvin, sank the Japanese battleship Fuso in the battle of Surigao Strait, the only destroyer known to have sunk a battleship. Retired Admiral Atkins was a long-time resident of Connecticut. Mr. Parley contacted Allen Pitts, W1AGP, at ARRL HQ. SM Betsey Doane, K1EIC, passed the request to Mac Harper, W1FYM. The Arlington Public Service Club responded to Mac's email seeking volunteers. Arthur Feller, W4ART, proposed using VHF from Arlington, and communicating via IRLP to Connecticut. Jack Reed, W4FXX, helped find club members who might participate. Adam Hahn, KG4VNC, went to the Arlington ceremony. Mac, W1FYM, set up a portable VHF and HF station in Bushnell Park, Hartford, for the ceremony. Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, station manager at W1AW, operated during his lunch hour to provide an HF link. Mac, Joe, and Adam established voice communications at noon, using IRLP via the PVRA repeater W1HDA in Vernon, Connecticut. At 12:14 EST, KG4VNC passed the voice message, "The cannons have fired. The honor guard is beginning their salute." W1FYM informed the military, who began their rifle salute simultaneously with Arlington. Following the bugle playing of TAPS, Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, station manager of W1AW, transmitted the C.W. message on 40M: "THE RIFLE SALUTE FOR REAR ADMIRAL BARRY K. ATKINS WAS FIRED AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY AT 12:15 LOCAL TIME ON MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2006." The clarion tones of Morse Code were audible to all present, and were reminiscent of the Morse messages used during World War II. Master Chief Charley Williams read the Governor's Proclamation and delivered remarks upon the life and history of the admiral. Members of the Marine Corps League and Navy Reserve units from Plainville rendered the honors in Hartford. Charley Williams, HMCM(SS) represented the State Department of Veterans' Affairs. Lisa Perrona was present from State Representative John Larson's office. Many thanks Mac—terrific job and great PR for Amateur Radio! Norm W3IZ is running a 5-session Technician Class at The Southington Town Hall

each week from 7:00-9:00 p.m. from March 2 through March 30. If you know anyone who wants to take the class, contact Norm at [w3iz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:w3iz@sbcglobal.net). ECARA is running a general class end of March. Your SM and SEC Rod had a great time at the Candlewood ARA where they gave out merit framed hurricane certificates to N1OCM and KB1LQV for their efforts during their deployment during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Several TOPOFF certificates were presented to CARA members who participated. We thoroughly enjoyed the program on antique radios given by Marty, K1CVF. He has an incredible collection you will not want to miss so invite him to your club! Mark your calendars: March 18 ECARA Ham Fest Pomfret Community School 8:00 a.m. to noon; April 23 Southington Ham Fest and ARES Annual Meeting. Come meet our new Field And Educational Services Dept. Manager Dave Patton, NN1N who will be speaking at this meeting! I spoke with Dave recently and he is looking forward to meeting you. Also on that date, Kevin KA6PDG and members of RASON will be doing communications for the MS Walk-a-thon 7:30-1:00 p.m. that day. If you can help, contact Kevin at (860) 886-0762. Bill, W1KKF, president of the Meriden ARC presented Joel N1JEO an engraved pocket knife for his many years of service. Congratulations Joel! February is the birth month of the Meriden Club. As such is is also the birth month of W1NRG the club's station. W1NRG is an active member of 10-10. To celebrate the anniversary of the club's birth and also W1NRG we will hold a special for Castle Craig members for the month of February. The details of the special are simple. Just work all the Castle Craig members that you can during the month of February. You may work a station for credit only once. For each station that you work, you will receive a 5 point upgrade on your Castle Craig Plus. You may count your own call for the special giving you an extra 5 points. Those members not having the Castle Craig Plus will be upgraded at the time of application and we welcome new members to join our chapter at that time. All members must be worked on 10 meters, and the special starts February 1, 2006 and ends February 28, 2006. Log information consisting of call of station worked and station's Castle Craig number should be sent to the Certificate Manager via email no later than March 10, 2006. For those members without email it should be sent to the CBA of N1API no later than March 15, 2005. US mail must include and SASE for return postage, (\$1.00 for DX Stations). Your upgrade will be returned the same method as is was received. Thanks for your support of The Castle Craig Chapter of 10-10 and we hope to work you all in February! 73- Al N1API Certificate Manager Castle Craig Chapter of 10-10

## **Eastern Massachusetts**

Greetings to all Weather seems to be the most discussed topic these days. We certainly have had a strange winter. After a record breaking warm January, winter came back with vengeance in February with cold and snow. This weather has included several memorable storm events, culminating with the "Blizzard of aught 6" (2006 that is), followed by the worst windstorm of the season. My deep thanks to SEC, Rob, KD1CY and his Skywarn and ARES teams for their efforts this week. I also want to recognize those hams in our section who are involved in the RACES and MARS programs for their participation in the storm. With all the cold about us, we may not be thinking of the spring and the Public Service Event season. It is less than two months time to the premier event involving hams, the Boston Marathon. Please consider volunteering to join the effort, and you'll be helping significantly while receiving invaluable training. Please visit <http://amateur-radio.net/marc/> to receive necessary information and register. There are also other events that are coordinated by the BARC and CPSG clubs, to name just a few. Thank you in advance for your participation this season! Special Announcements The Framingham Amateur Radio Association (FARA) will host what they are calling an "ARRL Night" on March 2nd at their usual meeting place in the basement of the Danforth Museum, Framingham, MA. The featured speaker will be Allen Pitts, W1AGP, ARRL's PR and Media Manger. "W1AGP will present on a huge ham radio PR campaign," writes FARA President Gordy Bello, K1GB. According to W1AGP, this is the biggest integrated PR campaign in ARRL history. Allen is a very dynamic speaker. Ron Wood has extended an invitation to all section PIO's to join him for this fine presentation. For more information, please visit the FARA website at <http://www.fara.org> . On March 15th, the MMRA will

host a presentation by Lou, N1UEC on Hurricane Katrina and the "Angel Flight" program. Lou is a private pilot and participated as a volunteer during Hurricane Katrina in Angel Flight. Angel Flight is an organization that provides, through its members, access for people in need seeking free air transportation to specialized health care facilities or distant destinations due to family, community, or national crisis. Lou will share his experiences as a volunteer and answer questions. Location TBD. Please visit the MMRA website [www.mmra.org](http://www.mmra.org) website for details and updates. In other news around the Eastern Mass Section (contributed by our PIC, Ron, W1PLW) Rick Ferreira, KB1KWF Director of the City of Taunton Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) and Peter Ferreira KB1LXG, the assistant Director, organized a volunteer recognition night at the Taunton Emergency Operations Center on December 20, 2005 that turned into a great holiday social event for all the TEMA volunteers. The group met with Mayor Nunes in the City Council Chambers and was presented with a citation. An Eastern MA amateur will have his technical project featured in an upcoming issue of QST Magazine. Jim Hanson, W1TRC of Maynard is shown demonstrating his ultrasonic powerline arc detector at a recent Nashoba Valley Amateur Radio Club meeting. Hanson designed the device to identify power line noise sources caused by arcing. W1TRC says he has used the device to help find fourteen powerline problems near his home. N1DT and K1VV activated the Conimicut and Nayatt Point Lighthouses (ARLHS USA 188, 532) under the call W1AA on Saturday, January 28, 2006 from 11:30 to 19:00 UTC (2:00 PM EST). "For the first time, early on, we will try to work the close in W and VE 1, 2 and 3 operators using 75 SSB," writes Robert "Whitey" Doherty, K1VV. He notes that the phone frequencies were: 475 SSB 3990 - 3998, 40 meters- 7209, 7223, 7248, 7281, 7287 plus or minus interference. Operation on 20 meters was above 14300; 17 meters, above 18150. CW contacts will occur on the half hour on 7.035, 14.035, and 18075. Doherty notes that they'll have a packet station in the truck and can spot themselves on the worldwide DX packet cluster. Telegraphic Codes and Message Practice, a Selection from Harvard Library Holdings, an exhibit at Harvard University, January 26-May 26, Cabot Science Library. Telegraphic code dictionaries were an integral part of telegraphic message practice from about 1870-1930. This exhibit can be viewed when the library is open. For details, call John McVey at 617-661-4276. There is an update on SKYWARN training for 2006 on our ARES website at <http://ema.arrl.org>. Further updates will be posted there as they are received. Old Spacesuit Turned Into New Ham Radio Satellite. What can you do with an old spacesuit? On Friday, February 3, Expedition 12 Commander Bill McArthur, KC5ACR, and Flight Engineer Valery Tokarev aboard the ISS will show the world how hams will make a radio out of just about anything as they release "SuitSat-1"-a surplus Russian spacesuit that's been outfitted with an Amateur Radio transmitter. It will go into low orbit and transmit greetings to hams and others around the world via radio. SuitSat is a project of the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program. "SuitSat is a Russian brainstorm," ARISS International Chairman Frank Bauer, KA3HDO, at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center explained. He credits ARISS-Russia's Sergei Samburov, RV3DR, and his colleagues with coming up with the concept of turning the old spacesuit into a novel satellite. SuitSat is a first test of that idea, Bauer says. The uninhabited space suit will contain a one-half watt radio transmitter, three batteries and internal sensors to measure temperature and battery voltage. "As SuitSat circles Earth, it will transmit its condition to the ground," Bauer says. SuitSat's 145.990 MHz signal should be able to be heard with a handheld ham radio transceiver or a common scanner with a modest antenna. It will identify itself by saying "This is SuitSat-1 RS0RS" in several languages. SuitSat's telemetry will include mission time, temperature and battery voltage (28 V is nominal). It will also beam down a picture, similar in resolution to a cell-phone quality picture. To conserve its battery, SuitSat's temperature controls will be turned off. This means the suit, which may spin when it is let loose, will be exposed to the sun's intense heat with no way to regulate its internal temperature. If all goes as planned, SuitSat will transmit its messages on a nine-minute cycle as it orbits Earth. Its batteries should hold out for about a week after deployment, and SuitSat itself will re-enter Earth's atmosphere after some six weeks in space. Will the suit overheat? How long will the batteries last? Can we earthlings get a clear signal if the suit tumbles? Lessons learned from this inaugural SuitSat deployment will help ARISS in planning future SuitSat ventures -and at least one more surplus space suit remains aboard the ISS. The hams are already looking at it and dreaming. de W1MPN

## Rhode Island

Greetings fellow Rhode Islanders: At the end of last month's activity report, I asked you to notice the fact that our Rhode Island section is the only New England section whose ARRL membership count has grown over the last year. Every other section in the NE division has lost members. Well, the January member census was recently published and RI has again added members. We are running contrary to the overall trend which you know from my ranting over the years, has steadily been losing membership. I know I can't expect to add members every month but I'm encouraged by this data. My sincere thanks are extended to every member who has helped me promote the value of ARRL membership. I wish every Amateur could have your understanding. The RI ARES organization continues to grow and develop under the leadership of our SEC, Sean KE1AB. I wish to recognize and offer thanks to the ECs who have lined up to help Sean. Training, NCS duties and monitoring the needs of served agencies require many "hands-on" volunteers. Sean and his team have been able to mobilize his volunteers to make RI ARES quite visible to our state and local emergency leaders. This latest innovation called "Snow Desk" is a fine example of beneficial innovative thinking that ARES put into action. In response to the blizzard that hit RI on February 12th, rather than simply call a formal ready net to order that might stay in session for a dozen or more hours, Sean and his team led by EC Bill, W1VH set up an informal Snow Desk on the 146.70 repeater to track the growing snow fall through the blizzard and events in our area needing attention. Beyond sticking a yardstick in our snow, dozens of ARES members and guests contributed a good deal of information. By stepping in and out, we all spent the time of the storm enjoyably and without long and tedious on-air work. Before Bill W1VH secured its operation, our state Red Cross Director of Disaster Services checked into the Snow Desk personally to thank us for supporting his agency during the storm. That was much appreciated! Nicely done Sean, Bill and the ARES crew! As the Olympic logo suggests; higher, faster, stronger. That's our goal as well. You received a special e mail message from me recently that listed the 72 RI members of DXCC that I could extract from the computer lists generated for me by the ARRL. I know that I'm a DXer and this may not interest some but it is what I enjoy doing in ham radio. Since sending the message out, I've received notes from several section DXers with corrections and additions. I have a new list put together with 75 DXCC members on it. We have nine members of the DXCC Honor Roll here in RI. The list will permanently be listed on the new RI section website that has been designed for us by W1EOF. This new site should be launched before my next monthly report and I will inform you of its URL by a special message as soon as it is ready. Of course, I'll also mention it in next month's activity report. I've seen some early versions of the web page and I think you will like it. You'll be able to easily refer to every one of these monthly activity reports by selecting which month you want to read. I'll like that feature a lot! It contains all sorts of resources and information files designed to help you. ARES will have its own special set of files for you. I've scheduled all day in Newington on February 21st to meet with the new ARRL COO and his staff to discuss our RI Library Book Program. It has aroused some resistance among the HQ purse watchers but I'm hopeful that we'll find some agreement in this extremely cost effective outreach effort designed to promote and popularize Amateur Radio and club membership in the nine communities served by our ARRL affiliated clubs. A full review of our discussion and hopefully agreement will be included in next month's section report. On January 21st, the DX world lost a true legend. Charlie Mellen, W1FH who held DXCC certificate #1 in both phone and mixed modes, became a Silent Key at the age of 91. Charlie lived his entire life in Boston, not Rhode Island, but his influence was universal world wide. We have very few DXers living today who possess Charlie's natural understanding of technique, band conditions, operating strategy and manners. Charlie was my DX Elmer. He taught me whatever I ever learned in DX operating or simply being a DXer for which I will always be grateful and feel that I was extremely fortunate. His daughter Jill asked me to write something suitable to inform the Amateur Radio world and I did so. ARRL drew from what I prepared and published a very respectable article on its ARRL webpage. You may view and read the article at <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/02/02/1/?nc=1> . Along this same line, please be sure to let me know when you learn of the passing of one of our own brother or sister Amateurs. It is the final dignity

we are able to convey and it shouldn't be overlooked. Thanks very sincerely for this extra effort. In January QST on page 21, Mary Hobart K1MMH wrote a very nice article about Bob Merriam and the New England Wireless and Steam Museum. I hope you all saw it. Despite getting Bob's name and the town name incorrect, it was a great story. Also, if you've never visited the museum, please make this a must do on your busy list of priorities. You may confidently take my word for it; you will be very pleased that you did. The museum is a world class dedication to world of wireless communication and steam powered industry that preceded the convenient radios and power plants we all enjoy today. It's been said by wiser people than I that if one doesn't where he's been, he has no chance to know where he's going. Jerry Plemmons K6JRY arranged with ARRL to produce some camera ready art work of the article with correct names, etc. He then had the material professionally framed for Bob to display proudly on the wall in the Massie station. The presentation was captured on film and I should have a picture on our RI ARRL website very soon. Check <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=RI> soon. Keep in mind that we will have a new and far more robust section website very soon to display these pictures and local stories. Finally, I just want to remind you about making license renewals. I covered this issue in last month's report and will do so again from time to time. Do not respond to the W5YI mailing that you will receive about 120 days before your license is due to expire. The mailing will describe the immediate danger that you face of losing your license unless you act immediately by sending W5YI \$8. As I stated last month, THIS IS NOT TRUE. PLEASE DO NOT DO IT. Everyone reading this report is an ARRL member and each of you will automatically receive a free mailing from the League about 90 days before your expiration date containing a renewal form 605 and a return envelope. All you need to do is sign the form and return it to Newington for the folks there to process and renew your license at no charge to you. Of course, if you wish, you may do it by yourself and renew on-line by selecting Licensing, then FCC Licenses, then License Renewal on the main ARRL web page, [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org). Please call or write to me if you need any help with this. 73 for now, Bob Beaudet, W1YRC

## **Vermont**

Here we are in February, and we FINALLY have some cold weather. It's been kind of nice having the warm stuff, but it really wouldn't be winter in Vermont, without some of the cold stuff. Next up for us should be a nice blizzard! And speaking of winter in Vermont, it's time for the Northern Vermont Winter Hamfest and ARRL Vermont State Convention. Yes, it's that time of year again. In fact, it's this coming Saturday! Here are some details: Saturday, February 25th is the date of the Milton Hamfest and ARRL Vermont State Convention. This is Vermont's Hamfest (our only one) so make sure you can get out and see us! A whole array of forums and demonstrations will be running as we try to offer something for everyone. There will be forums on Antennas, Radios in Balloons, APRS, Ham Computers, RFI and Powerline Interference and Why You Should Be a Ham (if you aren't). The ARRL Forum will include our Division Director, Vice Director, Section Manager and many section appointees to hear about the state of amateur radio. Special event station K1D will feature an all-kid cast making phone and digital contacts. The popular IRLP and Echolink demonstration returns again this year. If you're ready to buy new stuff, KJI Electronics and Quicksilver Products have the goodies. And, the Flea Market has just about everything else! There are 500 or so hams ready to say "hello" to you! The Hamfest runs 8AM to 1PM, so get up real early and get to the show. Details on the Milton Hamfest can be found at [www.ranv.org/milton.html](http://www.ranv.org/milton.html) or E-mail to [w1sj@arrl.net](mailto:w1sj@arrl.net) or talk-in on 145.15. See you there! I'll be wondering around in a stupor, trying to figure out if I should shop the Flea Market, or attend any one of the great Forums. I'll also probably be a bit wired, as I plan to work the CQ WW 160 Meter Phone Contest, the night before. On another topic, I do hope that you got a chance to participate in the Vermont QSO Party, earlier this month. I have heard from many of you that you were able to put the rare state of Vermont on the air for our fellow Hams. I operated from home for a while, and then from WB1GQR. It sure beat watching the Super Bowl Pre-Game Show. Another thing that happens this time of year, is our push to get our PRB-1 Legislation passed in the Vermont House and Senate. You don't hear much from me about this after the month of May because the Legislature goes home for the

summer, and there is not much to report on. But rest assured, our SGL Dave Cain W1DEC has been working hard in the background, keeping our Bill in the forefront of our elected officials. Our Bill has a name. It is called MUNICIPAL REGULATION OF AMATEUR RADIO ANTENNAS. In the House, it is referred to as H.12, and in the Senate, there is an identical Bill called S.65. Last year when we introduced the Bill, it was assigned to the House Government Operations Committee. There were some hearings, and support for the Bill to be abundant. However, the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VCLT) expressed opposition to the Bill. At the end of the Legislative season, our Bill was Put on the Wall, which means that the issue is not dead, but we're not going to visit it again this year. The committee told the VCLT to spend the summer educating the towns about our Bill. That did not seem to happen. Here is an update from Joe Frank W1SOV (former SGL), who is helping Dave. The situation with H.12, a state version of PRB-1 with teeth in it, is up in the air. (Pardon the metaphors.) The House Government Operations Committee (HGOC) heard Dave Cain W1DEC, State SGL, and Joe Frank W1SOV on February 2. Jeff Spencer W1RL also came. The Committee chastised VLCT for stonewalling and demanded that VLCT resume negotiations with us. As a result VLCT met with us on February 7 and presented a draft of what it would be willing to recommend to its members for model zoning provisions to conform to PRB-1. In response to criticisms of the VLCT draft, VLCT subsequently made some revisions to its draft, but the revised version is still not satisfactory. Another session with HGOC was scheduled for February 17, but it was postponed because of a dire weather forecast, with no definite rescheduling. If HGOC will meet again soon on H.12, we'll probably be pressing for getting H.12 through the House before the cross-over deadline coming up early in March. What does all this mean? We are hoping that the Bill gets voted favorably out of committee. When this happens, we all need to write to our local Legislator to ask them to vote yes on the Bill on the Full House Floor. If that goes well, it will cross over to the Senate side, and we will need to write and call our local Senators. This is very important to our hobby! I will let you know by e-mail, if and when the time comes to act. This is our third year trying to get this important legislation passed. I will provide a link for you to find out who your local elected official is, as well as other useful information. If you are not familiar with the term, PRB-1 states that local governments must reasonably accommodate amateur operations, but they may still zone for height, safety and aesthetics concerns. This is from a 1985 FCC Rulemaking. It still applies today. Even though it is a Federal ruling, the government still wants the states to pass their own law to both personalize it, and to give the small towns a nearby place to look for guidance. In local ARES News, on Saturday, February 18, 2006, an impromptu statewide ARES Net was held. The purpose of this net was to test communications ability using linked repeater systems, IRLP and Echolink. A similar net was run in December 2004 during the statewide Simulated Emergency Net. A number of problems were uncovered that were hoped to be resolved this time around. I participated in the Net, and it drew a lot of check-ins. I forget how many, but there was no doubling, and everything went very smoothly. Mitch Stern W1SJ was the Net Control Operator and did an excellent job of explaining the transmission delays involved when working with linked systems like this. Mitch is also our Technical Coordinator for the Vermont Section. That's about it for this month. My big push in the coming weeks will be getting Bill H.12 passed! I will need your help, so be on the look out for e-mail from me, calling you to arms. Pretty soon, I'll get back to telling you what our great clubs have been up to. See you at Milton! Here is the January Traffic Report: Submitted by Bert Morton W1DFU Section Traffic Manager NAME/SESSIONS/QNI/QTC/MINUTES/MGR VPEN 5/30/0/151 WA1DLA GMN 26/662/18/1717 N1HXC VTNH 31/177/48/177 W1DFU KWN (Kingdom Weather Net) 19/97/0/390 KB1HWB Bennington County ARES NET 5/41/5/129 N1SP CVAN (Central Vt. ARES NET) 6/37/6/235 WA1LIE CVFMN (Central Vt. FM NET) 5/71/4/277 W1AAT ARES D-6 5/42/0/159 N1UKK DEC ARES NEK 3/14/1/70 K3BRJ GERITOL NET no report VE2MTM CVARCCN no report KD6PCE In related news, Bruce Greenleaf KF1Z has once again achieved Public Service Honor Role for all his activities within the Vermont Section. Congratulations Bruce!

**Western Massachusetts**

ARES REPORT \* A brief survey of the status of ARES in the section has been completed. ARES officials will be contacted and asked to elaborate on their ARES activities and membership status. \* ARES Section Planning Meetings will be scheduled for March and April throughout the section to bring ARES officials together to develop a Section Emergency Plan. The first meeting will likely be in early March in the Springfield area. \* The ARES Section Plan will include topics such as the WMA ARES Organization, Appointments and Jurisdictions, Net Structure and Liasons, Served Agencies, Activation and Reporting, ARESMAT, Training, NTS, Intra-section and Inter-section Liasons and Promoting ARES. \* Other topics of discussion besides the Section Plan will be training (ARECC, ICS/NIMS, CPR/AED, CERT, NCS/NTS, Red Cross, SkyWarn, etc.), certifications and credentialing, drills, establishing requirements for OES appointees, tracking public service activities as part of the ARES organization and working in the field (ARES and the served agency, liability, background checks, etc.). Many of these topics are currently being debated on the national scene and should be discussed at the section and local levels to provide input to the national policymakers. \* Upcoming drills include an EMA ARES Drill at the end of February that WMA may participate in and a state RACES drill in early June that ARES may assist with. WMA ARES will also begin to conduct its own drills once our planning tasks are put in motion. \* ARES officials should send in net, EC/DEC and ARES/public service activity reports for inclusion in the monthly section ARES report. 73, John,N2YHK,WMA SEC

## **Northwestern Division**

### **Montana**

January was a busy month for your SM, with little time for the hobby. I have been traveling the past two weeks and have not been able to submit reports. My apologies to those who may wait to read this column. Have heard many reports while traveling about signals recieved from Suitsat. Apparently, they were weak at best for "handheld" coverage. But, several stations report good signal level on home stations equipped with directive arrays. Some interference by uplink transmissions were also a problem. Thanks to those who worked so hard to put the Suitsat program together. I've seen increasing interest in APRS in my travels. More stations coming on all the time. In the Seattle area, it was hard to get a burst in with my tracker, tremendous activity on 144.390. If you havent already, take a look at UI View, the APRS viewer program. If you have a newer computer you'll find it works very well. IMN-W5UYH, QNI-585, QTC-109 MTN-KD7HWV, QNI-3004, QTC-54 MSN-KC7CIS, QNI-87 73, Doug, K7YD

### **Oregon**

Oregon SM: Randy Stimson KZ7T. SEC: W7IH. SCC: W7WZ. ACC: N7THL. STM: W7IZ. OOC: AB7OC. PIC: W6ABM. TC: WB7UNU. SGL: KA7KYQ. Sorry for missing last month's report but I got real sick just at the time I needed to get the report ready and really couldn't get out of bed. J.Bruce Prior, N7RR from Bellingham Washington sent me an e-mail about his hike from Mexico to Canada on the Pacific Crest Trail. It will start in April and finish in September. I will let him tell you about it. I will put just a portion on. The entire article will be on my web site which is [www.kz7t-oregonsm.org](http://www.kz7t-oregonsm.org). This will involve HF, VFH/UHF and APRS. I will leave it on the web site until April. You can find it on the PIC portion. Here is Bruce' article "From early April through September, 2006 I will be thru-hiking the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail (PCT) from the USA/Mexican border near Campo, California to Manning Provincial Park in southern British Columbia. To other hikers, I'll be known as "Doodad," my very appropriate trail-name. Operation PCT will include HF and VHF/UHF components. I will be using an Elecraft KX1 transceiver. I built my KX1 from a kit and I wrote a review of it in the April, 2004 QST. I praised the radio highly, but I complained that it really needed to operate on the 80 m band, since that is where hams meet, mostly in the evenings, to chat and to pass message traffic. Amateur radiograms are a great way for wilderness trekkers to stay in touch reliably with folks at home.

Radiograms can be delivered by telephone, by mail or by e-mail to the addressee. They can also be relayed via the same radio traffic system directly to the wilderness trekker. Spurred on by my plan to thru-hike the PCT this year, Wayne Burdick, the full-time design engineer at Elecraft, figured out how to add 80 m capability into the already very small and light-weight KX1 box, principally by adding a combination module for 30 and 80 meters which replaces the KXB30 module with one which enables both bands. I expect to be building my optional module soon, leaving plenty of time to test it in the field before my April PCT departure. With the brand-new KXB3080 adapter installed, the KX1 transmits CW on the 80 m, 40 m, 30 m and 20 m Amateur Radio bands, but it receives LSB or USB or AM transmissions from 1000 kHz in the AM broadcast band all the way up to 16.505 MHz, so cross-mode QSO's and shortwave listening are also lively possibilities. For originating and receiving message traffic, I will be checking into various West Coast 80 m CW nets: Oregon Section Net (OSN) 3587 kHz @ 1830 PDT (0130 UTC) Washington State Net (WSN) 3658 kHz @ 1845 PDT (0145 UTC) Northern California Net (NCN) 3630 kHz @ 1900 PDT (0200 UTC) British Columbia Emergency Net (BCEN) 3652 kHz @ 1900 PDT (0200 UTC) Southern California Net (SCN) 3598 kHz @ 1915 PDT (0215 UTC) Idaho Montana Net (IMN) 3647 kHz @ 2000 PDT (0300 UTC) There are also four Western US slow-speed Morse Code nets which operate on frequencies available to Technician Plus and Novice amateurs: Utah Code Net 3708 kHz @ 1830 PDT (0130 UTC) Colorado-Wyoming Net 3715 kHz @ 1830 PDT (0130 UTC) West Coast Slow Speed Net (WCN) 3702 kHz @ 1900 PDT (0200 UTC) Northern California Net (NCN) [slow-speed Morse Code session] 3705 kHz @ 2100 PDT (0400 UTC)''  
Dean Davis, KL7OR has been appointed as HF awards manager for the Salem ARC an ARRL Special Service Club. He will be responsible for validating WAS, 5-Band WAS in the area Congratulations to Wayne Harris KF6LDP for passing ARRL ARECC (001) and Keith Urban KE7EJL (002). Zale Archer KC7FYD passed ARECC (001) Traffic for December; N7YSS 238, W7IZ 231, W7IG 199, K7PMB 194, N7CM 105, KC7SGM 85, KD7ZLF 83, W7RRC 52, KC7SRL 29, N7HAE 25, W7VSE 23, N7APE 14 and WS7L 4 For January W7IG 185, W7IZ 159, N7YSS 152, N7CM 143, KD7ZLF 89, N7HAE 81, K7EAJ 71, K7PMB 62, N7DRP 51, KC7SRL 48, W7VSE 46, KC7SGM 27, WS7L 26 and N7APE15 PSHR for December; W7RRC 140, N7CM 135, K7EAJ 130, N7YSS 110, KD7ZLF 100, KC7SGM 90, N7HAE 75, KK7TN 75, KL7OR 80, W7VSE 73, and K7OER 43. For February N7QQU 212, K7EAJ 175, N7CM 140, N7YSS 110, KD7THV 105, W7VSE 88, N7DRP 80, N7HAE 80, KL7OR 80, KE7AUB 78, KC7SGM 77, KK7TN 74, and K7OER OO Reports for December; N7PAT 100 hours and AB7X 249 hours For January N7PAT 60 hours, NS7J 45 hours, AB7OC 240 hours, AB7X 201 hours and WB7OR 40 hours.

## **Western Washington**

SEC Jim, K7CEX reports a pretty slow month as teams re-tool for the 2006 activities. District 4 is still without a DEC; however two applicants have stepped forward. It is hoped that an appointment will be made around the middle of March. District 1 DEC Bill, W7ARC reports: Island County AREA/RACES Quarterly meeting was held on 26 January. Excellent Program by John Bitting on his deployment to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Certificates of appreciation were presented to John Bolte (W0QJM), Richard Isakson (KE7DMJ), Joe Thomas (WA7JT), and John Acton (K7ACT) for their part in the Western Washington Medical Services communications simulated emergency test. Snohomish County reports that: Medical facilities continue to be upgraded with complete suites of ham gear. Providence Everett Medical Center Colby Campus has all equipment installed. There are still some adjustments to be made, but the EOC has participated in the statewide EOC to EOC drills as well as District 1 drills, very successfully. The EOC has been able to establish packet communications and is working to establish reliable packet networks with all medical EOC's in Snohomish County as well as District 1. The American Red Cross Snohomish County Chapter House is in the beginning stages of building their EOC. A room has been identified and preliminary work has begun. ARRL Western Washington Section Tech Rep, Jim Pratt, K7QI is leading the team that will install the equipment and bring the Chapter House up to full operation. Snohomish County ARES is most thankful for Jim's



assistance. District 2 ADEC Russ, K1INA, filling in for DEC Owen who is traveling with his band, reports: Jefferson County training is progressing on the use of the DEM supplied mobility communications kits. Several members trained as Skywarn observers this month. Packet training will start in February. District 3 DEC Ken, K7TAG, reports that Lewis County EC Bill, AC7SR pulled a sudden drill at the end of the weekly net and asked all checking in to switch to battery power. A good test of the capabilities of the team members. They were also asked to assist in setting up the new Lewis County EOC. Pacific County has to repair an antenna on the EOC that was blown down during one of the windstorms. District 3 held in Quarterly meeting and annual review in Montesano at the beginning of the month with representatives from all counties present. District 4 Clark County EC Bob, K7YFJ reports that Clark County ARES/RACES members covered CEMNet check-ins for the County. The team had ten hams attending the Digital/Packet meeting January 9th where the importance of Packet Radio capability for emergencies was emphasized. On February 10 the Team leaders and assistants met for lunch to review plans for the ARES/RACES meeting and discuss plans for the next few months. On February 11th, Chip, WB7TFD; A, K7ABL and Bob, K7YFJ, met to put together a new river monitoring unit, purchased from back east. The team held our monthly ARES/RACES meeting on January 16th with 40 members present. We had two power point presentations, one on 72 hour kits by Al, K7ABL, and one by Chip, WB7TFD, on the new river monitor unit as well as a history behind our involvement in this program. Bob, K7YFJ, represented the ARES/RACES group at the Clark County Citizens Corp meeting on Thursday, January 19th. On Saturday January 21st 8 ARES/RACES VE team members provided a special VE test for some local police officers. The team is getting ready to retrofit our new 10 by 12 radio room in the Clark County EOC building. Cowlitz County EC Randy, NU7D reports January 21-22 – Three Teams of the Cowlitz County ELT searched for an ELT signal for a missing Cessna 425 that may have crashed North of the city of Carson in Skamania County. The Teams had no luck on receiving any kind of signal. Wahkiakum County EC John, KB7UED reports that he is now surveying the hams in the county, and recruiting to build up the county team. John is also building cross river relationships with the folks from Clatsop County in Oregon. No narrative comments from District 5 District 6 DEC Kirk, N7UK, reports that planning continues for this year's Communications Academy, to be held April 1-2 at the Criminal Justice Training Center in Burien. Marina Zuetell is spearheading the effort, with assistance from Kirk, Public Information Coordinator Bruce KC7IAY, and members of the Seattle, Shoreline, MST, Kirkland, Port of Seattle, and King Co. RCECC Support teams. Check back at [www.commacademy.org](http://www.commacademy.org) for updates. Puget Sound Energy Team has new VHF/UHF and packet equipment which has been installed in the EOC for Puget Sound Energy. The move into the new radio room at the EOC has been completed. The North Bend ARES team has established a backup EOC and radio room in Eastside Fire & Rescue Station 87, within the city limits. The Bellevue fire chief honored one of the EARS members for outstanding volunteer work. ASEC and MST Coordinator Marina, N7LSL, reports that in January, an excellent training session was facilitated by Alan KD7KUS, on Haz-Mat Response in Hospitals. Marina also reports that she is spending a lot of time on Comm Academy planning and attending a number of meetings with hospital groups across state.

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## **Pacific Division**

### **Nevada**

Nevada Section News Summary on February 10, 2006 See the Nevada Section website at <http://nv.arrl.org> for the complete stories. February 10, 2006 - ARES Monthly Report for January'06 SEC Summary - It looks like the Nevada Section is hitting the ground running as the new year begins. Many activities, mostly surrounding generating new hams and training is on the drawing board all over

the state. Planning also continues for EMCOMMWEST 2006. The venue has been set, and the conference will be held at the Atlantis Hotel and Resort in Reno. Publicity, website activation and online registration will all be up and running during February. Forms have already been sent to the ARRL so that this will become a league sponsored special event. Invitations have been made to Director and Vice Director of the Pacific Division, and other speakers and presenters are being arranged for. Having accepted the invitation, I plan on speaking to the SIERA Club in Minden on February 16, and plans are being made to get together with the Southern District folks on March 18 in Las Vegas. Our focus will be on goals and plans for 2006 as a section and within the 3 districts. Doug KA7FOO (Northwest DEC) is also planning a trip to Vegas sometime in April. Other than that, the years first month got off to a fairly quiet start. SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORT: January was mostly a slow month. Planning being made and an agenda being formulated for meeting with SEC in March (already noted). Also, Bruce, K7LAF ran a signal check using his 5 element beam directed toward the 147.150 repeater on Mt. Rose. Hopes are to be able to tie into the the Northwest District nets held on that system. Noisy signals initially, but work will continue. Two day class held on ICS, provided by the office of Emergency Management from Nye County. 4 people attended. More upcoming training on the way provided again by OEM. Nye County ARES will be having a drill in March which is being planned. Clark County General meeting held on January 28 which included a tour of Emergency Communications Center. Meeting chaired by AEC/Ops and training, Very, K0EGA. NORTHWEST DISTRICT REPORT: January started off with a flood, as mentioned in the December report in the Reno/Sparks area. Skywarn was activated at NWS. Many members helped with the event. Many members also helped with the one day Ham Cram class in Reno, held at the Washoe County EOC. Of the 34 students who took the course, 30 passed, including one 10 year old girl, the daughter of Andy, KD7ZEV, PIO for the WADG club. Andy, together with Bob, WA6MTY (AEC) and Frank Walsh, KE7AJ0 were lead in putting the class together and organizing the effort, and did a spectacular job. First week in February they are planning a forum for the new hams to teach them about how to get started in the hobby. We wish to offer a tremendous thank you to Dick Creley, KJ7UK, who stepped down as Douglas County EC. He is one of those from whom you learn a great deal, and is an outstanding leader. Dick will remain as ASEC for the Nevada Section, supporting the SEC. Thanks Dick! New EC for Douglas county is now Glenn Thomas, WB6W, who is also ACC for the section. Glenn is former SM for SCV Section and also DCART leader now, as he takes the reins from Mr. Creley. Glenn is also responsible for caring for the Nevada Section website, so he has his plate full. DEC is now working on summer events and activities, races and etc. Also plans are being formulated to fill vacant EC spots in the district. NORTHEAST DISTRICT REPORT: DEC met with new licensee in Ely (White Pine County) who is interested in cultivating a new organization there, which is a much needed commodity. Link installed to the Elko Amateur Radio Club s linked repeater system at the Barrick Goldstrike Mine s Emergency Operations Center. The 146.85 frequency has been installed in the same radio utilized for communications with the local public service agencies. This center will be activated during Level 3 incidents where the formal incident command structure would be utilized such as the recent coal mine disasters in West Virginia. It is also activated for drills with the mine rescue team and local agencies. Several licensed amateurs are employed at the mine, and would act as control operators should this radio ever need to be put into amateur service. Nice job Joe! February 3, 2006 - Quartzfest06 Report - Yours truely (WB6W) ventured down to the Quartzfest06 happening in late January. I didn't originally plan to bore y'all with my vacation pictures, but the demand on the Northwestern ARES net was dramatic. I've finally got the thing built, such as it is, so enjoy my Quartzfest in Quartzite AZ pix and descriptions! January 31, 2006 - Change of Venue for UNR Breakfast - the UNR Breakfast will be moving to Denny's on Wells Ave just off I-80. It will still be at 7am. January 28, 2006 - New Ham Swap e-mail list started - Paul Cavnar, NN7B reports, "This is to introduce the ECVN ham radio regional e-mail swap list. The list is for 'regional' coverage of be Northern Nevada, Northern California, Southern Oregon and Southern Idaho. That way it is more practical than a nationwide net since it also allows someone the ability to travel a reasonable distance to pick up material for deals made within the area. Of course, small items can be shipped for a lesser amount due to most everything being within one or two days shipping time. January 21, 2006 - The

Ninth Circuit Court has ruled in a case involving PCS towers, SPRINT PCS ASSETS V CITY OF LA CANADA, that a city may not deny a telecommunications company a permit to construct and to install a wireless antenna based on aesthetic considerations. I'm not a lawyer and it is not clear to me that the legal basis of this decision would apply to an Amateur radio tower. IMHO the basic principle may be applicable though. - de WB6W (tnx to NG1Q for pointing out this case!) -30-

## **Sacramento Valley**

The heavy rains that we had in December did not continue into the New Year. January was relatively dry, but we are still above normal rainfall, but winter is not over as yet. So far there has been little activity or need for ARES groups to respond, but let us all keep the GO bags ready in case of flooding or heavy snow. Dave Thorne, K6SOJ, SEC published the February issue of EMCOMM Monthly and it is, as usual, worth reading. He sends it by email and it is free. For a copy, or subscription, contact Dave at k6soj@wrri.org. In January I attended the following club meetings; North Hills ARC, Sierra Foothills ARC, and Friends & Amateur Radio Communication Enthusiasts - FARCE. Remember to keep your clubs information, on the League's web pages, up to date as to officers, meeting date and time, etc. I know there are several clubs in the section that have not contacted me. If your club is not affiliated with the ARRL, please send me the information on your club, as I would like to know what your interests are and for possible ARRL affiliation. FARCE: The club has just updated their web pages and adding many links to it. The club has a station set up in one of the California State Data Centers. The members work or have worked for the State – closed membership - and they are prepared to operate, if needed, during an emergency. The club has been in operation for several years. ANTENNAS: Several antennas were damaged during the high winds. Jim, K9JM, the Northern California Net's Manager, had his wire antenna damaged and just completed repairing it. It consists of two parallel wires spaced about a foot apart and fed, in the center, with ladder line. My 80 meter wire antenna is still at about 12 feet above ground. I plan on moving it as soon as I get parts and find some one to shoot a line into the trees. STATE GOVERNMENT LIAISON: Peter, N6XYI, has completed the Emergency Communications Course and is busy checking on possible State legislation that could have a bearing on amateur radio. Two bills he is watching are Senate Bill 909, relating to broadband access and Assembly Bill 955, relating to communications. HAM CRAM: The Amador County RC completed another successful ham-cram and exams. There is another course in the planning and will be held in Jackson, by the club. For information on the date and time for this one day Technician class and exam, contact Ray Parker ND6S at nd6s@arri.net . The results have been excellent on the several classes that have been given. Ray teaches the class and is also the club's President. SWAP NET: An email swap net has been organized by Paul NN7B. They invite hams from Northern Nevada, Northern California, Southern Oregon and Southern Idaho to list their for-sale items or their want items. To subscribe to the net, go to <http://mailman.qth.net/listinfo/ecnv>, for questions on the list contact the list owner Paul NN7B at [cavnar@gbis.com](mailto:cavnar@gbis.com). YUBA SUTTER ARC: The club has been kind enough to allow the use of their repeater for a monthly Section Net, which meets on the 2nd Wednesday at 7 pm on 146.085 MHz, PL 127.3 Hz. We have held this net for nearly 20 years. Thanks!! Seems to me all they do is eat! They hold a breakfast on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in Yuba City and on some Saturdays, as well as frequent Pot Luck Dinners. Their next VE Exam will be held on March 4, in Yuba City. Check their web pages at <http://users.cwnet.com/ysarc> or contact on [firtree25@aol.com](mailto:firtree25@aol.com). TAHOE ARA: The Tahoe club is busy planning their activities for the year 2006, and getting their repeaters tuned up for maximum operation. They recently assisted the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office in a County Wide SET exercise and responded to provide communications during a breakdown of the 911 phone system during an extremely heavy snow, after a hour and a half the phone company had the system repaired. They have had to cover breakdowns of the 911 system several times in the past year. In the summer the phone boxes are used for target practice. GOLDEN EMPIRE ARS: Al Beigler, WA6WJZ, was awarded the Member of the Year for his outstanding work for the club over many years. He is the repeater Trustee and is a net control for the weekly net. Al is also the Sacramento Valley Section Traffic Manager, a position which he has held

for nearly 20 years. He has been a club member since 1961. In 1992, Al was the Pacific Division Ham of the Year. Club members provided communication, in January, for a SET involving the Butte and Glenn County ARES. GEARS also is a VEC and gives VE exams. LINCOLN HILLS ARG: The group has completed and submitted a proposal to the LH Homeowners Association that, if approved, will permit the acquisition and installation of equipment necessary for emergency communications in Lincoln Hills. The club is working with the Lincoln Police Department in aiding to help keep crime at a minimum. Five members also participated with the Sacramento County Sheriff's SHARP group. Lincoln Hills is between Roseville and Lincoln, on Highway 65. MOTHER LODGE DXCC: The club is recruiting new members that are interested in Contesting and/or DX. They believe they won the California QSO Party again last year, but the Redwood Club is breathing down their neck. They meet in Martell, near Jackson, usually on the 3rd Saturday – depends on contests – at 12 noon. Club member Norm Wilson, N6JV, is on a mini-DX-pedition with several others to an island in the Mexican IOTA Group NA-124. The club's website is: [www.mldxcc.com](http://www.mldxcc.com). MISC: The Section Net meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 pm on the Yuba Sutter repeater on 146.085, PL 127.3, at 7:30 pm the HF session of the net meets on 3987 KHz. There are also nets at 7:30 pm each Wednesday on 3987. The Northern California Traffic Net – NCN – meets at 7 pm daily on 3630 KHz and the Slow Speed Training net at 9 pm on 3705 KHz. Most clubs hold weekly nets on VHF. As I mentioned last year I am still looking for some one that would be interested in taking over as the Section Manager for the Sacramento Valley. It does require considerable time and knowledge of the Section operation, as well as the overall functions of the ARRL and the Pacific Division. I hope we continue to get rain, but in a reasonable quantity over a period of time. Your Emergency Coordinator may need your help, but contact him before an emergency occurs. Take Care and keep dry. 73, Jettie, W6RFF

## **San Joaquin Valley**

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for the month of January 2006: 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. Emergency Coordinators are needed in Merced County. Contact N6ZFN ([n6zfn@ares-races.net](mailto:n6zfn@ares-races.net)) or W6DPD ([w6dpd@arrl.org](mailto:w6dpd@arrl.org)) if you can help. K6KAP is the new EC for Mariposa County and KA6PNL is the new EC for Kings County. Welcome aboard. Mark your calendars. The International DX Convention is April 21-23, 2006 at Visalia. Check <http://www.dxconvention.org/> for information. EMCOMM West is May 6-7, 2006 at the Atlantis Casino Resort in Reno. Check [www.emcommwest.org](http://www.emcommwest.org) for information. Field Day is June 24-25, 2006. The 64th Fresno Hamfest will be August 5, 2006 at the Satellite Student Union on the CSUF Campus. Check [www.w6to.com](http://www.w6to.com) for information. Pacificon 06 will be October 13-15, 2006 at the San Ramon Marriott. Check [www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org) for information. 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](http://www.arrl.org) for exam information. You can also search for Amateur Radio Classes in your area. 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. The California Traffic Net meets daily on 3.906 MHZ and 6:30 PM local time. It is my sad duty to report that K6CME is a Silent Key. He will be missed. WA6EXV received s Lifetime Achievement Award from the San Bernardino Microwave Society. Congratulations Chuck. Congratulations to W6DOM, KF6HNF, KE6SHL, KO6QZ, and K6PPJ on completing the ARECC Level One Course. K6YK has earned the CQ Field Award. Manteca ARC 2006 officers are pres KD6PCT, vp KE6OGL, sec WA6FQM and Treas KC6UUS. Their new club call sign is K6MAN. The club meets the first Thursday in Manteca. The club is the second oldest ARRL affiliated Club in the SJV Section. Calaveras ARS 2006 officers are pres AE6LA, vp KO6HV, sec WB6QVU, and treas AC6Y. The clubs new call sign is N6FRG. Check [www.calaverasars.org](http://www.calaverasars.org) for information on the club.

Bakersfield ARS named WB6GQH its Ham of the Year for 2005. The 2006 officers are pres N6BAR, sp KB6JFL, sec KD6JSB, and treas KA6VXC. Check [www.w6bar.org](http://www.w6bar.org) for information on the club. Sierra ARC 2006 officers pres WA6QYR, 1st vp KC6UUM, 2nd vp KG6STR, sec WA6KZV, and treas KC6UUS. Check [www.qsl.net/wa6ybn](http://www.qsl.net/wa6ybn) for information on the club. TCARES 2006 officers are pres KG6FEY, vp WB6WFF, sec KE6RGP, and treas WA7MOB. Check [www.lodelink.com/tcares](http://www.lodelink.com/tcares) for information. Clovis ARC 2006 officers are pres N6JXL, vp KG6YLE, sec KB6LQV, treas KD6WAW. The club meets the first Friday at the Clovis Senior Center in Clovis CA. Check [www.k6arp.org](http://www.k6arp.org) for information. Kern County Central Valley ARC 2006 officers are pres KF6JOQ, 1st vp KC6ZRF, 2nd vp KG6OPR, sec KG6YSZ, and treas KG6MPH. The club meets the 4th Tuesday in Bakersfield. Check [www.w6lie.org](http://www.w6lie.org) for information. Southern Sierra ARS 2006 officers are pres KD6RPJ, 1st vp N6RNC, 2nd vp W6TSP, sec WA6LDQ, and treas KD6KMN. The club meets the 2nd Thurs in Tehachapi. Check [www.ssars.net](http://www.ssars.net) for information. Tulare County ARC 2006 officers are pres WA6BEF, vp K6QOG, sec KF6KMY, and treas N6YMM. The club meets the 4th Thursday in Visalia. Check [www.tcarc.net](http://www.tcarc.net) for information. Traffic for January: W6DPD 4, K6RAU 18, and N6SUZ 121; Total 143. PSHR K6RAU 63, N6SUZ 100.

## **Roanoke Division**

### **North Carolina**

NORTH CAROLINA: SM, John Covington, W4CC - SEC: WA4MOK. STM: K4HA. TC: K4ITL. BM: KD4YTU. PIC: N2COP. OOC: W4ZRA. ACC: WA4KE. Those of us involved in public service communications don't do it for publicity, we do it because it's the right thing to do. We show up, do our job, and go home, knowing we have done our part to help in our community. Likewise, most of us operate our radios at home and try not to bother our neighbors with it. As a result of our being such good neighbors, most people have NO impression of Amateur Radio whatsoever, or believe that it is an activity that people did 50 years ago but not today. While that's better than having a bad impression of us, it fosters the idea that there are very few of us left and we don't need to be accommodated any longer. The goal of public relations is to create a favorable impression with the public. Specifically, we want the public to know that Amateur Radio is a worthwhile activity, both enjoyable and a benefit to the community. This impression is important for the very survival of Amateur Radio, because we need the support of the public so we can have two components critical to getting on the air: spectrum and antennas. Our spectrum is a resource that is scarce and highly desirable to others, and we must show constantly that we are worthy of keeping our frequencies. Antennas are an undesirable resource in the eyes of many; but the willingness of our neighbors to tolerate them is greatly improved if we can show our value to the community. How can we improve our relations with the public? There are several ways to approach this. First, keep in mind that we are ALL ambassadors for Amateur Radio. Even if all you do is have an Amateur Radio license plate, you are letting the public know you are a ham. If people identify you as being a ham, then their first impression of Amateur Radio will be based in large part on their impression of you. If you're a good neighbor, or a bad driver, then chances are their impression of Amateur Radio will be influenced by that. Group activities such as Field Day, JOTA and public service events offer excellent opportunities to tell the public about what we do, and the ability to reach many more people. However, this is harder in some respects than being a good neighbor, because your window of opportunity is very short. As a result, a well-considered plan to reach the public is essential. For direct contact with the public at such an event, having an official greeter and some literature will help. Remember, the goal is to develop a favorable impression, not necessarily recruit new hams (it takes the former to do the latter anyway). Dealing with the news media is more complicated, but offers a chance to reach the largest audience. In both cases, having a short, easy to understand explanation of why someone would want to be a ham is needed to take advantage of the opportunity. I saw a TV news report of a Field Day visit a number of years ago where the reporter asked several people why someone would want to be a ham, and nobody gave a very convincing answer (plenty of "how" and "what," but

no "why"). It was a slow news weekend with lots of airtime, but an opportunity was missed. Since then, I came up with a short "sound bite" answer that works for me: "Amateur Radio is an enjoyable activity that allows you to explore science and technology, make worldwide friendships, and be of service to your community." (and if they are still listening) "For most people who try it, It becomes a lifelong activity." Come up with your own sound bite to tell anyone why you are a ham, and you will use it more often than you might expect. Field Day is just over four months away, and it is not too early to start thinking about how you will approach public relations. The ARRL Public Information Officer program has many resources available to help. For more information, contact Bill Morine, N2COP, ARRL NC PIC or visit this web site: <http://www.arrrl.org/pio> Finally, public relations must be an ongoing activity - it never stops. There will never be a point where you can say you've done all that needs to be done, because the public's memory of good deeds fades quickly. However, if you develop a habit of being a good ambassador for Amateur Radio, then it gets a little easier and you become more effective at it. Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course (ARECC) graduates at any level have put in a lot of time and effort to improve their skills and knowledge of emergency communications. Last month, I recognized ARECC graduates in North Carolina by listing those who have reached Level 2, and in December those who have reached Level 3. This month, I list the NC Level 1 graduates: KD4TXQ, K1RCB, WB2RHM, KF4TFL, N4MIO, KF4OYT, W8HYD, K4DXA, KF4CZB, K8SKX, KF4NI, KG4IYH, N0UEP, K4RLC, KI4JJJ, KG4SOD, N4SNV, W4NCD, WA4SLC, K4IHM, KG4RVP, KF4ZMN, WA4AVU, N4QVM, WA0ZGL, KF4VTT, KC0DLP, KI4KK, KF4TVI, K4VET, N4AAD, K4EEH, KS4FX, KF4KS, KB4BR, WA4NC, KF4FGC, KG4OPM, AF6G, WB4NNY, AC4U, N2VJ, NJ2E, KR4FM, AG4KY, WA4MMS, KD4MTT, N2WSG, KE4JZK, KA1LXG, N4ZWQ, KN4GC, K4RKM, AE4NR, K4ZXN, K4MHM, N2COP, K4CDM, AF4XC, KG4VPY, KD4ISC, K4CSO, AI4GR, KI4IHL, NI4S, K4BNP, KB1HVA, AD4XV, KC4YOT, WD4JPQ (SK), K7DXF, AG4PW, W4YBQ, W4LJS, KG4IZA, W4CHL, KF4ZDS, N5NAH, AG4PC, NC4WT, K4RMV, KG4TQE, W4LN, WA8JZW, K4HMB, N4AVQ, W4CYE, KR4NU, KD4CLJ, KF4EML and KE4YBF. Also, KE5ABB and KI4HFN have reached Level 3; W1JDH and KB4TYE have reached Level 2. My congratulations and thanks to all of you. For more information about ARECC, visit <http://www.arrrl.org/cce/> Silent Keys: Jack Phifer, W4RTW; Millie Elwell, KA4ECM; O.O. Thompson, KB4FJT; and Ed Balwin, K4FHB. Don't forget the NC QSO Party on Sunday, February 26th from 1700Z to 0300Z February 27th (Sunday 12 noon to 10 PM). This event is sponsored by the Forsyth ARC. They are trying to find folks to activate all 100 counties (they've been one or two counties short each of the last five years). More information can be found at: <http://w4nc.com/pages/6/index.htm> Upcoming Hamfest: Charlotte, Saturday and Sunday, March 11-12. Parking is FREE this year! There will be an ARRL booth and forums, and lots of other things to do. I hope to see you there. On a separate matter, it is my understanding that the Elkin Hamfest as such will not take place, but there will instead be a tailgate at the Elkin Airport on Saturday, February 25th. January Traffic: W0UCE 1383 (BPL), W4EAT 1154 (BPL), W4UEF 446, AD4XV 221, K4IWW 205, WA4OBR 147, KI4YV 142, W3HL 111, W4DNA 106, KE4JHJ 105, K4RLD 86, KG4YNM 61, W4FAL 58, KE4AHC 52, W4TTO 41, W4NCD 39, KI4AHA 30, W4LN 27, NC8D 27, W4IRE 23, W4EHF 17. January PSNR: W4DNA 185, W4NCD 179, W4EAT 130, K4RLD 125, K4IWW 120, KE4JHJ 120, W0UCE 110, W4FAL 110, NC8D 101, KI4AHA 95, W4TTO 90, KI4YV 90, W4CJ 89, KG4YNM 80, W4LN 77.

## **South Carolina**

Greetings to all Amateur Radio Operators. This is Dr. Jim, N2ZZ with the February 2006 South Carolina Section Manager's Report! Please remember that the SC Section website can be found at: [www.arrrl-sc.org/](http://www.arrrl-sc.org/) where my full SM report will be listed as well as up-to-the-date information on Amateur Radio in South Carolina! The ARRL has a new president! ARRL First Vice President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, of Judsonia, Arkansas, will be the League's president for the next two years. He'll succeed Jim Haynie, W5JBP, who chose not to run for a fourth term in the uncompensated, volunteer post. Gathering in Windsor, Connecticut, for its annual meeting, the Board voted 10 to 5 to choose

Harrison over ARRL Central Division Director Dick Isely, W9GIG, the only other nominee. Speaking with Les K4NK, our Vice Director, Joel has already made some decisive changes. At the ARRL Board, there are numerous committees that are headed by ARRL Directors. Typically, Vice Directors are not given the chairmanship position on any of the committees. I'm proud to announce that Joel has appointed Les K4NK to the chairmanship of the Historic Committee of the ARRL! Congratulations, Les! I would like to offer my thanks to the Charleston Hamfest Committee for organizing a great hamfest on February 4th! I had the pleasure of presiding over the ARRL forum. Accompanying me was Les K4NK, our Vice Director of the Roanoke Division. It was a very enjoyable hamfest, and I look forward to attending again next year! My special thanks to Bryce K4LXF, Mike WA4HVP, and John W4HNK for taking the time to give me information about the Charleston linked repeater system! Thanks also to Adam WY4N, ASM-Youth; Marc N4UFP, TC and Bob WA2EMF, ASM2 of the ARRL-SC team for attending and assisting at the ARRL booth! The hospital linked repeater system project is proceeding. The Charleston Amateur Radio Society and the Trident Amateur Radio Club have joined forces in developing a linked repeater system in Charleston. In my hometown of Aiken, we are working on a similar project. The CARES network links repeaters from the Southern Coast of North Carolina down to Loris hospital in South Carolina. There is an initiative in the Upstate moving forward as well. My hope is that monies will continue to be made available for this project through state and federal grants, and eventually develop a linked hospital repeater system throughout the entire state. To my knowledge, this has not been done on a state-wide basis in any other state. There will be many hurdles to cross, but I ask that all involved keep a global look at "the big picture". The use of the repeaters will, of course, not be limited to hospital use, but will support the hospitals in times of emergency. The Charlotte hamfest will be held at the Charlotte Merchandise Mart in Charlotte, NC on March 11th and 12th. This hamfest is generally well attended by dealers, manufacturers and patrons, and is well worth attending! The Roanoke Division ARRL Service Award, which will be presented at the Charlotte Hamfest, was instituted in 1968 by Roanoke Division Director Vic Clark, W4KFC. Vic intended the award to be recognition for a long history of significant and consistent contribution to Amateur Radio. The amateur selected would have, over the years, dedicated much of his or her time to Amateur Radio and the ARRL. I am proud and humbled to report that this award will be presented to two hams this year: John Covington W4CC, North Carolina Section Manager and to Me! John will be leaving the Section Manager post as of April 1st, and I am proud to receive the award alongside John, who has provided excellent leadership to the North Carolina Section! Please make plans to come to the ARRL Forum, where the presentations will take place! The South Carolina Single Sideband Net is in the process of putting together their 2006 net roster. If you would like to be included in the roster, or if you have corrections in your address, phone number, e-mail address, etc., please contact Tom WA4VYS wa4vys@arrl.net with your information. I am currently updating ARRL appointee information to be included in the roster. Please send all information to Tom before the end of February. Please also take time to check in to the net, which is held at 7 pm local time on 3915 kHz. The quarterly meeting for the South Carolina Chapter 89 of the Quarter Century Wireless Association will be February 25 at 11:00am at the Fire Mountain restaurant in the Harbison area of Columbia. After a short business meeting, the group will break for lunch. A program will be presented after lunch. The meeting typically adjourns about 1:00pm. Everyone is welcome. Those who have been licensed for 25 years or more are eligible for membership. There have been a few changes in the ARRL-SC team. I would like to thank Laurie KV4C and Dave WB4DFW for their contributions as Assistant Section Managers in Areas 4 and 1, respectively. They have indicated to me that their time has become very limited, and they have resigned their positions. This will result in the need for ASMs in Areas 1, 4 and 5. To find the Area in which you reside, go to the [www.arrl-sc.org](http://www.arrl-sc.org) website and click on: SC Emergency Management Division Areas . If you have an interest in serving as an ASM, please notify me! I spoke with Mike KG4SLH, PIC as well. He has very limited time at this point in his career due to his occupation and other activities. Mike will be assisting with the PIO duties in the Florence area, but this will create an opening of the position of Public Information Coordinator (PIC) for our Section. I would like to thank Mike for his fantastic work in the public information position, which earned him the prestigious Philip J. McGan Silver Antenna

Award in 2004 for excellence in bringing Amateur Radio to the forefront in local or national media. For those interested in applying for the PIC position, please read the information regarding that position on the [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) website as well as the section website [www.arrl-sc.org](http://www.arrl-sc.org) , and then contact me at [n2zz@arrl.org](mailto:n2zz@arrl.org) . Thanks! DXers have had a treat this week. 3Y0X, Peter One is on the air, and going strong! Please get on the air and work this DXpedition. It is unknown when this DXCC country will be on the air again! For information on the DXpedition, go to: <http://www.peterone.com> . As of yesterday, they have over 60,000 QSO's in the log, and their logs are on-line! Contesters and DX'ers, warm up your rigs! The ARRL CW DX contest is on this weekend! Full details are in QST and on the [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) website! That's it for now! Enjoy the shortest month of the year! See you next month!

January 2006 National Traffic System Report for South Carolina NET REPORTS: Net Name/Check Ins/Traffic Sessions/Reported By: Anderson Radio Club 2M Net/897/38/31/N4MEH; BRARS 2 Meter Net/1970/49/31/K4SUG; Carolina's Net/340/138/62/K4IWW; Carolina Slow Net/153/38/31/W4EAT; Columbia ARC 2 Meter Net/188/9/9/K4RKC; Grand Strand ARC 2M Net/346/22/14/N4XML; Greater Pee Dee 2 Meter Net/992/47/31/K4DTT; Greenwood ARC 2 Meter Net/84/5/4/W4DEW; Greenwood Friendly Net/433/35/31/W4JAK; Lancaster County 2 Meter Net/101/17/12/N4WMB; PALS Net/852/114/31/KG4KOE; SC SSB Net/1841/85/31/WB4DLD STATION ACTIVITY REPORTS: Station/Sent/Received/Delivered/Originated/Total KA4LRM/8/14/4/0/26; KA4UIV/7/7/2/0/16; K3LM/1/2/1/0/4; WB4DLD/0/33/4/0/37; N4MEH/1/44/4/3/52 PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL: Station/Cat. 1/Cat. 2/Cat. 3/Cat. 4/Cat. 5/Cat. 6/Total KA4LRM/40/26/20/0/0/0/86; KA4UIV/16/16/0/0/0/0/32; N4MEH/40/40/20/0/0/0/100 '73 de Dr. Jim N2ZZ, ARRL Section Manager, South Carolina Section

## **Rocky Mountain Division**

### **New Mexico**

Section News, January/February, 2006 The January Tailgate went very well. The weather wasn't too bad, except for the wind, and there was a good turnout. The only unsettling thing was watching K5TCU walk around in his shirtsleeves while the rest of tried to stay out of the wind and keep warm. Congratulations and a big "Thank you!" to K5TEE and all the people involved in putting this event together. Frank Warren, AB5WJ, is planning license classes for the first week of March. Contact Frank for more information. The Albuquerque Spring Tailgate, scheduled in April, should be in the planning stages, so watch for information about it. The Mesilla Valley Radio Club will hold their annual event in Las Cruces on April 30. More information will become available as the event gets closer. You can also contact KD5SSJ about the event. Check out the new Rocky Mountain Division web site at <http://www.tribcsp.com/~arrlrm> for information about the Rocky Mountain Division, bios on the Director, Vice Director, the Section Managers, and links to the Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico Section web pages. You are welcome to include a link to this site from your local club or your personal website. Suitsat-1, designated AO-54, seems to be alive, but is not too well. Launched on February 3, it was still being heard on the 13th, but with a very weak signal. Apparently, low battery voltage is limiting the output power. The Suitsat transmitter was supposed to put out 500 milliwatts, but it appears the actual output is more like one to ten milliwatts. This means you will need excellent VHF receiving gear and high-gain antennas to copy the 145.990 FM signal. Check <http://www.suitsat.org> for more information, or go to the AMSAT website <http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/index.php>. There is still no word from the FCC on when they plan to act on the "Morse code" proceeding, WT Docket 05-235. The latest word from the FCC is that they "...hope to release WT Docket 05-235 sometime this year..." but are not making any predictions. They also said they were not saving any big announcements for Dayton. Check <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories> for more information. The 2006 Rocky Mountain Division Convention will be held in Estes Park, Colorado, June 9th to 11th, at the Rocky Mountain Park Inn (Holiday Inn). It looks like it will be a good event, with lots of technical sessions and seminars, a keynote address Friday evening by the RM Division Vice Director, Brian Mileschosky. Riley



Holingsworth will be the banquet speaker Saturday evening. Register on line at <http://www.hamconcolorado.org>. Contact information for the hotel is 1-800-803-7837. Be sure you mention the Ham Convention. January net counts: NM Breakfast Club 1013/229, NM Roadrunner Traffic Net 1253/73, Four Corners Net 336/20, Yucca Net 650/66, Valencia County ARA 53/14, Rusty's Raiders 715/86, SCAT Net 619/18, Caravan Club Net 60/4. There are two Silent Keys to report this month, both from Alamogordo: Robert N. Jones, W5GLU, and Harry Ridge, WD5HLI. Each was unique and will be missed. We extend our condolences to their families. Until next time, remember to drink upstream from the herd. 73, de KM5FT

## **Southeastern Division**

### **Georgia**

SM: Susan Swiderski, AF4FO; ASM/South GA: Marshall Thigpen, W4IS; ASM/Legal: Jim Altman, W4UCK; ASM/Webmaster: Robert Tyler, KF4VBR; ASM/Youth: Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM; ASM/Scouting: David Pearce, ABØNG; SEC: Jim Cote, N4PJR; STM: Jim Hanna, AF4NS; BM: Eddy Kosobucki, K4JNL; OOC: Mike Swiderski, K4HBI; TC: Ed Tanton, N4XY; PIC: Norm Schklar, WA4ZXV; SGL: Bill Cherepy, WB4WTN; ACC: Robin Cutshaw, AA4RC [www.arrl-ga.org](http://www.arrl-ga.org) [www.gaares.org](http://www.gaares.org) Greetings, All. Well, here we are, halfway through another month, and it's time for another mid-monthly summary. If there are more typos than usual in here, that's because we were up until 4 AM last night, chasing Peter One. (but we caught him!!!) First off, I'd like to thank all of you who took the time to write a letter to the AJC reporter regarding the somewhat one-sided article he wrote about BPL. You did a terrific job, and your efforts are very much appreciated. (perhaps a little less so by the reporter, who told me that he received a LOT of emails from hams!) So, thank you, thank you, thank you. A very generous ham in Winder has offered to donate equipment for the purpose of setting up a complete working station at a school in that area. He would also be open to donating it to a local Scout group. If any of you work or volunteer at a Winder school or with a local Scout group, and would be interested in accepting his kind offer, please let me know, and I'll put you in touch with him. Talking about students, it's a pleasure to announce that LISA BIANCO, KG4UIB, won a GA Section certificate for her participation (and for making the most contacts) in this year's Kids Day event. CONGRATULATIONS to Lisa, and to her proud dad LYNN, KN4YZ. You can see more information, as well as Lisa's smiling face, on the "Youth Piglet Pages" on our [www.arrl-ga.org](http://www.arrl-ga.org) webpage. (Bet she had fun, too!) Next week is Severe Weather Week, as declared by Governor SONNY PERDUE, with Monday being set aside as "Family Protection Day". For those of you running an ARES net that evening, it would be a good opportunity to discuss ways that families can prepare for emergencies. (You can find a host of material for this on the FEMA, GEMA, Red Cross, and other websites.) Wednesday, the 22nd, will be the statewide tornado drill, kicking off at approximately 9AM. The Peachtree City NWS will be operating on 3.975 MHz, as well as on the linked repeater system. Local ARES groups are encouraged to run local nets and to relay the number of check-ins to the NWS. How's about carrying an HT to work with you that day and checking in from the workplace? Let's see how many counties we can have represented in this year's drill! (NOTE: Should the weather on Wednesday actually BE severe, the drill will be held on Friday.) CONGRATULATIONS to the newly-elected slate of officers chosen to lead the Gwinnett ARES for the next year: President- NORM SCHKLAR, WA4ZXV; VP- EARL WHATLEY, AF4FG; Secretary- BECAH JUBON, W3BEC; Treasurer- AMY WOODRICK, KE4IKF; and Activities Chairman- DAVE BRUSE, W4DTR. Best wishes for a successful and enjoyable year. CONGRATULATIONS, also, to a couple of very special GA Hams of the Year: The ARC of Augusta bestowed this honor on SID "HUTCH" HUTCHINSON, WB4GGS, and the Alford Memorial ARC chose to honor LARRY DODD, K4LED. Sid is one of our NTS stars, and has earned enough Brass Pounder awards to paper his whole shack, and is also a valued field day mover and shaker, club member, and friend. Larry is one of those "git 'er done" kinda guys, quietly going about the business of enthusiastically participating in club and ARES projects and activities. He also runs a terrific website at

101science.com, which looks like a great resource, especially for our young people who might need a little help with homework or a class project. So, congratulations to both of these fine fellas, both very worthy choices to have been named Ham of the Year. CHARLIE CARROLL, WD5ECL, asked me to make a very public expression of THANKS from him and the gang at the Brunswick P.D. to GREG TILLMAN, N4VAD, for the day he spent in teaching a technician class there recently. So, THANK YOU, Greg. You done good. Coming up right around the corner, on the 25th, is the Dalton hamfest. Sure hope you can make it! This one seems to get better and better every year. FYI: There will be an ARES forum at 10 AM, and a tri-service MARS meeting at eleven. If you do make it to this hamfest, please stop by the ARRL booth and say Howdy. Our esteemed Southeastern Director FRANK BUTLER, W4RH, and our Vice Director, SANDY DONAHUE, W4RU, will also be there. We'd all love to see YOU there. (Happy, Sandy? I mentioned your name...) Silent Keys: SAMUEL COUCH, WA4GVK; BRAIN FORD, KC4LYS; and STEVEN HOUGH, KB4HPQ Sincere condolences to the families and friends of each of these fine men. Well, folks that's about it for now. Time for a nap. Until next time, this is AF4FO, signing clear. Take care of yourselves. And each other. 73, Susan QTC January: \*\*WB4GGS-653; AF4NS-174; K4BAI-102; WB4BIK-72; K4WKT-64; N4VAD-59; K4GK-57; KR4JI-51; K4BG-37; K4BEH-32 \*\*He did it again! CONGRATULATIONS to SID "HUTCH" HUTCHINSON for earning yet another BPL listing in QST, with 337 messages received, 310 sent, and 6 delivered, for a grand total of 653. (smokin'!) +++ No trees were killed in the sending of this message. However, a number of electrons were terribly inconvenienced. +++

## **Southern Florida**

Hello everyone, I enjoyed meeting many of you at the recent hamfests and hope to see many of you in Stuart in March. The recent cold spell left many of us wondering just which part of 4-land we lived in and I hope March is a warmer month. I will attempt to get the news page at the ARRL site updated this weekend, meanwhile if you have not visited the page in the last 3 weeks please take a look. Go to: [www.arrl.org/sections/sfl.html](http://www.arrl.org/sections/sfl.html) Hugh Connelly, AG4HC, our Assistant Section Manager for Training Resources is preparing a page for the section website with listings of training opportunities and links to training programs. This will be housed at [www.sflarrl.org](http://www.sflarrl.org). Send him any info you may have on training programs and links [ag4hc@arrl.net](mailto:ag4hc@arrl.net) REPORTS: SAR January 2006: KA4FZI 624, WA2YL 136, KE4UOF 123, N3OZP 105, AI4GE 81, K4FQU 68, AA4BN 63, WA4EIC 42, AF4NR 11, K9GZT 5, K3QC 2 ===== PSHR January 2006: K4FQU 120, KA4FZI 120, KE4UOF 120, WA4YL 110, WA4EIC 100, AI4GE 100, N3OZP 105, AA4BN 84, W4DKB 25 ===== NET ABB. SESS QNI QTC MGR Florida Amateur Sideband Tfc Net FAST 31 267 46 KC4ZHF/K4SCL Florida Medium Speed Net FMSN 31 235 80 AG4RJ Jupiter-Tequesta Repeater Group JTRG 5 85 24 KF4NJB Martin County ARA MCARA 5 45 3 KE4UEI Saint Lucie Repeater Association SLRA 5 48 3 KE4UEI Southeast Florida Traffic Net SEFTN 61 641 138 AG4RJ Southwest Florida Traffic Net SWFTN 25 408 62 K4FQU Southern Florida ARES Net SFAN 4 40 0 AF4NR ===== Bulletin Report from David Smith KE4UEI: Recd 18, Sent 3, Total 21 ===== ARES Report for January 2006 8 ECs Reporting with 929 Members 929 in those counties 8 Nets, 4 with NTS Liaison ECs Reporting: WA4GUK, N5LHB, AA4BN, AD4RZ, KF4IHX, N4LEM, KF4MJJ & WA4ASJ There were 29 drills, tests & training sessions and 36 ARES operations This month's featured appointment is the Official Emergency Station. The requirements and qualifications for the position include the following: Full ARRL membership; experience as an ARES registrant; regular participation in the local ARES organization including drills and tests; participation in emergency nets and actual emergency situations; regular reporting of activities. The OES appointee is appointed to carry out specific functions and assignments designated by the appropriate EC or DEC. The OES appointee and the presiding EC or DEC, at the time of the OES appointment, will mutually develop a detailed, operational function/assignment and commitment for the new appointee. Together, they will develop a responsibility plan for the individual OES appointee that makes the best use of the individual's skills and abilities. During drills and actual emergency situations,

the OES appointee will be expected to implement his/her function with professionalism and minimal supervision. All ARRL appointments are made by the Section Manager and may be cancelled at any time by the Section Manager. Jeff, WA4AW, our Affiliated Club Coordinator and I would like to keep abreast of your club events & activities during the year. Please include us on your newsletter e mail or snail mail lists. We obtain most of our info for ARRL Section and national news from these club publications. Please inform us of your new club officers, board members, and contact person. These changes should also be made on the ARRL web site affiliated club page. The link below will take you there. <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/clubsearch.phtml?section=SFL&selsec=Show+clubs+in+selected+ARRL+section#listin> Should you have any questions on how to update your club page, please let Jeff know. E-mail [WA4AW@juno.com](mailto:WA4AW@juno.com) I have had questions recently about obtaining lists of e-mails for hams in a particular area. Sorry, can't help you there – the ARRL values your privacy. I would suggest you use one of the search engines and look for hams by zip code and then, slowly, enter each one in other servers that give e-mails – QRZ for example. Here's some good training for everyone. Even if you can't deploy with the group on a regular basis the training will give you good insight on how this type of group works and some good ideas about the importance of volunteers. **FLORIDA BAPTIST DISASTER RELIEF MINISTRY 2006 REGIONAL TRAINING DATES** March 11 First Baptist Church, Quincy April 1 First Baptist Church, Live Oak April 22 First Baptist Church, Melbourne May 6 First Baptist Church, Pompano May 20 First Baptist Church, Avon Park June 3 New Life Baptist Church, Milton June 10 Westside BC, Gainesville June 24 Lakeside BC, Lakeland No Pre-Registration Required—Registration is onsite at each training location. Cost for training is either \$10 or \$20, determined by whether or not you were trained before. Time: 8:30AM to 3:00PM with lunch included on site. That's all for now. Stay warm, stay safe and stay on the air. It's your world, say HELLO with radio. 73, Sherri, W4STB

## **Southwestern Division**

### **Arizona**

**ARIZONA SECTION NEWS February 2006 CLUBS** Mary has been busy this month. She has put together a Youth T-Shirt design. I am working on digitizing it and getting a few printed. Twelve presenters have added their name to the list to speak at club meetings around the state. We have a lot of talented people. If you would like to be added to the list please let Mary know. Mary Ahls W4NZJ, Arizona section Club Coordinator [w4nzj@arrl.net](mailto:w4nzj@arrl.net) **PRESENTATIONS** Ned Stearns AA7A will be giving a presentation of "A Contest Adventure in Africa". This will take place at the Central Arizona DX Association meeting on Thursday February 2, 2006. The location is the Salt River Employees Recreation Area, known as the PERA club, at One West Continental in Tempe. The meeting begins at 7pm. Visit [www.cadxa.org](http://www.cadxa.org) for more details. **SILENT KEYS** Charlie Ellis, W6PNM, January 6, Kingman. Charlie was a 3 time winner, "ARIZONA HAM OF THE YEAR". Recipient of the SWD Meritorious Service Award 1996. Charlie was very involved with the HUALAPAI ARC and he was also control operator for Hayden Peak repeater. Charlie had been the DEC for Mohave County. Ray Bass, W7OMR, January 9, Tucson. He was an Assistant Section Manager for Jim Swafford W7FF back in the '80's. Jim says "Ray was a very good worker and a loyal ARRL member. Ray also set up; and was responsible for most of the Tucson Repeater Association (TRA) Repeaters. He was a TRA officer for many years." Ray was also in charge of the Pima County RACES office up until about a year ago. **NEW HAMS** The following hams just received their FCC license, Congratulations! Neal Przecioski KE7FSC, Sheldon Stone KE7FSF, Ray Waddoups KE7FUM, David Wagner KE7FUN, James Stewart KE7FUH, Joshua Elftman KE7FUI, Michael Baker KE7FUG, Jeffrey Chervenka KE7FZV, Travis Morris KE7FZS, Mary Pena KE7FUL, Fred Pena KE7FUJ, Alan Jensen Jr KE7FSD, Joesph Fritsch KE7FSE, Sigmund Friedman KE7FZY, Daryl Koch KE7FSJ, David Foreman KE7FZJ, Joel Brodsky KE7FZI, David Cornelius KE7FSI, Paul Richards KE7FSK, Clark Hockabout KE7FRO, Suzie Hansen KE7FRM, Romel Macloud KE7FRN, Michael Wertz KE7FXF, Jeff Brown KE7FYZ, and Duane Dunn KE7FYC.

HAMFESTS Westfest was on January 14th at the Glendale Community College. This was much bigger than last year with many hams and non hams attending. It was good to see all of you there. West Valley Amateur Radio Club Annual Auction will be on February 6th at the St. Clements of Rome Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd in Sun City Arizona. <http://www.qsl.net/wvarc> Talk-In: 147.300 +600 input (PL 162.2). Contact: Ken Solheim, WN7DRX 623-544-2827 or [hamauction2006@cox.net](mailto:hamauction2006@cox.net) Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest and Electronics Expo will be on February 17-19th at the Yuma Fairgrounds. <http://www.yumahamfest.com> Talk-In: 146.840- (PL 88.5 Hz) Contact: Scott Seamans, W7RFI 928-376-3267 [w7rfi@beamspeed.net](mailto:w7rfi@beamspeed.net). This should be a very large hamfest. Amateur (Ham) Radio Equipment, Computers, General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS), Family Radio Service (FRS), Satellite Communications, Commercial Mobile Radio, Cellular Telephone, Internet Service Providers, Digital Satellite TV, Broadcast TV & Radio. Cliff will be out there with all of the ARRL material. Arizona Antique Radio Club Winter Swap Meet February 25, 2006 at the Catalina United Methodist Church, 2700 E. Speedway, Tucson. Parking lot (SE corner) opens at 8am. The meet is open to the public but you must be an AARC member to sell at this event (you are welcomed to join the club or renew your membership at the meet). For more info contact event coordinator Steve Lew [SLew2969@aol.com](mailto:SLew2969@aol.com). Spring Fest March 11, 2006 will be held at Scottsdale Community College. SPECIAL EVENTS FYBO (Freeze Your Butt Off) Winter QRP Field Day--CW, sponsored by the AZ ScQRPions from 1600Z - 2400Z Feb 4. Use QRP calling frequencies on HF bands, work stations once per band. Categories are SO, MS, MM, and Novice/Tech--indicate home or field. Exchange: RST, S/P/C, name, power, and temperature in degrees F at operating position. Score: total QSOs x S/P/C (counted only once) x Temperature multiplier x 4 (if field location) x 2 (if alternative pwr) x 2 (if QRP). Temp mult--65+ x1, 50-64 x2, 40-49 x3, 30-39 x4, 20-29 x5, <20 x6. Add 10,000 points for a QSO with NQ7RP. For more information: <http://www.azqrpions.org>. Logs due 30 days after the contest to [azscqrpions@covad.net](mailto:azscqrpions@covad.net) or John Stevens K5JS, 21547 North 91st Dr, Peoria AZ 85382. Lost Dutchman Days Celebration Feb 25, 1400Z-2400Z, Mesa, AZ. Superstition Amateur Radio Club, W7W. 28.263 21.363 14.263. QSL. SARC--W7W, PO Box 21522, Mesa, AZ 85227-1522. [www.wb7tjd.org](http://www.wb7tjd.org). First Annual 7th Area QSO Party, to be held May 6-7, 2006 <http://www.codxc.com/new/Page.asp?Content=dryland7s> Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about ARRL. If your club or group has an activity or event that would be of interest to other hams throughout our section please email me with the specifics. 73, Tom Fagan WB7NXH ARRL Section Manager Arizona Tucson Arizona 520 574-1129 [wb7nxb@arrl.org](mailto:wb7nxb@arrl.org)

# Section News for February 2006

## Atlantic Division

### Southern New Jersey

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH 2006 SECTION MANAGER, JEAN PRIESTLEY, KA2YKN In a time when our youth have so much to deal with on the street and so much peer pressure to do the "right" thing, we need to guide our kids in the good avenues of pursuit. I recently watched a group of scouts on the Battleship New Jersey working toward their radio merit badges. Part of earning the badge is to hold a conversation for about 10 minutes with someone. Those that passed were very proud of their accomplishments. I got an opportunity to talk to some of the fellows and a few expressed an interest in studying for their license. We promptly gave them information on upcoming classes. It is that first spark of interest that we have to capture and nurture to help it grow. But the scouts are not the only avenue. The police cadets, sea cadets, fire cadets are prime in their thinking for ham radio and especially public service activities within the hobby. Ham radio holds hundreds of different opportunities within one hobby. With the summer approaching and school out, there would be plenty of time to study for the test. On the hamfest scene, we have three approved hamfests in SNJ. DVRA will be holding a hamfest on April 2, 2006 and will be held at the Mercer County Park Skating Center. For more info, go [www.w2zq.acom/newsite/hamfests.htm](http://www.w2zq.acom/newsite/hamfests.htm). The East Coast Long Wire Association will hold their hamfest on August 27, 2006 in North Wildwood and JSARS will be holding a hamfest on September 16, 2006 in Seaside Heights. There will also be a hamfest on October 8 sponsored by DVRA. For those who know Joe Duffin, W2ORA, from MOOOOORETOWN, Joe is in the hospital with a leg infection. I am sure Joe would enjoy receiving a note or card. Just use the address in QRZ. In about 6 weeks the March of Dimes will hold their 2006 WALKAMERICA. There are walks in Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Ocean, and Salem counties. The date is Sunday April 30, 2006. Contact your local EC for information local to your county. If you can't get out to work a position as radio operator on that day, there are many other ways to help out with the Walkamerica activities. Just contact you local March of Dimes office. March of Dimes works for premature babies who need hope, love and you. You may know a family with a baby born two or even three months early. Thanks to the March of Dimes, these tiny babies now survive and go on to lead full lives. Scara has lost three of their members since the first of the year. Charlie, Jake and Bill were all laid to rest on Monday January 23 and may they rest in peace. Charles P Geiger, Jr. W2ATL, served his country in WW2 as a Navy Chief Radioman on airplanes and blimps over the Caribbean Sea. He was a member of the International Amateur Radio Union and SCARA. Jacob G. Kaferle, W2IFI, served his country in the United States ARMY. Jake worked as an Electronic Engineer at NAFEC and Lakehurst Naval Air Base. He was awarded the Amateur of the Year Award in 1994. William M McAdam, Sr, WM2Q, formally known as KA2NDO. He was an electrician and joined the McAdam Electric Co with his cousin Tom. He proudly demonstrated his mobile right on his big black truck and also operated maritime mobile from his boat. The National MS Society will be holding their walks on various days. The Moorestown Walk and the Washington Township Walk will be on April 23, 2006. If you can't make one of these walks, there will be one in Voorhees, on May 7 at the Eastern High School. For those in Ocean City the MS Walk will be on the Ocean City Boardwalk on May 7. If you are in the Pittsgrove area, there is one on May 7 at the Parvin State Park. In September look for the MS 150 City to Shore Bike Tour 2006. As we get closer to September, I will have more info but mark it on your calendar now. Section Traffic report for February Traffic manager, K2UL, Dan Ostroy SNJ/NNJ Section Net Reports QNI reports. NJM 69 N2GJ NJPN 197 W2CC NJSN 177 K2PB NJN(E) 215 AG2R NJN(L) 124 AG2R THE ABOVE NETS ARE DUAL SECTION NETS OF BOTH SNJ AND NNJ. LIAISONS WITH 2RN SNJ Local Net Report JSARS 289 W2HOG SJVN 209 WB2UVB SJTN - NO REPORT Station Activity Reports (SAR) WB2UVB 71 WA2CUW 28 K2UL 25 W2QOB 8 K2GW 1 W2QOB 8 for January

Public Service Honor Roll (PSHR) WB2UVB 210 N2HQL 145 KA2YKN 105 K2UL 90 WA2CUW 78 W2QOB 73 K2GW 71 W2QOB 73 (JANUARY) KC2IYC 21 I notice that the number of traffic handlers turning in reports, especially for the PSHR is down. Any report for public service hours is important to report to the ARRL. These numbers are important because they add to the overall numbers. There will be plenty of hours from the Walkamerica and MS walks. Please keep track of the times and turn them into Dan. These numbers are used in many ways by the league. These numbers are taken to Washington, DC to lobby for things we want.

## **Western Pennsylvania**

Hello, Wanted to drop off a quick note to all in the Section. As of Sunday March 12 at 12 midnight I will be resigning my elected position as Section Manager of western pa. My reasons are personal and are not for publication here. I would like to take the time to thank my supportive staff. It has been an uphill climb since we got here but we managed to accomplish many things in the last 2+ years. The section is better for it. From Melanie and I, thank you for a job well done and thanks also to all we had the pleasure to meet on our travels. We were always warmly met and it was appreciated. Sincerely Rich Beaver

## **Central Division**

### **Illinois**

I am writing this following a night of severe storms that rolled across Illinois. Weather operations begin when a Severe Weather Watch or warning, thunderstorm or tornado is issued by the National Weather Service. Skywarn nets are called according to the expected time of arrival of the storm. Our primary job during these nets is to have trained spotters in the field so that we can send correct information concerning the storm to the NWS. This is why getting some training in storm spotting is so important. There are several coming up--these are the ones I have: March 15, Arlington Heights--(9:30am--location to be announced. March 16--Evanston--2:00pm--location TBA; March 22--7:00pm-- Ottawa--Ottawa High School Auditorium/Contact LaSalle County EMA. March 23, Crescent City--6:30pm--Iroquois County Fairgrounds, Route 49. March 25, Rockford--9:00am--Rockford Public Safety Building Auditorium, Rockford Airport. March 29--Oglesby--7:00pm Illinois Valley Community College Auditorium. March 30--Crystal Lake--7:00pm--McHenry Community College Auditorium. April 6--Amboy--E and B Fire and Safety, 243 East Main St.--7:00pm Check with your county EMA to see if there is a spotter training in your area. I had a great time at the McHenry County Wireless meeting on March 7th. It was a very exciting beginning when the alarms went off saying Burglarly, Burglarly, Please leave immediately!!! I wonder what they are going to do for an encore?? Seriously it was a great time and the presentation by W9MU was great. The Big Thunder ARC donated money to both the Boone County Sheriff's office K( Fund and the Belvidere Police Department K9 Fund in an effort to help support community safety. Both agencies thanked the club for their donation and continued support of the community through the use of amateur radio. The Kankakee Area Radio Society has learned that their long awaited contact with the ISS at Bradley-Bourbonnais High School will be sometime during the week of March 27th. K9BIG, a teacher at the high school applied to the ARISS program over 3 three years ago. They are looking forward to this event and hope that it will stir up some interest in Ham Radio for the students. Here in Rockford we are still waiting--it will be two years this June. We are getting a team together and working with Christian Life School here in Rockford. We may still have a long wait. We have several silent keys in the section that I need to report. Robert John Warburton, KB9TBR, passed away on february 8th in Washington, IL. George Richardson, KB9QNJ of Bath, IL on february 16th. Charles W. Hicok, WB9USB, Of Peoria passed away on February 20th. Robert C. Phillips, WD9ILQ of Washington, IL. Russ Love, N9LXS, of Freeport, IL. Harold Quick, W9ABY, of

Rockford. KA9NLS, Jean Anderson, of Rockford. and Russell Nimocks WG9U, former Rockford resident. My condolences to all of the families. Total hours for Amateur Radio Emergency Service volunteers for the 2005 calendar year is 956 hours. This total includes includes: hospital meetins, training nets, skywarn nets and annual training drill at regional airports, disassembly of old communications van, Madison county Department of Health Drill at SIU-e., C.E.R.T. classes, IEMA Conference and classes at Springfield. This report from KB9AIL. February traffic: WB9TVD--10; W5DTR-50, PSHR 90; WD9EKA-PSHR-23. WA9APQ-2. IL EMERGENCY NET, FEB. 06, QNI-137, QTC-3, 4 SESSIONS. IL PHONE NET FEB. 06--QNI-177, QTC-19, 24 SESSIONS.

## Indiana

Indiana Section News for February 2006 Condolances to the Family and Friends of these Amateurs who became a Silent Key during February: David J. Doiron WA1MKE , Muncie, February 6; Raymond Klepfer KB9BYA, Indianapolis, February 13. They will be missed. Almost every county in Indiana is having a SKYWARN Spotter Seminar that is being produced by the National Weather Service. I hope that you can attend one of these sessions. They are free to all who attend. The only cost is for your time. Please check with your local Emergency Coordinator, or Emergency Management Agency office for the time/date of the training seminar. From Dave Pifer N9YNF, Indiana SEC: A series of storms rolled through central Indiana on February 16th. The storms caused numerous damage reports and some "small" tornados. Terre Haute had one of the tornados go through at night. While it was categorized as a F1, it does point out the dangers of night time spotting. A spotter less than 6 blocks away didn't hear or see it happen. Fortunately, other than some roofs and other damage, no one was injured locally. In other news, everyone is Strongly encouraged to take the NIMS (National Incident Management System) IS-100 and IS-700 courses As Soon As Possible. If you have questions or concerns about taking this training, check with your local served agencies and determine their requirements. There is nothing wrong with having the training regardless of local requirements. I am most pleased to see the number of Appointees reporting their ARES group's activities to our Section Emergency Coordinator. 24 Emergency Coordinators reported 534 active ARES members. These members performed over 436 Person-Hours of Public Service activity in 93 ARES operations during February.. The Goshen ARC's DX group is planning a DXpedition to Puerto Rico this fall. At this time, I'm not sure whether they will be operating Phone or CW. In any case, they have done well in the past, and I wish them well in their travels and operations. Have you converted your DC connections for your radios and other equipment to the suggested standard of Anderson PowerPole connectors? These connectors are available at most hamfests, by mailorder, and via dealers through the Internet. I was a bit dubious about them at first. But, now that I have started using them, in my opinion, they are First-Class. The most common form of emergency power for us hams seems to be "battery back-up", and my VHF rigs are set up this way. As soon as I can, I will have the HF equipment set up on battery backup. Currently, my back-up battery isn't big enough to run my 100-watt transceiver. However, it does very well with a QRP rig. In another vein, do you have any kind of back-up antenna(s) that you can put up in the event of damage to your existing ones? Also, what about supplies to keep you and your family fed and warm in the event of a commercial power failure? There are dozens of emergency supplies lists available from the ARRL, Emergency Management, and from the Internet. The following VHF/UHF Net Managers reported their net's acitvty during February: KC9BHJ, N9ZMY, KE9WI, WD9HTN(2), KB9UAG, WA9PSV, KF9EX, WB9RVN, WD9BKA, WB9NCE, KB9RFO, KC9EGN, and KA9QWC(2). If your Net Manager's callsign does not appear here, then there was no report sent to our Indiana Section VHF/UHF Net Manager, John Kinley KC9BHJ <kc9bhj@arrl.net>. Many thanks to all those who sent reports of activities and local happenings in their areas. February Section Net Activity: NET FREQ DAILY TIMES (UTC) QNI QTC QTR SESS ITN 3910 KHZ 1330/2130 1872 178 1003 44 QIN 3656 KHZ 1430/0000 219 238 928 50 ARES 3910 KHZ 4TH SUN/MO @ 1300Z 12 0 22 1 HOOSIER VHF NETS 15 REPORTING 717 4 1458 62 HOOSIER DIGITAL NETS (?) 31 46 - - - 112 February ORS Traffic Reports: WB9FIU 313, KO9D 260, K9GBR 176, K9PUI 172, WA9JWL 48, AB9AA 19, KC9UU 12, AB9DV 11, WB9NCE 7,

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## Wisconsin

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promptly after receipt. (5) Report your activity to the STM each month. It's easy, and you'll be in great company. The certificate looks very nice, and represents an important service element of our hobby. Interested? Contact W9IXG or me and we'll get the application going. 73 - K9LGU/STM-WI k9lgu@arrl.net WISCONSIN SECTION NETS February 2006 NET QNI QTC QTR SSNS NM BWN 1807 2377 4430 28 W9IXG BEN 553 46 920 28 KE9VU WSBN 705 147 1174 28 K9FHI WNN 171 12 293 22 KB9ROB WSSN 154 20 270 28 N9JIY WIN/E 134 30 214 24 WB9ICH WIN/L 128 46 280 28 W9UW WRACES 107 0 212 4 N9VAO TOTALS 3759 2678 7793 190 \*\* Don't forget about these important upcoming events in Wisconsin: March 12 is the Wisconsin QSO party from noon to 7 pm! <http://www.warac.org/wqp/wqp.htm> March 18 is the ECARC is having the auction. <http://www.ecarc.org/auction.htm> March 19 the Tri-County ARC will be hosting their hamfest. March 31, April 1, is the AES Superfest! Details on the hamfests are provided on the Wisconsin Section site: <https://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=WI> I will be at these events and look forward to having an eyeball QSO with you! 73, Don, W9IXG

## **Dakota Division**

### **Minnesota**

ARRL MINNESOTA SECTION REPORT FEBRUARY 2006 SUMMARY FROM SM ++ The MN section ARES and Traffic summaries are enclosed below. ++ See the Section web site for up-to-date information and bulletins. ++ The ARRL is planning to publish a club official's E-letter to start soon. Watch for this important addition to the ARRL communications plan. ++ A new website for the section will soon be available at <http://www.mn-section.org>. ++ Remember to check your Skywarn expiration and attend a class if needed. ++ We are always looking for ARES volunteers for members and EC positions. ++ The "Midwinter Madness" hamfest is coming up March 25 in Buffalo. Respectfully submitted by Skip Jackson, ks0j, MN SM MN SEC REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2006 Total number of ARES members reported: 250 Change since last month: County EC's reporting: Blue Earth (WA2OFZ), Carver (N0EN), Cook (KBØBDN), Dakota (AB0XE), Lac Qui Parle (KC0QED), Lincoln (WD0BZU), Lyon (WD0BZU), Olmsted (AB0BW), Redwood (KA0ISD), Scott (N0BHC), St. Louis-North (WD0GUF), St. Louis-South (KB0LC), Steele (N0UW), Wadena (K0JO), Washington (KC0OIO), Local Net Names: CCART, River Valley, SEMARC, Scott County, Carver County, Washington County, Marshall Emergency Net, Redwood County, Wadena Area Hamnet, Northern Lakes Radio, NE MN Public Service, SE St. Louis Emergency Service, Dakota County ARES, Lac Qui Parle ARES Total sessions: 101 NTS liaison is maintained with the MN Section, Tenth Region, and NTSD Traffic Nets by N0UC, W0LAW, WA0TFC Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month: 19 Person hours: 138 Number of public service events this month: 7 Person hours: 160 Number of emergency operations this month: 0 Person hours: 0 Total number of ARES operations this month: 26 Total Person hours: 298 Comments: See ARES website at <http://www.gokarns.com/MN-ARES/> Respectfully submitted by: Frank Karnauskas N1UW, MN SEC

### **North Dakota**

NORTH DAKOTA: SM, Kent Olson, KAØLDG - Well, the ground hog saw his shadow, but spring is around the corner and the days are getting longer. Time to tidy up the shack before it gets nice outside and get ready for those public service events coming up. Steve Carbno, KBØGLV, gave a great presentation to the RRRA in Fargo at their January meeting about his experiences during the Katrina hurricane disaster relief efforts. Steve is the Salvation Army Emergency Manager in Fargo, and has been down to help out in New Orleans twice since the hurricane. He stressed the importance of being ready before the next disaster strikes. The Williston Basin ARC has linked the towns of Williston, Stanley, and Plentywood, Montana together. Williston is linked through Kildeer to the Superlink system, and there

will be more towns added this year. It looks as if the Grand Forks hamfest was a success, and turnout was good. Thankfully, the weather also behaved itself. Here are the hamfests scheduled for the upcoming future: Bismarck on February 25th, Fargo on April 22nd, and Peace Gardens on July 6th - 9th. Check them out and make a few new friends or pick up that piece of gear you need. I'm still looking for volunteers for Section positions, so if you're interested, please let me know. Section's web site: <http://home.earthlink.net/~qtipf16/>. HF NM KØJIM net reports for January: Goose River Net, 4/42/0\1; WX Net 52/998/10; Data Net 31/696/19. NORTH DAKOTA: SM, Kent Olson, KAØLDG - Congratulations to those new officers who have been recently elected by their local clubs. Please update your club information on the ARRL web site (<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/forms/fsd2/>). The Bismarck hamfest went well, but nasty weather precluded me from making the trip. The Fargo club is hosting their spring Technician license class on March 25th & 26th. The Pembina County ARC is preparing for the worst. Nearly all of their members have taken MINS, ICS, and Unified Command training. Many have also completed HAZMAT and ARRL EMCOMM training. They are also in the process of retrofitting an old ambulance into an EMCOMM vehicle. I highly encourage all of you to take this kind of training and be ready for the unexpected. Being a "disaster" at the disaster is not encouraged and will only bring on ill feelings towards you, amateur radio, and your local club. Upcoming hamfests: Fargo on April 22nd, and Peace Gardens on July 6th - 9th. Field Day is just around the corner, and it's never too early to start preparing. I'm still looking for volunteers for Section positions, so if you're interested, please let me know. Section's web site: <http://home.earthlink.net/~qtipf16/>. HF NM KØJIM net reports for February: Goose River Net, 4/39/1; WX Net 48/979/8; Data Net 28/805/8.

## South Dakota

Section Emergency Coordinators Annual Report 2005 This year I thought that I would make an annual report so that the ARES® membership can see how much they accomplished this past year. Over the past year we have averaged 166 ARES® members, these are the ones that are reported. On an average 6 Emergency Coordinators sent in their monthly reports with a high of 9 and low of 4 Emergency Coordinators reporting monthly. They reported 929 Nets, drills, Tests and training sessions for a total of 3669.76 Volunteer Hours. Also reported where 26 Public service events for a total of 2987 volunteer hours. Emergency operations reported where 2 with a total of 32 volunteers hours. Making a grand total of 957 ARES® events with 6688.76 volunteer hours. Among the highlights of the past year were the several ARES® meetings that where held here in West River, a lot was discussed and decided. Another positive highlight for the year was the very successful South Dakota Section Convention that was held in Sioux Falls. The Simulated Emergency Test was successful with several messages passed to Pierre to test our abilities and inform our representatives in Pierre of our capabilities. I think we all did a terrific job this past year and look forward to another progressive and successful year. Jerry Hawley, KGØGG Section Emergency Coordinator Rapid City National Weather Service ARC The Rapid City National Weather Service ARC hosted a Technician Class license class for members of the NWS staff interested in amateur radio. Five NWS employees completed the class and passed their Technician exams on 18 February 2006. The Rapid City office of the NWS has been an enthusiastic supporter of amateur radio activities in the Black Hills area, sponsoring many SKYWARN events and weather spotter training. A VHF amateur station is available at the NWS office for use during threatening weather. (See photo below) Northern Hills Amateur Radio Club We recently lost John Burch, WB6GHA to cancer, his passing is definitely a great loss to the Amateur Community, he was Secretary Treasurer for the Northern Hills ARC, Emergency Coordinator for Lawrence County, Technical Specialist and the person in charge of keeping the repeaters on the air. Not only the repeaters for the Northern Hills Club but many of the repeaters for the South Dakota State Linked System. We are changing the meeting night for the club to the 4th Friday at 7:30 PM, it will fit our busy personal schedules better. We also plan to meet at various locations, hopefully next month we can meet at the Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department meeting room. The Western South Dakota Emergency Net meets each evening at 8:30 local time on the

Terry Peak repeater 146.760 MHz and Rapid City repeater 146.940 MHz for weather and traffic reporting, and training purposes. Please stop by and check in. Hot Springs Amateur Radio Club News from Hot Springs ARC: We had a great Valentines supper on Feb. 10 with 40 in attendance. Old Timers awards were given to Sue, KA0FUI and Jim, N6OML. Also the club shingling sidewalk supervisor award went to Dwight, W0HGZ. The Tech licensing class is going well with the first test session offered on March 11. The Hot Springs School club station, KB0UQH, operated in the School Club Roundup contest. A Master II base station was donated to the club as a spare for our repeater. 73 Tim K0OR President Pierre Amateur Radio Club Weather spotter training is scheduled for Pierre on March 16th at 1900. They are negotiating to get a room at the Solem building but it has not been confirmed at this time. Please put this date in our schedule if you are due for training or if you would like to get into weather spotting and have not had the NWS training within the last 24 calendar months. We will provide more updates on this when everything has been confirmed. Greg C. Hall WB0RJH Hub Area Radio Klub On Friday evening, February 10, the Hub City Amateur Radio Club presented Jerry Gathright with a plaque for his years of service as our local 2m net control operator. Jerry has been recovering from a broken hip. He was greatly surprised by the plaque. (See photos below) Rolly, N0AHL and Tom, KC0QJZ worked on the west link from Bowdle to Mobridge last Friday. We have been trying to clear up minor problems on the link. We seem to be making progress. Hopefully spring will get here soon. Randy KA0ZEE Huron Amateur Radio Club February 16, 2006 MEETING President, KM0F, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM at LDS Church, 1450 Frank SE Old Business: KM0F gave update on communications trailer, which has been delivered, and ready for cabinet installation. Club is invited to view trailer at Bill's residence at 9:00 AM on February 25, 2006. New Business: VE Test dates will be March 18, April 22, May 13 and November 4. Club agreed to purchase Icom 7000 all band for the communications trailer. Members viewed the new equipment (2720 Icom 2-meter hand held.) A big thank you to the LDS Church for allowing club meetings and testing sessions. Dwight N0VYQ PIC

## **Delta Division**

### **Arkansas**

BPL Discussed in State Legislature\_ From the Stephens Media Group Article dated Friday, Feb 24, 2006 by Aaron Sadler- LITTLE ROCK - Electric lines may some day add new lanes to the information superhighway and, when widely used, enhance Arkansas' economy, legislators learned Thursday. Officials with Entergy Arkansas and the Arkansas electric cooperatives said they are researching new technology that transmits high-speed Internet data across power lines. High-speed Internet, called broadband, is a key cog in economic development, said John Ahlen, president of the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority. Expanding broadband to all areas of the state benefits Arkansas economically, Ahlen told the Joint Committee on Advanced Communications and Information Technology. "For rural places to compete in a world economy, the infrastructure they need is broadband connectivity," Ahlen said. Though broadband over power lines seems like a logical way to reach rural areas, electric company officials consider it experimental technology. They said transmitting broadband over electrical lines has worked well in densely-populated areas of foreign countries. However, it may be too costly to install rural areas, said Paul Means of Entergy and Doug White of Arkansas Electric Cooperatives. "At least in theory, it's a very good idea," Means said. Implementing a broadband network over power lines would require placement of "repeaters" along the line every 3,000 feet to strengthen the data signal. Means said utility companies would have to purchase "jumpers" for transformers in order to descramble the signals. Equipment costs are a major obstacle, the utility company officials said. The last statement has regarding costs as the major obstacle have been confirmed by K5UZ's inside sources. Also, W1RFI, W5ZN, K5UR, K5UZ, N5RN and SGL KD5LBE are watching this very closely. We don't need to let BPL become a politicians "great idea" and force the Public Service commission to mandate BPL in Arkansas. Please be ready to act if or when the time comes. Arkansas ARRL State

Convention- March 31-April 1,2006- Ft. Smith Area ARC's Hanging Judge Hamfest will host the ARRL Arkansas State Convention March 31 – April 1, 2006 at Columbus Acres in Ft. Smith. There will be an ARRL Reception at 8:00PM March 31 (Friday night) from 8:00PM until around 10:00PM. We will be having a Wouff Hong Ceremony at the ARRL Reception. The last Wouff Hong Ceremony held in Arkansas was April 1997. Help us continue this ham tradition! Please read Congressman Mike Ross's (WD5DVR) remarks that he made on the house floor Wednesday (shown below). Amateurs in the state and ESPECIALLY IN HIS DISTRICT should write the Congressman and thank him for his remarks and the Sense of the House resolution he introduced last fall. Thank You Congressman Ross!!! February 8, 2006 CONGRESSIONAL RECORD Extensions of Remarks E105 A SALUTE TO HAM RADIO OPERATORS "Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of American citizens who are members of the Amateur Radio Relay League, known as HAM radio operators. Citizens throughout America dedicated to this hobby-a hobby that some people consider old fashioned or obsolete-were true heroes in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina as they were often the only line of communication available into the storm ravaged areas. Amateur radio operators are often overlooked in favor of flashier means of communication. As communities across the gulf coast and America learned this year, technology can be highly vulnerable. HAM radios, entirely self contained transmitters, require no cell towers or satellites, simply a battery and a strip of wire as an antenna. Just as after major earthquakes, tornadoes, and the terrorist attacks of 9/11, HAM operators around the country received an alert to stand by their radios to listen for calls for assistance. Following Hurricane Katrina, when cell phones and e-mail were useless, a HAM operator located in Connecticut alerted authorities about a woman trapped for 4 days without food or water and a Coast Guard Auxiliary in Cleveland arranged for a med-evac for a woman in labor in New Orleans. These are just a few examples of the many lives that were saved with the critical intervention of HAM operators throughout the country. Now more than ever, I am proud to be a licensed amateur radio operator. It is important to realize that every HAM radio operator in it! The Amateur Radio Emergency Service is a volunteer. This year, when disaster struck, hundreds of HAMs moved to the gulf coast to help in every way they could. Every one of which did so on a volunteer basis and their only goal was to assist in what became one of the worst natural disasters in America. The education displayed by HAM radio operators in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina sets a tremendous example for us all. The people whose lives were rescued as a result of the tireless dedication of HAM radio operators will forever be grateful to these selfless public servants." Arkansas Radio Emergency Service Club News- K5UZ was the speaker at the February meeting held at Frankie's Cafeteria in Little Rock. K5UZ spoke on "revving-up" amateur radio in Arkansas. The talk focused on getting new hams, getting more youths involved, and keeping folks interest. K5UZ stated that the local clubs are the best vehicles to accomplish these goals. The club will be sponsoring a storm spotters course March 4, 2006. Arkansas DX Association ADXA -Anyone interested in DXing in Arkansas should look in to joining the ADXA. The club meets quarterly around the state and the membership includes many famous "big guns" from around the state, and world for that matter. W5SJ, W5ZN, K5UR and AI5P are just a few of the members. The club's main goal is to promote DXing in Arkansas. The next meeting is at N5ZM's QTH in White Hall on March 18, 2006, 12:00PM noon. The ADXA is a 100% ARRL affiliated club. Batesville ARC News- Saturday February 4, 2005 Mark KC5EVZ, ARRL SM David K5UZ and ARRL Youth PIO Jon KE5DKR gave a program on amateur radio to the CAP Cadets at the CAP Hanger in Batesville. The program was well attended and well received by the Cadets, and we may be forming classes in the near future. Lawrence Co. ARC- Winter Fest has held on Saturday Feb 11th in Walnut Ridge. KAIT TV 8 ran a feature on the event for the 6:00 and 10:00PM news. The hamfest was well attended and a huge success for a first ever event. Plans are in the works for next year. ARKANSAS SECTION TRAFFIC REPORT FOR FEBRUARY ARK PHONE NET ARK MOCKINGBIRD NET ARK RAZORBACK NET SESSIONS 24 SESSIONS 20 SESSIONS 28 QNI 466 QNI 810 QNI 2056 QTC 25 QTC 15 QTC 68 TIME 689 TIME 389 TIME 677 NET MGR. W5SXV NET MGR. WB5YLI NET MGR. K5BOC ARKANSAS OZK CW NET ARKANSAS STATION ACTIVITY SUMMARY SESSIONS 24 K5BOC 29 QNI 54 WB5HIL 15 QTC 4 K5WTH 10 TIME 112 KA5RRK 9 NET MGR WA5JAN AD5JA 8

## Louisiana

LOUISIANA SECTION NEWS – FEBRUARY 2006 2006 club officers for the Jefferson Amateur Radio Club are W5KB, President; W5AFD, Vice President; KE5BMS, Secretary; and W5RMX, Treasurer. Although the JARC suffered catastrophic damage from Katrina, the club's leadership is committed to the difficult task of rebuilding. In addition, starting on April 20 JARC members K5CFW and NO5FD will teach a 6-session course to prepare teachers in the New Orleans area to earn their ham tickets. Great going, JARC! We now have a second Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for dealing with large-scale disaster events. Our existing MOU with MS and STX remains in force; this new MOU with AR, MS, and TN simply gives us more options during emergencies. You can click on the "LA MS STX Emergency Communications" and the "AR LA MS TN Emergency Communications" links on the LA Section home page [www.laarrrl.org](http://www.laarrrl.org) to read our two MOUs. ARES members and traffic handlers should review both of these MOUs well before the official start of the 2006 Hurricane Season on June 1. All hams interested in emergency communications are encouraged to pursue additional training whenever possible. If you aren't already receiving the excellent EMCOMM Monthly newsletter, you can sign up for a free subscription at [www.emcomm.org](http://www.emcomm.org) The FEMA Independent Study Program at <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/crslist.asp> has dozens of free online courses. The two FEMA courses that probably all ARES members should take are IS-100 Introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS 100) and IS-700 National Incident Management System (NIMS) an Introduction. Each of these two courses requires approximately three hours. Many, if not most, of our served agencies may require us to have NIMS/ICS training in order to be deployed in future emergencies. It's been decided that the local starting times of the LA Traffic Net (LTN) and the LA CW Net (LCW) will remain at 6:00 pm daily and 6:30 pm daily, respectively, year round. As a reminder, if you participate in any public service activities (checking into traffic or ARES training nets, handling formal traffic, working with your local ARES group during emergency drills or public events such as parades, etc.), you are urged to submit a monthly Public Service Honor Roll (PSHR) or traffic report (or both!) via email or radiogram. The rules for determining your PSHR "score" are described in the monthly Public Service column in QST. KB5SAR is the new Emergency Coordinator for Morehouse Parish. With his knowledge and experience, Jeff will be an excellent EC for his local group and the LA Section is very fortunate to have him as an ARES leader. N5FJ, K5GLS, and N5NVP have agreed to serve on the 2006 LA Section Field Day Awards Committee. If you have any ideas or suggestions for this year's FD awards program, you need to submit them to John, Gary, or Jim immediately. I've asked the committee to establish some basic award guidelines no later than May 1 so that our clubs will still have time to incorporate the new award rules into their FD plans. WA5KBH recently received endorsement stickers for 350 confirmed grids on 6 meters on his VUCC award and 300 confirmed countries (entities) on his DXCC award. Congratulations, George! I welcome similar reports from other DXers and contesters for inclusion in the monthly section report. Upcoming hamfests include the Sixty-Ninth Annual Baton Rouge ARC Hamfest on May 6 in Baton Rouge, the Piney Hills ARA Hamfest on July 22 in Ruston, and the West Central LA ARC Hamfest on August 12 in Leesville. Unfortunately, the destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina has forced the cancellation of the Ozone ARC Hamfest in Slidell this year. Traffic totals: K5MC 100, WA5LQZ 71, N5KWB 22, W5PY 17, AE5V 6. (January) N5KWB 29, W5PY 19. Public Service Honor Roll: W5PY 122, K5MC 110, N5KWB 97, N5MEL 84, W5HUD 84, KD5ITA 55, K5ER 52, N5HMH 35. (January) W5PY 174, N5KWB 109. Section net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Louisiana Traffic Net: 27/379/66. Louisiana CW Net: 24/111/30. Louisiana ARES Net: 4/62. Local/district net reports: sessions/check-ins. Calcasieu Parish ARES Net: 2/12. East Baton Rouge Parish ARES Net: 4/50. Franklin Parish ARES Net: 2/29. Lafayette Parish ARES Net: 4/25. Ouachita Parish ARES Net: 4/50. Rapides Parish ARES Net: 4/10. Richland Parish ARES Net: 4/56. St. Mary Parish ARES Net: 2/7. St. Tammany Parish ARES Net: 4/34. Tangipahoa Parish ARES Net: 3/29. Union Parish ARES Net: 4/43. ARES reports: parish/EC. Allen/KA5NXT, Caddo/Bossier/NZ5S, Calcasieu/KC5FGO, Cameron/WA5LQZ, Claiborne/KD5JJP, East Baton Rouge/N5ULA, Franklin/N5ASA, Jefferson Davis/WA5LQZ, Lafource/N5PZJ, Morehouse/KB5SAR, Ouachita/K5ER,

Rapides/KD5DFL, Richland/N5MEL, St. Mary/KA5LMZ, St. Tammany/KC5EAK, Tangipahoa/KD5PKS, Union/KA5JNL, Washington/AI5B, West Feliciana/N5SOD. 73, Mickey Cox  
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DEC: KD5CKP, KD5FUO, KA5ICO, WA5TMC, AB5WF, W4WLF, and N5ZNT. EC: KD5CKP, KD5CQT, WB5CON, WV5D, AD5DO, K5DSG, KC5EAK, KC5EXZ, KD5FUO, KD5GWM, W4HOZ, KA5ICO, KC5IJP, AD5IT, KB5JN, W5JVK, KD5KXJ, W5LMW, AC5MR, K5NRK, KD5NMB, KD5NSP, AC5SU, WA5TMC, KC5TYL, W4WLF, K5WSY, KM5WX, AG5Z, KB5ZEA, N5ZNT, and KB0ZTX. Good News from Jackson! SGL AB5WF reports that HB 736 unanimously passed the Senate on March 1 and is headed for Governor Barbour's Desk. After considerable maneuvering and anxiety, the three-sentence version got through! Assuming that Governor Barbour signs the bill, this will be the culmination of a six-year effort. Thanks to AB5WF, KB5KKI, AK5J, and W5XX for hanging in there in spite of multiple adversities and to the many hams around the State who contacted their legislators in person, sent emails and letters, and made phone calls to rally support for the bill. And special thanks to Senator Tom King (Hattiesburg) and AB5WF, who really put their shoulders to the wheel in the last minute push. In spite of a solar flare on Friday and torrential rain on Saturday, the Third Annual Mississippi QSO Party was a resounding success according to comments received from out of state. Because of the flare 20 was really spotty, at best, but 40 was great. It sounded like 20 should be all day long. The rain was especially tough on the mobiles, who were activating rare counties. Thanks to W5WMU, W5PFR, KK4TA, WB5BNV, KK5K, and W5XX, who braved the elements on the road and portable operations by the MDXA (W4HOZ, KD5RHB and W5VK). Seems like the QSO Party gets better every year. More info next month's section report after the logs have come in. By coincidence, the CUSEC (Central US Earthquake Consortium) Exercise was conducted on the same day as the QSO Party. The objective of this exercise is for state EOC's in earthquake prone states to check communications circuits among themselves. AB5WF represented Mississippi operating from MEMA. The Mississippi Section is now a party to a disaster response Memorandum of Understanding with Arkansas, Louisiana, and Tennessee (the ARRL Delta Division). The purpose of this MOU is to pool communications resources in the event of a wide area weather event such as an ice storm, hurricane, outbreak of tornadoes, etc. The MOU with Louisiana and South Texas remains in effect. Congratulations to WA5TMC on being appointed to the ARRL National Emergency Response Planning Committee. The goal of this Committee is to develop a comprehensive national/regional emergency plan such that more effective response to events such as Katrina can be more systematically dealt with. Repeater Trustee KB5W reports that the Jackson County ARA Repeater Antenna that was destroyed by Katrina has been replaced, and W5WA is back on the air. The original antenna was mounted on the Jackson County EMA communications tower. Insurance considerations required that licensed/bonded personnel climb the tower to put up the new antenna which represented a major expenditure. Fortunately, due to the efforts of K1MMH at ARRL Headquarters, grant money was secured to fund the replacement antenna and tower crew. Thanks, Mary! Mississippi Baptist Hams Fellowship President KB5JN reports that the Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief Communications Team is reorganizing. Two complete "jump kits" for portable operations have already been assembled. Plans are to outfit a communications trailer and to offer a Technician Class in April at the Central Hills Baptist Assembly in conjunction with scheduled Church and Association Disaster Relief Training. DEC/EC WA5TMC reports that Congressman Roger Wicker sat in on an emergency preparedness meeting at the Tippah EOC. Congressman Wicker was not only briefed on ham radio communications capabilities, but also heard high praise by the MEMA representative attending the meeting regarding our Katrina response. Congressman Wicker has been invited to Field Day. Jackson ARC VEC Coordinator reports that the VE Team (AC5SU, AB5WF, KD5FUY) served 20 candidates at the VE Test Session conducted during the Jackson hamfest. The result was 7 new technicians, three upgrades to general, and two upgrades to extra.

Ben says that all written elements were graded in one hour - a new record time. The FCC held its second Independent Panel Meeting reviewing the impact of Hurricane Katrina on communications networks at the E-Center in Jackson on March 6-7. The Panel will also review the sufficiency and effectiveness of the recovery efforts with respect to the communications infrastructure. FCC Chairman Kevin Martin, Rep. Chip Pickering, and newly appointed FCC Commissioner Deborah Tate were in attendance for part of the meeting. The Panel will complete its work by mid June and report back to Chairman Martin. During the course of the discussion Ham Radio got many positive comments regarding our response to Katrina. Attending from out of state were Delta Division Director WD4Q and Alabama SM W4OZK. The hometown folks were AB5WF, N6OHR, K5GVR, and W5XX. W4OZK gave a presentation on ham radio operations from the Red Cross Staging Area in Montgomery. Welcome to N5TBB as Public Information Coordinator for the Mississippi Section. Lastly, Jackson Hamfest Chairman W5LEW reports that he inadvertently left off AC5SU and KD5FUY on the list of JARC Members (published last month in this Section Report), who put in long hours at the Hamfest. Sorry about that! Regret to report the passing of K5IUG of Jackson, N5AXV of Natchez, and WY5X of Philadelphia. In addition, regret to report the passing of N1KB, Regulatory Specialist at ARRL Headquarters. John was a real friend to Mississippi and helped with many questions related to the interpretation of FCC Rules and Regulations Club Newsletters/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Jackson County ARA (KB5FHX), Tippah ARA (N5TBB), Vicksburg ARC (W5WAF), Olive Branch ARC (KB0ZTX). OBS Report: W5KWB OO Report: W4TUP, K5XQ DEC/EC Report: WB5CON (Alcorn), KD5CQT (Jackson), KC5EAK (Pearl River), KD5GWM (Lauderdale/Clarke), W4HOZ (George), AC5SU (Metro Jackson), N5TBB (Benton), WA5TMC (Tippah), K5WSY (Tishomingo) Net reports: sessions/QNI/QTC MS Section Phone Net 28/2597/57 (K5NRK) MS Section Traffic Net 28/107/6 (KB5W) Magnolia Section Net 28/1229/4 (AD5J) Jackson County EN 28/267/5 (KD5CQT) MS Section Slow Net 18/99/2 (W3TWD) Jackson ARC EN 4/44/0 (AB5WF) MS Baptist Hams Net 4/39/0 (WF5F) MS/LA EM Net 4/33/0 (K5NRK) Itawamba Co ARES Net 4/50/0 (N5FP) St. Tammany/Pearl River ARES 4/34/0 (KC5EAK) Meridian Area EN 4/55/0 (KD5GWM) Lowndes Co ARC 4/63/0 (KM5UH) Hattiesburg AEN 4/41/0 (N5MZ) Monroe ARC 4/54/0 (AD5DO) NE MS ARES 4/58/0 (KD5RTF) Metro Jackson ARES Net 3/59/0 (AC5SU) PSHR: WB5ZED 150, N5FP 110, AC5SU 88, KD5FUY 79, AB5WF 78, W5XX 76. Traffic: WB5ZED 2575 (BPL), N5FP 40, W5XX 6, KD5FUY 4, W5LEW 3, AB5WF 3. Compilation of Net and Traffic Statistics provided by N5FP, Mississippi Section Traffic Manager

## **Great Lakes Division**

### **Michigan**

The Hiawatha ARA announces their Ham of the Year, Ralph Watters, N8HXZ. The Lowell ARC, Grand Rapids ARA and Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance clubs have jointly chosen their Ham of the Year who is Joe Bell WD8USA. Marinette and Menominee Radio Club's Ham of the Year is Jim Pearson, KS8O. Congratulations to all of these honored and deserving individuals from your staff of the Michigan Section. A reminder from the MiTN: This daily traffic net for the Michigan area meets at 7:00PM and invites your participation. MiTN also encourages persons interested in serving as Net Controls to join in and assist. Spreading this effort among several persons really helps train new NCSs and keeps our skills well honed. Here is a special note from Mark NU8Z. As written, it simply defies any editing and most importantly, it announces a fun annual event for everyone: Attention Michigan Hams. Do the low sunspot numbers and worsening HF conditions have you feeling down? Do you find it difficult to conjure up the energy needed to get on the air and have some fun like in the old days? Do you shy away from participating in ham radio related group activities? If you have any one of, or all of the above symptoms, you may be suffering from Amateur Radio Dysfunction Syndrome, also known as ARDS. Fear not! ARDS is a condition that can be treated with proper corrective actions. It is a fact that 9 out of 10 doctors agree that the best treatment for ARDS is a good dose of Radio Activity. Doctors also agree that the most efficient delivery method for ARDS treatment comes in the form of

participation in the 2006 Michigan QSO Party. The number of ARDS patients seeking treatment in the MiQP has been growing every year. Remember, this is a yearly condition, and yearly treatments may be needed. Treatment may be administered in single exposure doses taken in the comfort of your home (Single Op), or when you travel in your car (Mobile). If you are apprehensive about taking the treatment when you are alone, you may be treated within a group session (Multi-op), or as single treatment member of a larger support group like your radio club. Your treatment support group can compete against other ARDS support groups. Warning! Dosages should not exceed time periods of over 12 hour. Exposure times of less than 12 hours may be appropriate depending on the severity of your condition. Remember, even short exposures to MiQP ARDS treatment will be of benefit to you. If at any time during the MiQP treatment period you experience excessively high fun levels, you should consider terminating or reducing the level of treatment. In rare cases excessively high Fun levels have been known to last for days after the treatment. If these high levels should persist, see your family doctor. The Michigan QSO Party ARDS treatment should only be taken as prescribed below. Date /Time: Michigan QSO Party, sponsored by the Mad River Radio Club, from 1600Z April 15th until 0400Z April 16th. Stations may operate the full 12 hours. (12 noon to 12 midnight local Michigan time on April 15th) Modes and Categories: Phone and CW on 80/40/20/15/10 meters. Single-op, multi-op, and mobile categories. Single-op entries are categorized by output power, QRP (5W or less), Low Power (100W or less), and High Power (greater than 100W) Multipliers: Work stations once per band and mode. Work other states and Michigan Stations. MI to MI QSO's are allowed. Work portables and mobiles again as they change county, state or province. Exchange: Exchange QSO number and location (county for MI stations, state/province or "DX" for others). Scoring: One point per phone QSO, two points per CW QSO. Count multipliers once per mode. Multipliers are MI counties for all entries, plus states & provinces for MI entries only. Final score is total QSO points times total multipliers. Freqs: Suggested frequencies: CW-3545, 7045, 14045, 21045, 28045; Phone-3850, 7225, 14250, 21300, 28450. Log Submittal: Mail logs no later than 30 days after the contest to: Mad River Radio Club, c/o Dave Pruett, 2727 Harris Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48198 or via e-mail to [logs@miqp.org](mailto:logs@miqp.org) More Information: For complete rules, along with free logging software, log and summary sheets, see <http://www.miqp.org> All kidding aside, the MiQP is a ton of fun. It has been growing in size every year. We expect this year to be even better! There will be stations on from all 83 counties. Consider making it a club event. This is a great way to get folks on the air. I also ask that you all help spread the word about the 2006 MiQP. Let's all make Michigan Radio Active on April 15th!! 73, Mark NU8Z. Thanks to all who reported SARs for February, 2006: K8LJG 201, K8ZJU 140, KC8MLD 133, WD8USA 133, K8AE 124, AA8SN 71, K8AMR 69, WB8RCR 47, KV8Z 27, W8RNQ 27, KA8IXC 19, K8FE 18, WB8TKL 14, KD8BGQ 14, N8UN 10, KC8ZCF 9. PSHRs for January, 2006: K8AMR 347, KA8IXC 134, KD8BGQ 133, K8ZJU 120, K8AE 110, K8VFZ 90, WB8RCR 88, KV8Z 77. OES reports came in from K8COP, KC8ULE, KC8ZCF, and W8RAE. PSHRs and SARs should be filed monthly with WB8RCR and OES reports with WA8EFK.

73, Dale

## **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/](http://www.hudson.arrl.org/nnj/) MONTHLY ARES NET: Second Monday of each month (8PM) on the Morris County OEM Repeater; WS2Q 146.895 MHz (PL 151.4) minus 600 Hz. The Metro area has a major amateur radio event coming up on Saturday April 22nd! That day is Earth Day and the Liberty Science Center will be participating in the event at the Liberty State Park in Jersey City. To celebrate the day and the Park's 30th anniversary the LSC is sponsoring a "5KM Fun Run". W2LSC is the club call for the LSC and Ben Chamberlain-KG8SX, Program Director is



looking for clubs to help out. Last year's Labor Day Special Event operation from the LSC, through the work of Barry Cohen-K2JV and the New Providence RC, brought together many NNJ clubs to feature amateur radio at the Center. We now have another opportunity to showcase ham radio in its best setting; public service communication. PLEASE contact Ben Chamberlain if you and your club can help. Ben's e-mail is: bchamberlain@lsc.org. As I said in a previous column, supporting the LSC is an opportunity we cannot pass up. Ben wants ham radio to be a part of the LSC. Let's show him we care about our future and support his plans. Speaking about ham radio's future Ken Nieglos-WX2KEN, the NNJ ARES DEC for Passaic County, helped to organize an all day amateur radio licensing seminar and VE session on March 12th. Joel Wagoner-N2IAG was the instructor for 32 attendees. After the class, Hudson Division Vice Director, Joyce Birmingham-KA2ANF, and her VE team tested the applicants. Of the 32 students, 27 passed to receive their CEU and await licenses. From what I can recall this is the FIRST ham radio one day licensing class in the section. Thanks to all those volunteers who helped make the event a success and set a milestone for the section. I know Ken will have more ARES participants on his roster very soon! Many of you may have received an e-mail from our Hudson Division Director, Frank Fallon-N2FF, asking you to write a letter to Congressman Mike Ferguson to encourage him to support House Resolution 230. Congressman Ferguson's district includes a good part of the NNJ section and should generate several hundred letters. So far, the response has been rather poor. Frank's letter included a sample one that could be easily adapted if any further comments wanted to be made. This is an opportunity to let your congressman know about the dangers of BPL interference to public safety communications. Please send a letter if you care enough about the amateur radio service. Also, more information can be found on the ARRL website. Just look for the BPL line at the main page and click on that for detailed news. At the State level the NJ PRB-1 Bill is still alive for another session. Senator Joseph Vitale has introduced the Senate version as S-1465. We are hoping to have Assemblywoman Linda Stender re-introduce the original Bill soon in that house. The process will be a long one but, the fact that a Bill has been re-introduced shows that Amateur Radio in New Jersey has support. We need to keep our contributions to our communities in the limelight by turning out for public service events and being active in RACES, ARES and SKYWARN activities. New Jersey elected officials are aware of what we have to offer. By being available and demonstrating that we are trained, competent volunteers will help to make eventual passage of a PRB-1 Bill a reality for New Jersey hams. NNJ is fortunate to have over 40 ARRL Affiliated clubs. When your club comes up for re-affiliation please have an officer complete the application. It only takes a few minutes and will ensure that the club continues to receive the many benefits it is entitled to. The NNJ Affiliated Club Coordinator, Rich Bilon-N3RB, will be happy to help and answer any questions you may have. Please check in to our monthly ARES net. You do not have to be an ARES member to take part and we will be happy to have you. The repeater info is at the header. Finally, I'm sad to report on two Silent Keys. John Jernstrom-N2NDK, who was a charter member of the County Line ARA and will be missed by his many friends. And, long time Raritan Valley RC member and personal friend, Marty Ficke-KD2QK also recently passed away. I'm sure their energy will carry over to make sure both clubs continue to prosper. 73, Bill Hudzik- W2UDT

## **Midwest Division**

### **Kansas**

Kansas Section News Summary- February 2006 SM, Ron Cowan, KB0DTI-- SEC/OOC: Robert Summers, K0BXF ASM: Orlan Cook, W0OYH SGL: Steve Hamilton, KB0JYL Silent Keys: NØFFO- Harold Tanquary, Wichita K3RRY- Charlotte Hart, Oberlin ----- JOCO A.R.E.S. held their annual recognition night in February. Several members received awards for their work. WBØCNK received the Legacy Award, bestowed upon the member that has given far more to the group than expected. KCØUIZ received the S.A.T.E.R.N Shield for contributing the most to S.A.T.E.R.N in this division. KØNK received special recognition as a "doer". Dee Shukert Salvation Army EDS director attended the meeting along with the 30+ A.R.E.S and S.A.T.E.R.N members

KCØTJR-Darwin May won the Shawnee County Spelling Bee. Thanks to KBØJYL for passing the news along. KØPY- Mike Afton spent time in Taiwan this winter where he was BW2/KØPY. Mike was there for Boeing but he found some hams and was able to get some DXing done. NØAPJ- Bud Waugh was named Outstanding Volunteer for United Way in Douglas Co. County emergency management nominated Bud citing his work during numerous hurricane events. Public service activities are beginning a new season. If you're in charge please drop me or HQ a report on what your group did. An official report can be completed on line: <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/forms/fsd-157-online-form.php> The only hamfest on the calendar so far is our convention August 20th. -----  
 ----- ARES-SEC Report of January 2006 activity As always there is good news and there is bad news. The good: Zone 1C sessions 3 QNI 26 QTC 0 Zone 2B sessions 4 QNI 42 QTC 0 Zone 3A sessions 2 QNI 18 QTC 0 Zone 3C Zone 3E-3F sessions 4 QNI 40 QTC 0 Zone 4A sessions 39 QNI 254 QTC 15 Zone 4B sessions 8 QNI 57 QTC 2 Zone 4C sessions 13 QNI 118 QTC 3 Zone 4E Zone 4H Zone 5A sessions 4 QNI 17 QTC 0 Zone 6E sessions 5 QNI 23 QTC 0 Zone 6F sessions 5 QTC 33 QTC 0 14 Zones sessions 87 QNI 628 QTC 20 RACES 1 session QNI 7 QTC 0 Counties: Atchison, Johnson, Mitchell, Montgomery, Riley, Shawnee and Wyandotte. Army MARS reported 813 On Air man hours handling 2571 messages Many thanks to Larry NØLL for stepping up and becoming the NCS for the Kansas Chapter 110 Quarter Century Wireless Assoc. net on Saturday mornings. He reports activity of 4 sessions 35 QNI 0 QTC. Now the bad news: We are still missing reports for several Zones. Activity on some of the traffic nets indicate there is activity in some of those un-accountable zones. Is there any chance we have the wrong person appointed as EC? Perhaps with a little extra effort from some of the Weather net and Kansas Sideband net members those positions could be filled with some of that vim and vigor I know is out there. Help me find some interested party to step up to the bat like NØLL did for the QCWA net and make all out ARES zones active. KANSAS still has a lot of the greatest HAMS out there----Let us prove it with ZESTO. 73 Bob Summers KØBXF ARRL SEC KS -----  
 ----- Jan. Sessions/QNI/QTC/Mgr: KSBN/31/1050/54/NØKFS KPN/22/252/27/ NØKFS KMWN/31/578/466/WBØYWZ KWN/31/956/686/WBØYWZ CSTN/24/1500/82/WTØA QKS 41/145/31/ NBØZ QKS-SS 7/26/1/KBØDTI Traffic: WØWWR 67 NBØZ 45 KBØDTI 22 WØOYH 22 NØZIZ 12 73- Ron To receive or contribute to Orlan's Kansas Amateur Radio News E-mail News Letter contact Orlan-WØOYH-Editor at WØOYH@arrl.net See KSN on ARRL Website for detailed PSHR and more Kansas news: <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=KS>

## Missouri

MARCH 2006 MISSOURI SECTION NEWS Winter has just about finished up and we are heading into the Tornado and Severe Thunderstorm season. The 2006 Spotter Training schedule is ready for both the St. Louis, MO NOAA Office and the Kansas City/Pleasant Hill NOAA office. To check for a Spotter Training session in the eastern part of the state take the provided link to the St. Louis Office. <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/lxs/?n=schedule> In the western part of the state use the link provided by the KC/Pleasant Hill NOAA Office <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/eax/?n=outreach-schedule> . The Missouri QSO Party is almost upon us. The Boeing Amateur Radio Employees Society of St. Louis are sponsoring this year's Missouri QSO Party. . Jim Kinser, NØAJ will be leading the B.E.A.R.S. sponsorship of the QSO Party and you can contact him at nØaj@arrl.net. Those interested in operating this year need to mark your calendar for April 1st and 2nd. Categories include Fixed, MO Mobile, or MO Rover and there are points for contacting WØMA, the B.E.A.R.S. Club station plus several other important rules. For more information go to <http://www.qsl.net/wØma> . The write-up is in the April Issue of QST on page 100. Last year even with the decrease in sunspots there were higher scores than ever. Most mobile stations work both Phone and CW. 40 meters in the daytime seems to be the best for MO to MO contacts and 80 meters would be your best bet early in the evening weather permitting. The MO State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) held its annual Crisis Communications Conference at Tan-Tar-A in Osage Beach, MO February 9th through the 11th of February. There were a large number of Amateurs at this year's conference. Representatives of A.R.E.S. included SEC Don Moore,

KMØR, with many EC, DEC and ARES members. . The Missouri MARS, SATURN and Red Cross groups also participated in the Conference. On Friday Richard Stump, SEMA Communications Director and John Myers, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency presented a program on the Utilization of Auxiliary Communications like A.R.E.S. , RACES, SATURN and MARS in Emergencies and Disasters. On Saturday Roger Volk, KØGOB, and George Schindler, WBØIIS, and Don Moore, KMØR presented a program on the Missouri Emergency Packet Network using 2 meter links to a 6 meter backbone. In their program it was announced that the Centralia, MO Hub was now functioning. Plans are going forward to complete linking the entire State on the MEPN system.

**CONVENTIONS & HAMFESTS REPORTS** The next Hamfest will be the Ararat Shrine Hambash in Kansas City, MO on April 15, 2006. Table Reservations or more information can be obtained immediately from Steve Dowdy, WJØJ by e-mail at [sdowdy@kc.rr.com](mailto:sdowdy@kc.rr.com) and tickets by mail can be requested by sending \$5.00 for three (3) tickets and an SASE to Ray Pautz, NØRP 13 SE 125 Road Warrensburg, MO 64093. Tickets at the door will be \$3.00 each. The Ararat Amateur Radio Shrine Club is expecting a great turn-out this year, so it will be another great ARARAT SHRINE HAMBASH.

**AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS** KEITH HAYE, WEØG, ACC The Blue Springs ARC Saturday Night BS Net is run on the BSARC's 70 cm repeater (444.950+ pL107.2) and linked to the Jackson County ARES 147.270+ repeater and the BSARC's new 2 meter repeater (147.015+ pL 151.4). The 147.27 link is the more reliable of the two meter links. The time of the net is 9 p.m. (2100) CST. Ken Scofield, KØOKY will be serving as net control. Ken expressed the BSARC appreciation to Leif Bahl, WØRDE, who had to step down a net control after several years because of scheduling conflicts due to his retirement. Joplin, MO will host the annual OzarkCon April 28th through April 29th at the Joplin Ramada Inn. OzarkCon is sponsored by the Four State QRP Group. The Convention has an interesting schedule of forums and speakers. For more information you can check out their website at <http://www.ozarkcon.com/ozarkcon.htm>

The Southwest MO ARC recently held their annual Chili Supper and Show-n-Tell meeting. Rod Kittleman, KØADI, demonstrated echo-link using his Blue-tooth cellular phone and laptop computer. Lance Riffle, KCØKBL, explained the use of the MFJ Miracle Whip antenna and then gave his extra class study guide and CD to David Patillo, KCØNCQ now that Lance has upgraded to extra. Mike Ballantyne, KC5MNP, showed off his Buddi-Poles and explained some short-comings of the unit that he had planned to improve. There were lots of other radios and interesting home-brew projects and equipment demonstrated.

The "Mark Twain Land Area News" of the Hannibal ARC reports that the Special Events Committee have been authorized to use the Logo of the U.S. Practical Shooting Association on their Certificate. The USPSA will be holding their National Championship in Barry, IL on 9/13/06 – 9/16/06. The Special Callsign for the Special Event will be K9P. There will be more information about this Special Event operation later. The Joplin ARC newsletter had an interesting article by J.C. Alexander, K5DMI, concerning the "Social Cycles in Amateur Radio" . One of the points that J.C. makes was that from time to time even the most active Amateur Radio operators put aside their equipment for a while, but that it's vital for all amateurs to remain active and work to bring young into the Amateur Radio Service. He also encourages a return to the basics of the hobby.

**SECTION ARES REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2006** DON MOORE, KMØR, SEC Total # of ARES members: 688 Change since last month: +5 Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month: 86 Man hours: 760 Number of public service events this month: 2 Man hours: 75 Number of emergency operations this month: 1 Man hours: 22 Total number of ARES operations this month: 89 Total Man hours: 857 Comments: 5 of 9 districts reporting To view this and other Monthly Section ARES reports go to <http://www.ares-mo.org/currentsec.asp>

**SECTION TRAFFIC REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY 2006** DALE HUFFINGTON, AEØS, MON - CW Sessions 46 QNI 86 QTC 28 NM K9ZTV MO Phone Sessions 28 QNI 607 QTC 45 NM KØDAT MESN Sessions 4 QNI 156 QTC 2 NM AEØS Audrain AARC Sessions 1 QNI 13 QTC 0 NM KBØKWC Callaway CARL Sessions 3 QNI 41 QTC 1 NM WBØHKN Boone Co Sessions 4 QNI 63 QTC 1 NM WMØH Hickory Co Sessions 8 QNI 39 QTC 2 NM KCØFD Howell Co Sessions 3 QNI 29 QTC 0 NM KØRWL Jackson Co Sessions 5 QNI 88 QTC 2 NM KØUAA Macon Co Sessions 4 QNI 28 QTC 0 NM KØKY Rolla RRARS Sessions 28 QNI 449 QTC 17 NM NAØV St. Louis County Sessions 6 QNI 94 QTC 8 NM KBØH WAARCI Sessions 4 QNI 103 QTC 0 NM

## New England Division

### Connecticut

We were all shocked and deeply saddened by the death of our friend John Hennessee, N1KB. John was one who spread joy and enthusiasm to those around him. He always encouraged others to try something new and was a real help to everyone who wrote or called Headquarters about regulatory information. He was a cheerful gentleman who was genuinely interested in the people he met. There is a beautiful article about John on the ARRL Web site at <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/03/07/3/?nc=1>. I came across a very nice editorial from a member of the Ohio Section and some photographs from PIC A1 W1FXQ which I have permission to share; I will post them on the Section Page on the ARRL Web site as soon as I can—watch for an alert. You can send condolences to the family via the on-line guestbook at <http://www.legacy.com/Charlotte/Guestbook>. I am calling for this Section to place a high priority on ARRL's "Hello" Campaign created and coordinated by Media & PR Manager Allen Pitts, W1AGP. It is time to make a concerted effort to increase the number of active operators in the Amateur Radio service, a task which each of us needs to undertake. Read about this effort in April QST and in this week's ARRL Letter and consider ways in which you can participate. I have written to club presidents asking for their support. Here's one thing we can all do: please be welcoming of newcomers and consider ways in which you can be an Elmer. "Hello" bumper stickers will be on sale through the ARRL catalog; "Hello" buttons will be made available at major ham fests; go to <http://www.arrl.org/pio> and starting March 20th you can download the latest Hello and EMCOMM audio public service announcements. These 30 second PSA's were made possible thanks to Johnny Donovan at WABC-AM and Howard Price, KA2QPJ, of WABC-TV in New York who is Acting President of the Broadcast Employees Amateur Radio Society, a member of the ham organization at WABC Radio & TV in New York and also the BEARS. There will be a video (a really GREAT one I am told) coming out in April. PIOs should coordinate an effort to get these PSAs to radio and TV stations - they do no good to us just waiting on the web. They need YOU to act and get them broadcast. Special note about video files: MPEG files may be good enough for your computer, but the files do not have high enough resolution for "real" TV work. To get broadcast quality copies of the video, please write to [hello@arrl.org](mailto:hello@arrl.org) with your name, address and where you will be placing it. The DVD's are not cheap, so ARRL cannot just speculatively pass them out. If you have a local TV station that must have BetaSP or the full, uncompressed digital files, please send an email with specifics about what they need to [hello@arrl.org](mailto:hello@arrl.org). Be sure and take a look at these PSA's—new ones will come out every 6 or 8 weeks. If you want to give a talk to a community group about Amateur radio, you can get Hello brochures which can be viewed at <http://www.arrl.org/pio>. These brochures are not designed for club use but for distribution to those who are not ham operators. ARRL is happy to send you what you need but is asking for a donation of the postage cost. There will also be a short video of about 3-5 minutes for starting talks about ham radio coming out in the early fall. If you need some background information to pass out, there's also materials you can download and print at [www.arrl.org/pio](http://www.arrl.org/pio). Check out the campaign Web site <http://www.hello-radio.org>. We all say we want to promote ham radio and see it grow. Well, now is the time to act on our words. If you are interested in teaching a class, please know there is plenty of material available, and if you need personal support, I will make it a priority to find those with teaching experience to talk with you. Let us together show others what this wonderful service which we all so much enjoy has to offer! A How-To class for licensed ham radio operators is being offered by the Conn. Section of the American Radio Relay League. The single session 4 hour class will be from 9-1 on 29 April at the Meriden Amateur Radio Club [www.meridenarc.org](http://www.meridenarc.org) and will be presented by Conn. Section Technical Coordinator Joe Wonoski - N1KHB and Technical Specialist Mike Loukides - W1JQ. Planned topics include antenna construction and adjustment, along with antenna tuners and analyzers. We will also

cover choosing and working with plastic and metal materials for construction of electronics projects along with adhesives, sealants, and fastener selection. There will also be instruction in soldering and an example of basic circuit calculations resulting in a small project to take home. The class is free and open to licensed amateur radio operators. Seating space is limited, so please reserve by contacting Joe Wonoski at N1KHB@aol.com (use "How-To" for a subject line) or call H. 203-457-9770 or B. 203-785-2998. The March meeting of the Southern Berkshire Amateur Radio Club featured a power point presentation by Jonathan Taylor, K1RFD on the subject of EchoLink. Mr Taylor is the writer and developer of the EchoLink program and was the recipient of the Special Achievement Award at the Dayton Hamvention in 2003 as well as the ARRL 2002 Technical Innovation Award. On March 19, 2006, SBARC will have an amateur radio booth at the annual TriState Trade Fair at the Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village, CT. The club's annual Hamfest will again be held on Saturday, April 22, 2006, at the Goshen Fairgrounds in Goshen, CT.—Ed Rubin, N2JBA President CT ARES Rapid Response Teams will participate in a Recon Rally CT ARES ® Area 4 North on Saturday, March 25 from 0830-1500 at Quinebaug Valley Community College, 742 Upper Maple Rd, Danielson. ARES members are invited to get teams together and participate in a valuable experience in which you will become familiar with Area 4 North & have some fun at a Scavenger Hunt! For further information, see the complete flier at <http://www.ctares.org> ; also Area 4 Web site <http://homepage.mac.com/tahoekid/RRG&EOP.Html>. For further information, contact DEC Wayne N1CLV [n1clv@arrl.net](mailto:n1clv@arrl.net). I just had a delightful call from one of our 92-year-old ops Bill, WA1BER, AFA1PJ Air Force MARS. He is on the air each day, sometimes for several hours and is doing just fine—by the way, he had no problem hearing me on the phone and his memory was terrific! He is a member of the Coastline ARA and often goes to their gatherings in Milford. Congrats to Bill—it was fun talking! More hams are needed for the Boston Marathon on April 17th. All you need is a minimum 2.5 watt 2 Meter HT with a good antenna (not the stock antenna) with extra batteries. An ear phone is also a good idea. You must be over 18 years old and no guests are allowed. This is an all day commitment starting from 6:30 AM to 9:00PM. Some assignments end by 2:30 PM. Others end as late as 7PM. Please sign up at: <http://marc.amateur-radio.net> To make sure you get a jacket please sign up by March 15. If you have any questions call my cell phone 508-922-9688 or drop me an email [w3eve@arrl.net](mailto:w3eve@arrl.net) Talk it up with your friends. We try very hard to put groups together. 73-- Steve Schwarm, W3EVE office: 781-672-3826; cell: 508-922-9688; home: 508-384-7697. The Candlewood Amateur Radio Assn. Enjoyed a talk by Steve, KF6AJ on non-radio uses of RF. Don't forget: the CPTV Annual Family Science Expo Amateur Radio booth coordinated by NARL needs your help—April 27-30 CT Expo Center Hartford off I-91. Contact Ron Cady K1RKD@ARRL.net, Bob Stanwood KB1EYZ@ARRL.net or Al Cohen W1FXQ@ARRL.net.

## **Eastern Massachusetts**

Greetings to all, Since we last spoke, it has been relatively quiet month weather wise. However, we are about to enter our annual “busy” time consisting of the thunderstorm threat season, and the public service season. Most hams are familiar with our marquee event, the Boston Marathon on April 17th, but there are many other events of which you can participate. More on that shortly, but first I would like to continue our discussion about volunteering for the 2006 Boston Marathon I started last month. Let's dispel a few myths. Myth: It's probably too late to volunteer. In fact, many hams are still needed, and there is still time as of March 18th. Please visit <http://www.amateur-radio.net/marc/index2.html>, to get more information and to sign up. Myth: I need a lot of experience and expensive gear. Fact: What IS needed, are hams with a good attitude and willing to spend the day prepared for potential problems. Radios are important, but you should be able to use what you already have. The website will help answer any questions you may have. If you want to discuss what you can expect, or what you need to do, please be sure to contact Steve, W3EVE personally at the contact information listed on the website. He will be only too happy to speak to you. There are many events needing volunteering hams throughout the spring, summer and fall. Some are listed below. Our webmaster and ACC, Phil, K9HI

does a nice job of listing those events with greatest need at <http://ema.arrl.org>. Please check our site often to get the latest updates and news! Our ARES team will present another Emergency Communication Workshop on Saturday April 8th, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Walpole Town Hall, 135 School Street in Walpole, Massachusetts. For more information, please go to <http://users.rcn.com/rmacedo/emrgshop.htm>, or to secure a reservation, please email Rob KD1CY, our SEC at [kd1cy@ema.arrl.org](mailto:kd1cy@ema.arrl.org). Skywarn training is also set to get underway. Please check the latest dates and locations at <http://users.rcn.com/rmacedo/skywarn.htm>. In other news around the Eastern Mass Section (contributed by our PIC, Ron, W1PLW): HELLO! "Hello!" is the new publicity campaign to recruit new ham radio operators that was just released by the ARRL. In the coming months you will be hearing more about this program as it all comes together. What is Hello? It is a special campaign being conducted by the ARRL to introduce people to Ham Radio. This project is the brainchild of the League's public relations director, Allen Pitts, W1AGP, and has been in the works for along time. When you get your next QST, please don't throw the brochure away! Instead, pass it on to someone who is not a ham. This is another good way to make people aware of who we are and what we do. I have heard all over the airways and by hams in general that we need to attract new hams. Now is the time. It is up to every one of us, not just the PIO's and our PIC. The future of ham radio is in your hands, so let's run with this and make it a big success! To learn more, check out [www.hello-radio.org](http://www.hello-radio.org) or contact Ron, W1PLW, our EMA PIC at [W1plw@ema.arrl.org](mailto:W1plw@ema.arrl.org), or [w1plw@arrl.net](mailto:w1plw@arrl.net). (From W1PLW): Does your club have someone who handles the public Information for your club? Would you like to have someone do it but don't know how to get it started? Contact Ron Wood and let him work with your club or public information person. This past year we have gotten some great publicity, and some not so good. Let's all work together to send out a positive image of Amateur Radio. While talking with people throughout the state this past year, I was amazed at how many people didn't even know we were still around. Let's change that this year. Field Day will be here soon. Let's get the word out and invite the public and your local officials to your site. Let them see what we can offer them. Our webmaster and ACC Phil, K9HI, is always updating the speaker list for the EMA website. If you are interested in passing your knowledge on to another club or group let me know and I'll get you on the list. Please take advantage, as the list is an aid for clubs looking for speakers The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), the Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) and the HF digital e-mail system Winlink 2000 all got positive mentions in a post-Katrina report from the US House of Representatives. US Rep Tom Davis (R-VA) chaired the panel. References to ARES, MARS and Winlink appear in "A Failure of Initiative"--the final report of the Select Bipartisan Committee to investigate the preparation for and response to Hurricane Katrina. The Algonquin Amateur Radio club had a successful Flea Market this past February. Thank you for all who attended. Also this was Ann Weldon KA1PON last year to chair the flea market. Thank you Ann for all the years you have run such a successful Flea. The Multiple Sclerosis Society is organizing not only its historic Boston/Cambridge walk, but at the same time, a walk from Wellesley to Boston. And so we start off the 2006 season of ham radio public service events. We have been asked to support communications for both events, which increases our need for your help on Saturday, 8 April. Yes, these are on a Saturday! The ham assembly time for the usual Boston/Cambridge walk is 1000 on Boston Common near the intersection of Beacon St and Charles St. The Walk route will proceed west on the Boston side of the Charles River, cross to Cambridge, go east on Memorial Drive and back to Boston. Our tasks should be by early afternoon. The usual hearty lunch will be provided for all volunteers. The "Journey For Hope," as the Wellesley to Boston walk is called, starts at Elm Bank along the Charles River and proceeds along Route 16 to Route 30 (Commonwealth Ave) in Newton, and then to the Boston Common. There will be several checkpoints along the way. Hams assigned to the start and the checkpoints can go directly to their assignments. The start will need communications at 0700, but the other locations will be established later. Lunches will be provided. For both walks, there are several hazardous or confusing locations, some shadows, and possibly mobile units. Net Control for both events will be in our tent on Boston Common. Present plans call for the Boston/Cambridge walk to use 2 meters and the Journey to use 70 cm, but this is subject to change. If you are new and want to get more public service experience, this is an excellent event to get your feet wet. These MS Walks are a low

impact opportunity to learn the ropes. As always, your assistance is valuable. Please let Bob Salow, WA1IDA, 508-650-9440, or [walida@arrl.net](mailto:walida@arrl.net) know promptly if you can help. de W1MPN

## Rhode Island

Greetings fellow Rhode Islanders: As I reported in last month report of the planned meeting, I did meet with ARRL Chief Operating Officer, Harold Kramer WJ1B on Feb 21st. He asked Field and Educational Services Manager, NN1N and Affiliated Club & Mentor Program Manager, W3IZ to sit in as well. I described our RI born library book program in detail and explained that I was seeking ARRL's consensus with us in continuing a program in RI that would provide selected instructional books to public and school libraries in 2006 and every year following. The meeting lasted about 90 minutes and at the end of it, Mr. Kramer said he liked what we've done in RI and asked F&E Manager NN1N to prepare a proposal for my approval to be subsequently submitted to him for action. The goal of the proposed League action is to come up with a plan that will provide a useful selection of books on fundamentals to public and school libraries that promote Amateur Radio, our clubs and ARRL in the process. I'm confident that we'll be pleased with what is developed. All meeting participants were positive on the idea and wanted to see it succeed. The goal of the new plan is for use not only in our section but in every section in the country to implement on a voluntary basis. I'm running late on the picture of the presentation of K6JRY's framed copy of the QST story on the New England Wireless and Steam Museum and its curator, Bob Merriam. The picture will be posted on <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=RI> very soon. While you're checking Internet sites, please check our fine new website designed by our STM, Mark W1EOF. Click on <http://www.ri.arrl.org/> and check it out. Mark has put some hard work into giving the site some features and versatility. It's still under construction but can be looked over. I am asking everyone with the capability to do so to please go to the site, register if you want full access to features and browse around through the various sub sections. I hope you like the site. It is there for your service. Please drop Mark a note and let him know what you think, [w1eof@hamnutz.com](mailto:w1eof@hamnutz.com). RI ARES continues to grow and develop. Our SEC, KE1AB has prepared some statistical data to show the extent of its growth. We're running well ahead of last year's rate of activity. For nine months of 2005 since starting in April, ARES conducted 17 training nets, one training net and one simulated emergency session for a total of 19 nets, resulting in 442 man hours of participation. In the first two months of 2006 alone, ARES has recorded 9 training nets and one snow watch for a total of 10 nets which resulted in 215 man hours of participation. That's nearly half of last year's total in just two months. ARES is well on its way to a very fine year of member participation. Thank you all. Our SEC is going through the list of registered members and will be placing those who have not participated into an inactive status. Please make sure you remain active by participating in as many ARES drills as you can make on the 146.70 repeater or our HF sessions on 75 meter SSB following the 2 meter session. For details, check our website or contact Sean [kelab@arrl.net](mailto:kelab@arrl.net) or myself at [w1lyrc@arrl.org](mailto:w1lyrc@arrl.org). ARES training is an ongoing activity. Training Officer, Bill Boyes KB1G has a great deal of experience in training and has demonstrated his ability in several on air sessions. Bill and Sean would appreciate your help if you are an experienced training person. The load for just two people is heavy. What say? Many of you are experienced in town emergencies and can share your knowledge and best practices with our newer members. They need to learn from you. Please lend a hand. The next few months in ARES should be exciting for all. On March 7th, I read on the ARRL website that sunspot cycle 24, our next cycle will start later than expected but will likely be as much as 50% more intense than cycle 23 which is just ending. Read <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/03/07/5/?nc=1> for details. You've got plenty of time to find where we stored that 10 or 6 meter yagi. We won't be seeing improving conditions in cycle 24 on those bands until late 2007 or early 2008, but for those of you who have been licensed since the peak of cycle 23 and don't know what a wide open 10 or 6 meter band can be, get ready for some real fun, working Europe on 10 meters every day and Australia most nights. Simple antennas and 100 watts will often work just fine. Those inexpensive 25 watt Radio Shack transceivers will be DX radios for your car. The list of RI DXCC members is ready for uploading. I've

not had the time to prepare the list for our websites. I shall be sure to have our DXCC members on the new RI website shortly. The delay is on my end. A couple of weeks ago, a question reached me which suggested that many hams believe that the code requirement for any license has been lifted by the FCC. THIS IS WRONG INFO! The fact is that FCC has proposed elimination the requirement to pass any code test to obtain any license. That happened last July. There have been more than 3800 comments, both supportive and not submitted to the FCC in their public commentary following that 30 page NPRM&O, FCC 05-143, [http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/FCC-05-143A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-05-143A1.pdf). In bureaucratic speak, this means that FCC has put out an idea for public commentary. They have not acted to make any changes to the rules. So, keep studying the code if you're working to upgrade. Code may be dropped in the future but with the other issues it has before it, any revision to that segment of the rules appears to be a while off. You may read the details at <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/02/13/100/?nc=1>. Our lighthouse society friends from Massachusetts, K1VV and N1DT have continued their activation of RI lighthouses, the latest being the Bristol Ferry and Hog Island on March 11th. Check <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=RI> for a terrific picture of their setup. What a nice way to enjoy a sunny morning!! Their next target is Popham Rocks on March 18th and then they'll be off to Cape Cod. Thanks for activating RI lights, guys. Hopefully our RI hams will activate some in the future. Milder weather makes us start thinking of antenna work and Field Day. Don't forget that we're planning to hold another all club outing at the New England Wireless and Steam Museum in July. Last year's event on July 17th was a tremendous hit and everyone I asked was strongly in favor of making it an annual get together. It's for club members ONLY. So, if you aren't a member of a club, select one now and join. The July cook-out alone will reward you for your annual dues. What do my grandkids call it? A no-brainer? Contact me for help in finding a club near you or that will match your needs. I've been asked by W1FH's family to help them dispose of his equipment which includes lots of nice Collins items in great condition. Please contact me if you are seriously looking for some high end collectable Collins units that have truly worked the world. As you may know W1FH, who held DXCC certificates #1 in mixed and phone, became a Silent Key on January 21st. Good luck with your spring projects and flea markets but above all, have fun and I'll see you back here next month. 73, Bob Beaudet W1YRC

## **Northwestern Division**

### **Montana**

Montana experienced some severe weather during February. Subzero temps and extremely cold windchill factors had most folks snuggled down to wait out the storm. But, communications and net support continued and was a credit to our State Amateurs. The Missoula Club was called out on the 16th of Feb to assist the National Weather Service in monitoring an incoming storm. Severe cold and windchill factors were forecast. Six club members responded to the NWS site and manned the station there most of the day. Twenty five stations in the local area supported the effort, providing weather info for the forecasters to work into their storm response. Most of the communications were on 2 meters, but some HF activity was included. APRS support was used also. A great job! A pat on the back for all participants. Amateur radio comes through again. Thanks to Donny, W7XY for keeping Section Staff up to date during the response. The season's first Hamfest at Stevensville was a great success! Good attendance and more goodies for sale. Thanks to Argus, W8QMD for getting it together each year. As usual, it was great to see so many coming out of Winter quarters for our first gathering of the year. IMN-W5UYH, QNI 539, QTC- 101 MTN-KD7HWV, QNI 22594, QTC 67 MSN-KC7CIS, KC5YED, 116 73 to all Doug, K7YD

### **Oregon**

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AB7OC. PIC: W6ABM. TC: WB7UNU. SGL: KA7KYQ. Bob KB7MFD and Darlene KD7FUZ Young are Red Cross volunteers and went to help in the Katrina disaster. I had Bob's report and here is Darlene's report. Darlene wrote two reports one is too long and I will put it on my web site. It is great reading. It will be under other articles. [www.kz7t-oregonsm.org](http://www.kz7t-oregonsm.org). Here is Darlene's report for a typical day. "RUNNING THOUGHTS : KATRINA – TYPICAL DAY & RIVER CENTER CLINIC 0500: rise and shine? – only about 85 degrees – maybe not so hot today? showered @1130hrs, 'cause lines weren't so long last nite – 420people in this staff shelter now (meant for 200) – that poor guy had a nightmare again @0200 – his scream woke everyone – hope mental health staff can help him. Oh, yeah! have to get everything packed, and into car-trunk –we're moving tonite to house where some mental health staff are staying (way out in the country on lake – some doctor offered use of his fishing cottage as shelter for them) – time to grab equipment for day, and get to car with other nurses – glad Kim drives, 'cause it's some distance & complicated. 0630: buffet breakfast @ Sheraton, 2 blocks from River Center – hotel graciously offered free buffets for RC volunteers – we're here for breakfast, lunch, dinner, whichever we can grab time for. 0700: in clinic – report from night staff – 1 client transported during nite to hospital with cardiac event – 4 more lying on cots with IVs infusing – dehydration, nausea&vomiting, diarrhea – no real dysentery yet to report to public health, thank goodness! – people from the upstairs unit who were moved at 1430 yesterday to special needs facility offsite were returned last nite @2030 when other facility decided to close!! some of those people are so fragile – must find out what went wrong!! in addition, 2 new people were admitted there during night – 24 hour coverage is difficult – need more R.N.s – phone is continually busy with so much stuff – they've said we're to get a 2nd line today – installation 2 days ago failed! – need to confirm transportation to get our amputee to hospital for his dialysis today – oh, yeah, and try to find out status of order for his special wheelchair to replace his own, stolen in first 2 days – he's big man – also needs elevation for legs (btk, and diabetic as well! a disaster within a disaster!) – must remember to tell mental health people again how much they're appreciated – they are doing such great work here, with clients, and staff as well! 0945: donation of new reading glasses has come in – eye docs are coming with special 'clinic-van' today to see more difficult problems – what'll we do with man who's had heart transplant? he needs some kind of isolation – he's with wife who can provide care– now problem-solving for space; – Kim's OB ed. class for the expectant mothers is going well, and much appreciated by the families and the doctors – the respiratory therapist volunteer is wonderful – doing so much so well – but she's so swamped, and has no relief 24/7 – must find some help for her somehow – 1140 : where does time go when you're having fun? Client has brought me poem she wrote in appreciation of all the people who've helped her remember? she's the one who was rescued from hanging onto big tree branch in water for five days – she's looking better than 4 days ago, and her attitude is great – she has good survival/coping skills. 1430: clinic's busy as usual – so many sick and hurting people, but fun to see faces of the little ones when we give them stuffed animal after the doc finishes –wow – time to think of eating – maybe Lois can go with me – now we'll have to pay half-price, 'cause Sheraton had to discontinue "free" after 3 days when they realized how many volunteers they were feeding!! management apologized (they are so great) – 1600: All-staff meeting: shelter director states there was police/guard help last nite with a "big fight": two 14 yr old girls hitting each other – (better than having to deal with drug dealers and weapons) – discuss changes in schedules, latest news from hdqtrs, usual scuttlebutt, and let's try to squelch the rumors that spread so fast and really panic clients! – not much else – A great young doc, 3 nurses, and an EMT drove in from Chicago – went to work immediately & enthusiastically – must get them out of here early so they can get to their shelter & collapse! – 1830: police had to come & remove the addict who kept coming back screaming abuses 'cause we'd not been able to provide what he wanted – he finally became physical, had to be restrained – so we called for help – so sad. Public health person came to discuss procedures, reports, & have tour. Celebrities/politicians were here again today – some quietly ask what we need, & arrange it; others create a lot of commotion, take a lot of staff time, and just obviously came for a publicity photo-op/camera moment – oh, well – 2010: Rita left today, leaving me her keys & car. Pom (shelter day-manager) is here to ride with me– he's also going to house – 2100: hmm – we may have taken a wrong turn –I'm driving, Pom's navigating – I think I gave the good map & instructions to Bob. It's really

desolate & black out here on the bayou on 2-lane roads with no shoulders, no signs, and deep ditches or canals on either side! – maybe we'll go back to that gas-station/grocery if we can find it) and see if they can direct us. 2215: hooray! with the help of that great lady (other customer) at the service station who actually led us here in her car (a long way out of her way) we are finally home – all our room-mates were worried, but trying to reassure Bob! where better to be housed than with 8 or 9 mental health professionals? – now if we just had a cook!! But I'm too tired for food –I'll shower, fall into bed, and eat sometime tomorrow!" A blast from the past, Steve Crouch, N07V E-mailed that he passed AREC-(001). Doug Mecham, N6CJM, Donald Politis KE7DAP also passed AREC-(001) Traffic; W7IZ 168, W7IG 160, N7YSS 132, N7CM 115, K7PMB 56, KC7SGM 55, K7EAJ 53, KK1A 41, KC7SRL 38, W7RRC 32, KD7ZLF 28, WS7L 21 and N7EPE 5 PSNR; N7QQU 226, K7EAJ 185, N7CM 175, N7YSS 110, KD7ZLF 103, W7RRC 102, KC7SGM 90, W7VSE 89, KL7OR 85, KK7TN 84, KK1A 75 and KE7AUB 70 OO Report; Tony WB7OR 80 hours, Jeff NS7J 10 hours and Harry AB7X 202 hours.

## **Western Washington**

SEC Jim K7CEX has returned from his trip to Israel where he met fellow hams and did some operating as 4X6/K7CEX. On February 28, Jim operated via Echolink back to the Baw Faw repeater, making several contacts with the local hams. Jim reports that Ham Radio in Israel is alive and well. Visiting several repeater sites and meeting with the Eilat SAR unit, was one of the highlights of the trip. The SAR unit at Eilat, at the southern most point of Israel on the Red Sea, provides rescue services to anyone, regardless of nationality, getting in trouble in the "upper regions" of the Sea. After enduring almost two weeks of sun, blue skies and gentle breezes, Jim decided to come home to the cold and wet Northwest. Final preparations are being made for the April Communications Academy, in Seattle. This is an annual event that affords operators to get training, compare notes with other teams and have a great time. This event is highly recommended. District 1 In District 1, Bill, W7ARC reports that on Feb. 4, the EOC was activated at Fire Station 2 and Hams were also sent to the Red Cross Shelter at Utsalady Elementary. Lessons were learned from this activation and corrective action plan developed. District 2 Russ, K7INA, ADEC reports that Jefferson County was called out on Super Bowl weekend to staff the EOC because of a strong wind storm. A weekly packet net on Sunday evening at 1830 has been started to aid members in becoming familiar with packet. This constitutes the next step in developing a backup email support capability for the county. In Clallam County: A Public Service Event was held at Peninsula College in support of the Olympic Peninsula Emergency Preparedness Day. Emergency operations involved a callout on February 4th to support a 9-1-1 outage in Forks. Kitsap County Just after midnight on February 4th 2006 Kitsap County ARES / RACES / ACS was activated by the Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management to provide communication support during a major windstorm. District 3 Ken, K7TAG reports that in District 3 Lewis County ARES was activated to participate in an evidence search and also to assist in setting up the new EOC. Mason County is in the planning stages to support Fire Department CERT Teams. Pacific County replaced an antenna mast broken by a wind storm at the Long Beach EOC. Thurston County provide communication support for a Road Rally. District 4 Clark County worked on unpacking and setting up the Radios for their new operating room at the EOC. They also operated HF and WinLink in the Eastern Washington SET. Cowlitz County Hams were placed on 'Standby' during the first weekend of February by the County and Red Cross because of the heavy rains, but were not needed. In Wahkiakum County, John, KB7UED, EC reports that they are actively recruiting a team and establishing a net. District 5 No Report District 6 Kirk, N7UK, DEC reports that the Puget Sound Energy and Vashon Island teams activated their EOCs in response to the Feb. 4 windstorm. We experienced downed trees and scattered power outages throughout the county as well as some damage to the Evergreen Point floating bridge. DEC N7UK has been working on a Memorandum of Understanding with the Mike and Key ARC which would insure that King Co. ARES-RACES has use of the 146.82 repeater during emergencies drills and a recurring net on Sunday nights. District M No Report STM Monthly Report NET QNI QTC SESSIONS NET MANAGER CCARESNet 147 1 4 ND7P ESTS 35 19 27 WB7WOW NOON TIME NET 15226 192 56

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## **Pacific Division**

### **Nevada**

Nevada Section News Summary See the Nevada Section website at <http://nv.arrl.org> for the complete stories. March 7, 2006 - ARES Monthly Report for February'06 SEC Summary - Grab a cup of coffee and prepare for some light reading, as this might take an evening to digest! While the year started off quietly, with the exception with Washoe County flooding on New Years, February has seen our section grow increasingly busy. First of all, I am planning on meetings with the southern district DEC and ECs. We are looking at March 18, but not being able to assemble all in one place at one time, may facilitate another visit, this time to probably Tonopah for a summit. More on that next month. I visited the SIERA Club meeting with Northwest DEC in February to give an ARES update and to re-introduce ourselves in the area. Very good attendance and great response. We focused our presentation on training and the material offered in the ARECC courses. Doug and I also went to the LCCARES meeting in Silver Spring (more below). I will also visit Elko on Saturday April 1 to visit with Joe and the Northeast crew. Emcommwest planning continues, the website is up and running and registrations online are underway. We have confirmed that Dave Patton, NN1N from ARRL HQ will be our keynote speaker, and Bill Pasternak from Amateur Radio Newslines will be our Saturday night banquet speaker. The event will be at the Atlantis in Reno, Saturday and Sunday, May 6 & 7. Everything else (the majority of our activity) lies with our DEC's and the hard-working EC's who's input to this section is so very much appreciated. Thank you all for a continued job well done! - 73 de Don KQ6FM SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORT: Lots to report this month. Plans still on to improve repeater coverage in North Nye County, Esmeralda County EC Ron WB5KLJ and North Nye Co. AEC Dave, KE7LC both report progress on Tonopah repeater. The Tonopah IRLP/Echolink node is ready according to Kent, W7AOR location still in planning stage. Pat KE7GDS may host node site. DEC will also be hosting a net on GMRS Red Cross frequency. In will be at 7:15pm prior to Clark County Monday night net. New efforts with neighbor states and counties for mutual aid plan. Northeast DEC N7JEH and Southern DEC both checked into North Arizona Red Cross exercise held in Flagstaff. More training continues in South Nye County. Packet system coming to Pahrump and Amargosa. Thursday 2/23 saw emcomms in action, as a stranded ham contacted KE7LC in Tonopah. The ham was traveling on a mountain road enroute to service a repeater site when his vehicle became stuck. Dave contacted Nye County Sheriff's office who relayed to Inyo County SO who dispatched help. Good job guys! Dan AA7I, RACES AEC represented us at Community Organization Active in Disasters (COAD) on Feb. 9 and the Community Interoperability Tabletop Exercise in Clark County, coordinated by Safecom. Our EC, Charlie, AA5QJ participated in Chief Radio Officers in San Bernardino County, CA. Many other area counties were represented from as far away as East Kern County and Los Angeles. Operational needs, training, mutual aid, comm. vehicles and ID issues were discussed. - 73 de Glenn KB7REO NORTHEAST DISTRICT REPORT: No field activities this month. Frank, W6MN is conducting a Digital Electronics Class in Elko. This is a 4 week course. SEC will attend as a guest April 1. Joe also reports good participation in Saturday morning HF ARES net. Sat. February 25 Elko group assisted No. Arizona Red Cross (see above) in propagation report testing via Las Vegas ARES. DEC N7JEH has been appointed to a multi-county taskforce by Elko Sheriff's office to look into radio interoperability for 6 northern NV counties. It may be another good opportunity for amateur radio and it's role in the comms plans. - 73 de Joe N7JEH NORTHWEST DISTRICT REPORT: Lots going on here as well this month, with a total of 212 manhours massed by Northwest members. Emcomm Level 1 course continues in Washoe County as instructed by Doug, KA7FOO our DEC. Welcome to Glenn Thomas, WB6W as Douglas County EC. This is Glenn's first month to report. DCART meetings and training continues. They have now established a Monday night net at 6:30pm on the 147.270+ PL. 123 repeater with good initial response. Most recent meeting was

attended by Otto Tune, KV7J from the DEM in Carson City. He provided ICS Field Ops documents and a good description of the ICS format. DCART looking for 2 AECs to act in ECs absence. Cynthia, KB7BZE writing an SOP for DCART activities. EC will be revising callup list and phone tree. Plans are to establish a new PBBS system, which will hopefully later be linked to other groups. Agencies are being approached to provide served agency training on their procedures and needs. DCART on Standby to assist with potential flooding on Feb 25. They also assisted LCCARES on Feb. 28 when the Lyon County 911 system went down. This was the first time amateur radio was used in Carson City at the dispatch center. Link with Lyon County EC established. Speaking of Lyon County, EC Harry Bryant, reports a busy month there as well. Several callouts with SAR took place to aid local people who were either stranded or lost. Two members used Quads to aid an elderly couple which SAR could not get to. There was also a downed aircraft call by ELT. Working with SAR it was determined that the transponder was in fact in the hanger. Good drill, but it is better to be safe than sorry! Mutual aid was sought of DCART to help with the 911 system disruption. LCCARES members covered the ECC while DCART was in Carson. Amateurs were asked to standby and set up a relay link until communications could be safely established. Nice job by Harry and the LCCARES team and the support of Glenn and DCART. - 73 de Doug KA7FOO March 1, 2006 - DXCC, WAS and VUCC Card Checkers Needed! - The section is running short of card checkers for DXCC, WAS and VUCC. These card checkers are authorized to verify eligibility for DXCC, WAS and VUCC so that folks who want these awards do not have to ship their collection of QSL cards to Newington. The ARRL main website has official descriptions for DXCC card checker and ARRL HF and VHF Award Manager. If you are interested in becoming a card checker, please let our Section Manager, Dick Flannigan K7VC know. Nominations can also be made directly to ARRL HQ by affiliated DX clubs for DXCC and by Special Service Clubs for HF and VHF Awards manager. February 22, 2006 - Daytona Beach School Project - "What does the Daytona Beach ARC have to do with anything in Nevada?" I hear you cry. It turns out that they did a project on "the greying of Amateur Radio" that is worth sharing. They sent out a note to lots of clubs on the topic and have posted the original message as well as some of the replies on their club web site at <http://www.dbara.org/project.htm>. It is well worth the read by anyone who is interested in the future of Amateur radio. -30-

## **Sacramento Valley**

SECTION NEWS FEBRUARY 2006 Two months of 2006 have gone by and so far very little need for ARES call-out. March is starting with rain, but predictions say it won't be heavy. Let's hope that it continues to fill the dams and the snow pack, so that we will have plenty of water for the year. The North – East part of the section, along the Nevada border, has had several flood warnings and heavy winds and snow. Like the Boy Scout's motto; Be Prepared. EMCOMMWEST 2006: This years EMCOMM, special ARRL Convention, will be held in Reno at the Atlantis Hotel. The dates are May 6-7. The Reno Spring Hamswap will be held in conjunction with the convention, on Saturday, May 6th, in the Atlantis parking lot. There will be a Saturday night banquet, special guest speakers, VE testing, vendor booths and display of emergency communication vehicles. For more information log on to [www.emcommwest.org](http://www.emcommwest.org). Keep this date open for a informative and fun weekend. AMADOR COUNTY ARC: The club has announced that they will present another HAM-CRAM course on April 29, 2006. It will be held at the Jackson, CA, Senior Center. They have had several 1 day sessions with excellent success. If interested, purchase the ARRL book Now You're Talking, version V – available from ARRL or Ham radio dealers, or through a local book store – study the book prior to the session day, attend the class and take the exam at the end of the day. The instructor is Ray, ND6S. For further information, contact Ray at 209-267-5958 or [nd6sarrrl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nd6sarrrl@sbcglobal.net). MOTHER LODGE DX and CONTEST CLUB: The club is planning a membership drive and hopes to build up the total membership, so that they can better compete with some of the larger contest clubs. The members are interested in DX and/or Contesting. They publish a monthly newsletter that usually runs 10-12 pages. They are offering copies of the newsletter, by email, to those that are interested in DX/Contesting, Their meetings are usually

held at noon on the 3rd Saturday of the month – depending on whether there is a contest or dxpedition on that day. Meetings are generally held at the Round Table, in Martell, CA – near Jackson. For more information on the club, go to [www.mldxcc.com](http://www.mldxcc.com). For a copy of the newsletter, send an email to; [samoian@directcon.net](mailto:samoian@directcon.net) and request a copy or to be put on the email list. There are two club members that can check QSL cards for DXCC and that makes it quite handy as cards usually can be checked at the meeting. GOLDEN EMPIRE ARS: The Butte and Glenn County ARES and GEARS members participated in a terrorism Simulated Emergency State operating throughout Butte County. The test included a full mock news feed. ARES members learned that a drop antenna is necessary at the EOC to fully communicate with the rest of the region. The SET was a success and they learned a lot about disaster communications and their abilities in such an event. There are more and more of this type of training being done within the section. Let's keep up the good work. EL DORADO COUNTY ARC: The club has formed a DX Subcommittee to further information and knowledge of High Frequency operating and working DX in particular. It seems to me that more clubs are beginning to promote HF operating and up-grading. If the FCC drops the Morse code requirements, I believe the interest in HF operating will take a big jump as it will be easier - ?? – to upgrade to General or Extra class. So far the FCC has made no indication on what decision they will make about the code requirements. The Peter 1 island DXpeditions had many section members contacting them. The pile-ups were huge at times, and near the end of their stay it became much easier to work them. It takes experience to work the rare DX stations, especially when hams all over the globe are trying to contact them. CLUB WEB PAGES: I just checked eleven different club web sites and found only 3 had any recent information. One said that I was forbidden to open it. I was looking for recent newsletters, but most were for 2005 or 2004. More than one had not been updated for more than a year, and did not list meeting times or dates. I know it is hard to find someone to be the webmaster, but more effort is needed to keep them more up to date. I do refer other hams to these web pages for information on the clubs. ANTENNA IMPEDANCE MODELS: There will be a presentation on antenna models on Tuesday March 14 at 6:30 pm, at Cogswell College, 1175 Bordeaux Dr., Sunnyvale. There is no charge for the meeting. For more information go to; [www.ewh.ieee.org/r6/scv/aps](http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r6/scv/aps). COMMUNICATION ACADEMY 2006: This two day meeting will be held on April 1-2, 2006 from 7:30 am to 4 pm each day. The theme of the meeting is Learning From Catastrophic Disaster. It will be held in Burien, Washington. For more info: [www.commacademy.org/2006/index.php](http://www.commacademy.org/2006/index.php). This meeting is held each year in WA. FIELD DAY: It is time to begin preparing for 2006 FD. This is one day in which the whole family can get involved with, and have fun. Advertise your FD site and show the general public what amateur radio is about. Most people have no idea what we do as a hobby, volunteer for emergency communication, help with public service events and talk with others in foreign lands. MISC: That is it for this month. Enough of my rambling along, and trying to dig up enough to fill out the Section News, for another month. 73, Jettie, W6RFF .- .- .-

## **San Joaquin Valley**

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for the month of February 2006: 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. An Emergency Coordinator is needed in Merced County. Contact N6ZFN ([n6zfn@bak.rr.com](mailto:n6zfn@bak.rr.com)) or W6DPD ([w6dpd@arrl.org](mailto:w6dpd@arrl.org)) if you can help Mark your calendars. M2 Antenna Systems, Inc. Annual open house April 1. See Below. The International DX Convention is April 21-23, 2006 at Visalia. Check <http://www.dxconvention.org/> for information. EMCOMM West is May 6-7, 2006 at the Atlantis Casino Resort in Reno. Check [www.emcommwest.org](http://www.emcommwest.org) for information. Field Day is June 24-25, 2006. The 64th Fresno Hamfest will be August 5, 2006 at the Satellite Student Union on the CSUF Campus. Check [www.w6to.com](http://www.w6to.com) for information. San Joaquin Valley ARS presents the Harvest HamConVentioN Sept 15-16 in Fresno. Check [www.sjvars.com](http://www.sjvars.com) for information. Pacificon 06 will be October 13-15, 2006 at the San Ramon Marriott. Check [www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org) for information. 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](http://www.arrl.org) for exam information. You can also search for Amateur Radio Classes in your area. 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. The California Traffic Net meets daily on 3.906 MHz and 6:30 PM local time. It is my sad duty to report that KB6CLZ, W6MND, and N6ZZU are Silent Keys. They will be missed. Congratulations to Dave Rosenthal, N6TST, on winning the February QST cover plaque award for his article, "Polar Bear Portable". He will be a speaker at the 64th Fresno Hamfest on August 5. Congratulations to AI6A, AD6NY, and KF6QKL on completing the ARECC Level One Course. The Los Banos ARC has its annual "Foxhunt" on March 11, 2006, at 4 PM starting at the Police Annex, 525 "T" Street in Los Banos. W6YDE has confirmed 100 DXCC entities. The Sierra ARC provided communications for the Fire Mountain Fifty Horse Ride and the 20 Mule Team 100 Mile Endurance Horse Ride events. 2005 IARU HF World Championship SJV results are 1st K6AAB, 2nd N6EE and 3rd KA6BIM. In the Pacific Division K6AAB placed third, N6EE was fifth and KA6BIM was sixth. 2005 September VHF QSO Party SJV results KD6VNQ was first, KF6CNV was second and K3UG was third. Lodi ARC 2006 officers are pres WB6FVG, vp WB6HTV, secy/treas N6HCH. The club meets the 3rd Thursday at the Lodi Public Library. Stanislaus ARA 2006 officers are pres W6UHF, vp KF6NPG, secy KD6YWO, and treas KC6TVE. The club meets the 3rd Tuesday in Modesto. Check [www.saraclub.net](http://www.saraclub.net) for information. The annual M2 Antenna Systems, Inc. open house is April 1, 2006 in Fresno. Check [www.m2inc.com/openhouse2a.html](http://www.m2inc.com/openhouse2a.html) for information and directions. On June 9-11, KF6JOQ, Larry, KG6ZBL, Mark and W6WTG, Terry will be going to Santa Cruz Island off the coast of Ventura for a DX Expedition. The island is IOTA NA-144. We will be operating 14.260 and also 144.210 SSB during the ARRL VHF contest. QSL Manager is N2OWL. For more information contact Terry, W6WTG at [w6wtg@arrl.net](mailto:w6wtg@arrl.net) or [www.islandchaser.com](http://www.islandchaser.com). Traffic for February: K6RAU 12 and N6SUZ 99; Total 111. PSHR K6RAU 55, N6SUZ 100.

## **Roanoke Division**

### **North Carolina**

NORTH CAROLINA: SM, John Covington, W4CC - SEC: WA4MOK. STM: K4HA. TC: K4ITL. BM: KD4YTU. PIC: N2COP. OOC: W4ZRA. ACC: WA4KE. I've always believed that studying for your first ham license should be the beginning of the learning process, not the end of it. Even if you have passed the Amateur Extra exam, there's plenty left to learn. Continuing education will improve your enjoyment of being a ham; you will learn new things you can have fun doing! Whatever your individual interest areas are in Amateur Radio, I encourage you to learn what you can about it and share it with others. Public service communications requires this continuing education more than almost any other area of Amateur Radio. That's due primarily to changing expectations of our served agencies, brought on by an increased ability to communicate instantly in our day-to-day lives, but also due to a greater awareness of the impact of technological (i.e. man-made) disasters. One way we serve the public is through the NWS SKYWARN program. To be an effective part of this program, you must complete spotter training and participate in SKYWARN nets regularly enough that you understand the procedures. You need to repeat spotter training from time to time, too. For the NWS, time is of the essence when storms appear, and if you haven't trained and practiced, you are probably in the way rather than being helpful. Most agencies using volunteers require them to undergo training. Whether you are an American Red Cross volunteer, a volunteer firefighter or a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, there is some level of training required, and in many cases, you have to repeat this training once in a while so you understand the latest procedures and techniques. Career professionals are sometimes wary of volunteers. Sometimes this is due to a bad first impression with a volunteer leader; sometimes they are

concerned volunteers will cause them more problems than they solve. This is especially true of spontaneous volunteers - people who just show up in the aftermath of a disaster offering to help, but have never been trained or even involved before. These volunteers present management challenges that most agencies simply do not have the time to deal with during a disaster. An article in the recent ARES E-Letter discussed the remarks of one Emergency Response Coordinator in Mississippi who stated that he didn't want "a bunch of yahoos with walkie talkies" running around, getting in his way. As SM I am certainly glad this did not take place in North Carolina, but he illustrates something we need to think about. Being trained and practicing regularly improves our credibility and inspires confidence in the eyes of those we serve. They know they can depend on us to do our job without interfering with theirs. It also builds relationships that can survive turnovers in leadership; theirs or ours. Those of us who work with Emergency Management will need some additional training in the near future. The Department of Homeland Security is requiring all first responders, including volunteers, to complete training in the National Incident Management System (NIMS) by 2007. There was some question about whether this requirement also applies to radio operators, and Ron Breitwisch, KC0OX, a DEC in Iowa recently contacted FEMA to ask for a clarification. Here is the response, also from the ARES E-Letter: "Thank you for contacting the NIMS Integration Center. The short answer is: Yes. In a response scenario that extends beyond local government, there needs to be common terminology and doctrine that everyone can follow so that personnel and resources are feathered in a seamless manner. This is especially true for radio communications. Radio operators need to understand what is being said and asked of them during an incident so that they can convey this information effectively and efficiently. Please let me know if I can provide further assistance. Regards, Paul F. Ganem, NIMS Integration Center" The specific courses recommended for entry-level volunteers are IS-100, Incident Command System; and IS-700, National Incident Management System. Both are available free of charge at the FEMA Emergency Management Institute Independent Study web site. There are also instructor's materials available for download, so if you wanted to conduct an in-person course for members of your ARES group, they have done a lot of the work for you! There are lots of other courses that you may find helpful also. The home page for the Independent Study Program is: <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/> I have taken several of these FEMA courses myself. If you have completed an ARECC course, you already have a head start and it will only take a few hours to complete them. If it's new material to you it may take a bit longer, but it is not a long time commitment at all and well worth the effort. While there is value in independent study, it's also important to train with your local ARES group and practice regularly so you will know what is expected locally. You will be better at what you do, and there's great satisfaction - and fun - in belonging to a group that works well together. Will Harper, K4IWW is stepping down at the end of March after 20 years as Net Manager of the Carolinas Net (3573 kHz, 7 PM and 10 PM daily). His replacement has not yet been determined, but should be shortly. I want to thank Will for his dedicated service to the net. And as most of you already know, I am stepping down at the end of March after 6 years as Section Manager. Serving has been a great honor, and I want to thank you for the confidence you have shown in me by allowing me to serve three terms. I am humbled by the many kind things that have been said to me as I leave office. However, I should emphasize that this has been a team effort; there are many hard-working hams who have made a big difference on my watch. Without their efforts, I would have accomplished very little. My successor is Tim Slay, N4IB of Mooresville. I have known Tim for many years and I am confident the SM job will be in good hands. If you offer him the support and encouragement you have given me over the years, then I am certain good things will keep happening in North Carolina.

Upcoming Hamfests: Kinston/Down East Hamfest, Sunday April 2nd; Morganton/Catawba Valley Hamfest, Saturday April 15th, and Raleigh/RARSfest Sunday April 23rd. Silent Keys: Ross Sigmon, W4DOU, of Charlotte; Norm Byerly, N4ANE of Winston-Salem, and Bob Phelps, WA4CFG of Thomasville. February Traffic: W4EAT 1187 (BPL), W0UCE 898 (BPL), W4UEF 348, K4IWW 221, AD4XV 201, KI4YV 163, WA4OBR 128, W2EAG 121, KE4JHJ 116, KD4FUN 82, W4DNA 79, W3HL 70, K4RLD 55, KE4AHC 47, W4FAL 45, W4NCD 36, KI4AHA 36, W4EHF 23, W4IRE 22, W4TTO 21, W4LN 20, NC8D 19. February PSHR: W4NCD 206, W4DNA 160, KI4AHA 146, K4RLD 140, W4EAT 130, K4IWW 120, W0UCE 120, KE4JHJ 110, W4FAL 110, W4LN 92, KI4YV 90,

W2EAG 90, KD4FUN 90, NC8D 77, W4TTO 71.

## South Carolina

Greetings to all Amateur Radio Operators. This is Dr. Jim, N2ZZ with the March 2006 South Carolina Section Manager's Report! Please remember that the SC Section website can be found at: [www.arrl-sc.org/](http://www.arrl-sc.org/) where my full SM report will be listed as well as up-to-the-date information on Amateur Radio in South Carolina! Amateur Radio was favorably mentioned in a report to the White House this past month. On February 23, "The Federal Response to Hurricane Katrina: Lessons Learned," <http://www.whitehouse.gov/reports/katrina-lessons-learned/index.html> was submitted to the White House. Over the last four months, at the direction of President Bush, a team of White House staff members and colleagues across the country at all levels of government reviewed the Federal government's role and performance in preparing for, responding to and recovering from Hurricane Katrina. Amateur Radio is specifically mentioned in Appendix B of "The Federal Response to Hurricane Katrina: Lessons Learned," under the subheading "Non-governmental Organizations." <http://www.whitehouse.gov/reports/katrina-lessons-learned/appendix-b.html> "Other organizations worked tirelessly to assist emergency responders that, due to the storm, did not have the equipment and means to effectively carry out their duties. Amateur Radio Operators from both the Amateur Radio Emergency Service and the American Radio Relay League, monitored distress calls and rerouted emergency requests for assistance throughout the U.S. until messages were received by emergency response personnel. A distress call made from a cell phone on a rooftop in New Orleans to Baton Rouge was relayed, via ham radio, from Louisiana to Oregon, then Utah, and finally back to emergency personnel in Louisiana, who rescued the 15 stranded victims. Ham radio operators voluntarily manned the amateur radio stations at sites such as the National Hurricane Center, Hurricane Watch Net, Waterway Net, Skywarn and the Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network." I regret to report that on March 2nd, John Hennessee, N1KB became a silent key at age 42. John's hometown was Cheraw, SC where he was first licensed as KA4AUR at age 14. In 1986, after he graduated from Wingate College in NC, he joined the ARRL Headquarters staff. He worked in the Field and Educational Services branch of the ARRL as a Regulatory Information Specialist, and was the primary author on the ARRL FCC Rule Book. Survivors include his mother, Carole Hennessee, two sisters and his beloved cat, Darlene. A service was held Thursday, March 9, 11 AM, at First Methodist Church, Cheraw, South Carolina. We will all miss John. For further information, please view the web link on the ARRL.ORG website: <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/03/07/3/?nc=1> Within our section, I received information on two silent keys as well. Eric Hughes, W4CHQ, of Cross Hill, SC had been battling cancer for the last 3 or 4 years and passed away at the Hospice House in Greenwood, Saturday, March 3rd. Eric was a member of the Laurens Amateur Radio Society, and held leadership positions in that organization. Sam Messina KD4NYQ, a former member of YCARS who has lived in Lake George, NY for the last five years, has also become a silent key. He succumbed to cancer at age 80. I would like to offer my deepest sympathy to the families and friends of our silent keys. Allen Pitts W1AGP, Media and PR Manager, ARRL HQ has unveiled his "Hello" campaign to promote Amateur Radio! This program looks like a true winner! Materials include bumper stickers, buttons, brochures, logos, as well as audio and video Public Service Announcements (PSA's). This program is geared towards non-hams, and information can be found at [WWW.ARRL.ORG/PIO](http://WWW.ARRL.ORG/PIO) . Take some time to listen to the audio PSA's and to look at the video PSA's as well. They are definitely geared to the general public, and are excellent! The ARRL-SC team continues to undergo change. I would like to welcome our newest Assistant Section Manager of Area 4, Jack Jackson N4JJ of Florence. Jack takes over the Area 4 ASM position from Laurie Sansbury KV4C who resigned last month to pursue his educational endeavors. Please take time to look on the Section Leadership page of the [www.arrl-sc.org](http://www.arrl-sc.org) website for information about Jack. Jack, good to have you as part of the team! The Charlotte Hamfest was this past weekend, on March 11th and 12th. I'm happy to say that the attendance appeared to be high! The hamfest was packed with dealers, flea market vendors, and radio manufacturers. Kenwood, Yaesu, Alinco, and Ten Tec were



there, but there was a very noticeable absence of ICOM. The ARRL forum was held by Dennis Bodson W4PWF, Director of the Roanoke Division. During the forum, I was pleased to receive the 2005 Roanoke Division ARRL Service award along with John Covington W4CC, who is the current Section Manager of North Carolina. John has served three terms as Section Manager and is stepping down as of April 1st at which time Tim Slay N4IB will assume the North Carolina Section Manager Duties. I had a chance to meet Tim at the hamfest, and wished him well in his new post! I had mentioned last month that the hospital linked repeater system project was proceeding. It made a large step forward this month. Charlie AE4UX, SEC reports the following: "Most of the South Carolina hospitals are eligible for Health Resources Services Association (HRSA) grant money. Recently, HRSA audits were performed at those hospitals. Part of the audits included questions to the hospitals about the use of amateur radio as backup communications. Hospitals are being encouraged to establish amateur radio backup communications systems. That encouragement includes the grant money for refunding of purchase cost of amateur radio repeater systems. Just a few days ago, Paul Richter of the SC Hospital association sent an e-mail to all the SC hospitals telling them that we will be getting in touch with them to help them determine which equipment they should purchase. The new equipment can be replacement for aging equipment or totally new repeaters and the associated linking equipment." Charlie is now working on coordination of this project on a state-wide level. This is a great opportunity in our state for Amateur Radio! That's it for this month! See you next month! Enjoy our great avocation, AMATEUR RADIO!

February 2006 NTS Report for South Carolina, reported by Mac Heaton N4MEH, STM: NET REPORTS: [Net Name/Check Ins/Traffic Sessions/Reported By] Anderson Radio Club 2M Net/840/28/28/N4MEH; BRARS 2 Meter Net/1694/38/28/K4SUG; Carolina's Net/305/163/56/K4IWW; Carolina Slow Net/118/37/28/W4EAT; Columbia ARC 2 Meter Net/166/8/8/K4RKC; Grand Strand ARC 2M Net/256/18/12/N4XML; Greater Pee Dee 2 Meter Net/896/35/29/K4DTT; Greenwood ARC 2 Meter Net/81/3/4/W4DEW; Greenwood Friendly Net/356/28/28/W4JAK; Lancaster County 2 Meter Net/86/21/11/N4WMB; SC PALS Net/847/64/28/KG4KOE; SC SSB Net/1459/83/28/WB4DLD; York County ARS 2Meter Net/818/39/44/K4CON STATION ACTIVITY REPORTS: [Station/Sent/Received/Delivered/Originated/Total] KA4LRM/6/9/2/0/17; KA4UIV/15/10/2/0/27; K3LM/2/4/3/0/9; WB4DLD/3/8/2/3/16; N4MEH/5/57/6/0/48 PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL: [Station/Cat. 1/Cat. 2/Cat. 3/Cat. 4/Cat. 5/Cat. 6/Total] KA4LRM/40/17/20/0/0/0/77; KA4UIV/15/27/0/0/0/0/42; N4MEH/40/40/20/0/0/0/100 Have a Great Month! '73 de Dr. Jim N2ZZ

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## **Rocky Mountain Division**

### **New Mexico**

Section News February/March, 2006 Upcoming Events The Albuquerque Spring Tailgate is coming up April 29, followed by the annual "Bean Feed" in Las Cruces on the 30th. The Albuquerque event will be held at the North student parking lot of Del Norte High School. The Bean Feed will be at the Mesilla Valley Radio Club clubhouse. Both are well worth attending. Tom, N4CYV, reports the Grant County Amateur Society will have a one-day event on Saturday, May 6th. It will be held behind the Motel 6 at the South end of Silver City. Contact Tom at for more information. The 2006 Rocky Mountain Division Convention will be held June 9th, 10th, and 11th in Estes Park, Colorado, at the Rocky Mountain Park Inn (Holiday Inn). There will be technical sessions and seminars, a formal banquet Saturday evening with Riley Hollingsworth as the speaker, and a Sunday morning ARRL Volunteer Recognition breakfast featuring ARRL Chief Operating Officer and QST publisher Harold Kramer, WJ1B. The hotel is extending a special rate of \$82.00 per night, single or double, if booked by May 19th, as long as rooms are available. The phone number is 1-800-803-7837. Be sure to mention the Ham Convention to get the convention rate. Field Day will be June 24/25, so it's not too early to start planning. The rules for this year's event, a six-page PDF file, are available from . The full 2006 Field Day package, a 33 page PDF file, is available from . If you don't have a PDF reader, Acrobat 7 is free from the Adobe web site. The

2006 Duke City Hamfest will be held August 25/26 at the UNM Continuing Education Center. Planning is now getting underway and if you would like to be a part of the biggest ham radio event in the state let me know and I'll put you in touch with one of the board members. License Classes Carl Russell, KE5AKI, has volunteered to organize a Technician level radio school and Frank Warren, AB5WJ, has volunteered to teach the classes. The dates are April 8/9 and 22/23. For the latest information, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/abqham> and add your name to the e-mail reflector list. Carl reports they expect to organize General and Extra classes later in the year. Stay tuned. Thank you, Carl and Frank, for your efforts. Silent Key John Hennessee, N1KB, may not be a familiar name to many. John became a silent key March 2. He was 42. He was the League's encyclopedia of ham radio law and broadcasting legal precedents and was the primary editor of the ARRL FCC Rule Book. He was one of the good guys and will be sorely missed by us all. Newsletters Thank you for the newsletters. Keep them coming. I enjoy reading them and appreciate the work the editors put into them. If you want, you can save postage and e-mail them to me. Text files, PDF files, or MS Word documents are fine. February Net Counts NM Breakfast Club 997/202, NM Roadrunner Traffic Net 1120/61, Four Corners Net 300/20, Yucca Net 570/50, SCAT Net 560/30, Caravan Club Net 50/5, Rusty's Raiders Net 662/95, Valencia County ARA 53/12, Deming ARC90/10. Until next time, just remember that some days you're the dog and some days you're the fire hydrant. And some days you're switching back and forth. Life's like that. 73, de KM5FT

## **Wyoming**

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## **Southeastern Division**

### **Georgia**

SM: Susan Swiderski, AF4FO; ASM/South GA: Marshall Thigpen, W4IS; ASM/Legal: Jim Altman, W4UCK; ASM/Webmaster: Robert Tyler, KF4VBR; ASM/Youth: Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM; ASM/Scouting: David Pearce, ABØNG; SEC: Jim Cote, N4PJR; STM: Jim Hanna, AF4NS; BM: Eddy Kosobucki, K4JNL; OOC: Mike Swiderski, K4HBI; TC: Ed Tanton, N4XY; PIC: Norm Schklar, WA4ZXV; SGL: Bill Cherepy, WB4WTN; ACC: Robin Cutshaw, AA4RC [www.arrl-ga.org](http://www.arrl-ga.org) [www.gaares.org](http://www.gaares.org) Greetings, All. It's that time of year again, when everybody's "Irish". (Would you believe "O'Swiderki"?) And talk about the luck of the Irish! We have another fine hamfest coming up this weekend. That, of course, is the Kennehoochee hamfest, to be held on Saturday, the 18th, at Jim Miller Park in Marietta. Gates open at 8AM, and the weather forecast looks promising, so no excuses! (Besides, there's lots of tailgating that'll be under-cover, plus the two buildings, so even the threat of rain shouldn't keep you away.) My better half has been hauling and stacking so many boxes of goodies in our living room to carry to the hamfest that I'm a little concerned that he may be planning to lash me up on the roof of the truck like an ol' deer carcass. (But I'm sure that he'll be considerate enough to strap me up there backwards so I won't have to pick so many bugs out of my teeth.) Hope to see you all there. Kudos to DAVID BENOIST, AG4ZR, LYNN BIANCO, KN4YZ, and JIM LYNCH, K4GVO, who spent the day at the GEMA SOC on the 9th, teaching a one-day technician class to a host of GEMA employees and various emergency responders from all over the state. Following a review session the next morning, a VE team came in and administered the test. I'm pleased to report that there was a better than 50% success rate, and those who didn't quite make it this time are planning to give it another shot at one of the many VE sessions around the state. This is an exciting development, and what's more, there was a much greater demand to take this class than there were seats to accommodate them, so it looks like there will be additional ham classes held at GEMA in the future. Many thanks to the instructors, the VE team, and to LOWRY ROUSE, KM4Z, our OHS/GEMA DEC, for making this first venture such a success.

Have you ever toyed with the idea of becoming a Red Cross volunteer so you could put your amateur radio skills to good use in times of emergencies.... but were turned off to the idea once you heard about all of the onerous training and deployment requirements that it would entail? Well, the times they are a-changin'. FRED RUNKLE, K4KAZ, long-time Red Cross volunteer and Communications Director for the Metro Atlanta chapter, met with me recently to tell me all about the changes that have been implemented to make it much easier for amateur radio operators to join the Red Cross team. If you've ever considered joining, now may be the time. Fred has long advocated better use of the skills that hams have to offer, but it took Katrina to fully drive the idea home. The Red Cross wants and needs technically skilled volunteers... BEFORE the next "big one" hits. Fred will be at the Kennehoochee hamfest, with one of the cool Red Cross Emergency Communications Response Vehicles. Why not stop by and have a chat with him to see how you can become a part of the Metropolitan Atlanta Response Technology Team? Several new EC appointments to report: Bartow county- CHARLIE PITCHFORD, N4QET; Glynn county- JEFF COLE, N4XGI; and Thomas county- MIKE BROWN, KE4FGF. Many thanks to all of these fine fellas. We really appreciate their willingness to serve. Elections were held at the Columbus ARC recently, and CONGRATULATIONS are in order for President JIMMY MONROE, KA4JIM, VP JIM HERRING, WX4JIM, Secretary/Treasurer JOHN WINGARD, WB4GLJ, and Activities Chairman MARC POPE, WX4MAP. Best wishes for an enjoyable and successful year leading the club through its 50th (!) year. I'm pleased to report that the radio equipment that was in search of a good home in the Winder area has found one. It will be going to Winder Barrow High School. Many thanks to JOHN MCGUIRE, KF4GRY, for making this generous donation, and to TOM HARRELL, N4XP, for coming up with such a worthy recipient. Sounds like some exciting amateur radio activities will be going on at the school in the near future, thanks to John and Tom. (NOTE: A number of others also contacted me with some excellent suggestions as to how to put this equipment to great use, so if you're ever in search of a worthy recipient for one of your HF rigs, please let me know.) We have a terrific group of Section Notables for the April newsletter, but let me give quick mention to a couple of them now. CONGRATULATIONS to AL "SPARKY" MENGES, KF4NXL, who recently received the National Republican Congressional Committee's 2005 Ronald Reagan Gold Medal. (WOW!) Details will follow in the newsletter. And CONGRATULATIONS, also, to HARVEY CHASE, W4TG, who was recently featured in an article in the Macon "Telegraph". Among other things, Harvey just received a 75 year award from the QCWA. And after 75 years of operating, he's still got one of the hottest fists in town. Talking about QCWA, (weren't we?) you might want to mark the next Chapter 49 meeting on your calendar: April 15, at the Fire Mountain Grill in Norcross, near the intersection of Jimmy Carter Boulevard and Peachtree Industrial Boulevard. Eat at noon, with the meeting to follow. GEORGE NICHOLSON, N4GRN, recently thawed out after his return from the Peter One DXpedition, will be providing what's sure to be a fascinating presentation on the Peter One experience. Oops, almost forgot! Just a reminder that DST will begin on April 2. As in years past, the statewide ARES net will shift to 6PM. Gotta chase the prop. Okay, folks, that's about it for now. Hope to see you all at the Kennehoochee hamfest. Until next time, this is AF4FO, signing clear. Take care of yourselves. And each other. 73, Susan QTC February: WB4GGS-344; AF4NS-114; KR4JI-83; K4BG-50; WB4BIK-69; N4VAD-65; K4GK-59; K4WKT-39; K4BAI-17; K4BEH-9 +++ No trees were killed in the sending of this message. However, a large number of electrons were terribly inconvenienced. +++

## **Southern Florida**

Hi Everyone, I'll be brief this month so your inbox does not overflow. The news page at [www.arrl.org/sections/sfl.html](http://www.arrl.org/sections/sfl.html) has been updated except for photos. Need to know who your ARES® Emergency Coordinator is? When the traffic nets are held? Hamfests throughout the area? Got to [www.sflarrl.org](http://www.sflarrl.org). BREAKING NEWS!! The ARRL has launched a new public relations campaign. See the news item on the main page of [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org). Look for more information in QST in your mailbox soon. And visit [www.hello-radio.org](http://www.hello-radio.org) – a new website where you can refer potential hams. Say Hello to your world with ham radio.

===== REPORTS for  
February SAR: KA4FZI 514, K4FQU 159, N3OZP 126, KE4UOF 122, WA2YL 93, WA4EIC 76,  
AI4GE 70, AA4BN 46, K9GZT 6, KG4MLC 6, K3QC 3 ===== PSHR: KE4UOF 130,  
K4FQU 120, KA4FZI 120, WA4YL 120, WA4EIC 100, AI4GE 95, AA4BN 94, N3OZP 90, W4DKB  
16 ===== Net Reports: Florida Amateur Sideband Traffic Net, FAST, 28, 245, 67,  
KC4ZHF/K4SCL Florida Medium Speed Net, FMSN, 28, 215, 105, AG4RJ/AB4XK Martin County  
Amateur Radio Association, MCARA, 4, 23, 3, KE4UEI Saint Lucie Repeater Association, SLRA, 4,  
35, 3, KE4UEI Southeast Florida Traffic Net SEFTN, 55, 615, 125, AG4RJ/AI4GE Southwest Florida  
Traffic Net SWFTN, 24, 465, 122, K4FQU Bulletin Report from David Smith KE4UEI: Received 23,  
Sent 5, Total 28 ARES® News We have a new EC in Osceola County – Luis Candelario, AG4AN.  
Brevard County has 2 new OESs: Don Winn, AF4Z and Bob Lewis, W3IGE. Only 6 ECs reporting for  
February activity. In those 6 counties there are 936 ARES Members a Change of minus 11 There were 6  
Nets, 5 with NTS Liaison There were 23 drills, tests and training sessions and 28 ARES operations. ECs  
Reporting: WA4GUK, AG4AN, AD4RZ, N1XC, N4LEM & WA4ASJ

===== Note: If your club is  
not getting recognition in the monthly news, either in the e-mail short summary or on the web news  
page, step up to the plate and ask your newsletter editor or PIO to send the news to me and to our  
Affiliated Club Coordinator - Jeff Beals, WA4AW. No newsletter or Public Info Officer/Publicity  
Chairperson? Volunteer to do the job or share the job with another club member. It is YOUR club.  
Please include us on your newsletter e mail or snail mail lists. We obtain most of our info for ARRL  
Section and national news from these club publications. Please inform us of your new club officers,  
board members, and contact person. These changes should also be made on the ARRL web site affiliated  
club page. The link below will take you there. [http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/clubsearch.phtml?  
section=SFL&selsec=Show+clubs+in+selected+ARRL+section#listin](http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/clubsearch.phtml?section=SFL&selsec=Show+clubs+in+selected+ARRL+section#listin) Should you have any questions  
on how to update your club page, please let Jeff know. E-mail WA4AW@juno.com I have had  
questions recently about obtaining lists of e-mails for hams in a particular area. Sorry, can't help you  
there – the ARRL values your privacy. I would suggest you use one of the search engines and look for  
hams by zip code and then, slowly, enter each one in other servers that give e-mails – QRZ for example.  
===== Last, but not least, update  
your ARES records, send in all reports if you are a section appointee, and keep in touch. Check batteries,  
patch cables, feed line and try all the equipment before hurricane season. Stay safe and stay on the air.  
73, Sherri, W4STB

## **Southwestern Division**

### **Arizona**

ARIZONA SECTION NEWS March 2006 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS It's that time of year  
where we do all of our public service communications. Make sure you keep Rick advised of the number  
of volunteer hours. Rick Aldom W7STS Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) natecf@gmail.com  
INTERFERENCE ISSUES It has been a busy year for radio frequency interference issues. Larry W7LB  
has been working with his Technical Specialists and Technical Advisors to help resolve these issues. If  
you are good at resolving interference issues or with neighbor relations contact Larry Brown W7LB  
Technical Coordinator (TC) at w7lb@amsat.org. AMATEUR RADIO COUNCIL OF ARIZONA  
(ARCA) ARCA is the statewide organization comprised of all of the clubs in Arizona. They organize  
Springfest and the Williams Hamfest. They also help out ARCA affiliated clubs with grants; administer  
a scholarship program as well as the Arizona Ham of the Year Award. The Arizona Frequency  
Coordination Committee also falls under ARCA. So if you want to put up that new repeater, these are  
the people that you have to coordinate with. Check out ARCA at <http://www.arca-az.org/arca/> HAM OF  
THE YEAR AWARD Don't forget to have your club send in your nominations for the ARCA Ham of  
the Year Award. They are due by May 1, 2006. Rules and forms can be found on the ARCA website.

<http://www.arca-az.org/arca/> We are also looking for nominations for the first Young Ham of the Year Award. Hopefully ARCA will help administer that award as well. ARIZONA AMATEUR LICENSE PLATE John KC7IM and Ingo WA7KUM are still working with MVD to get our new amateur radio plate released. A picture of the plate can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=AZ>. They will be giving us an update at the Springfest ARCA meeting. SILENT KEY The talk-in voice of the 2004 Phoenix Southwestern Division convention, Lee Crisman AB7HW became a silent key on Feb 23, 2006. Lee had moved to a Handi-Ham Camp in San Jose California. NEW HAMS The following hams just received their FCC license, Congratulations! Jacqueline Shortridge KE7GEP, Margaret Shortridge KE7GEO, Roger Brown KE7GAW, Wayne Lougher AD7HT, Tonny Lewis KE7GEM, Volker Brinkhoff KE7GHT, Steven West KE7GAV, Robert Stewart KE7GEL, Dennis Brawn KE7GAU, Weston Scow KE7GEN, Michael Cox KE7GHX, James Moffett KE7GAN, David Olson KE7GHY, Robert Wright KE7GHZ, Daniel Horvath KE7GGZ, Melanie Olstadt KE7GAM, Charles Rennie AD7HR QSL CARD CHECKING Many of you have been asking who does QSL Card checking in Arizona. Our Worked All States (WAS) Award checker is Bill Aurand W7MQ [wraurand@cox.net](mailto:wraurand@cox.net). Contact Ned Stearns AA7A [aa7a@arrl.org](mailto:aa7a@arrl.org) for DXCC card checking. HAMFESTS Yuma Hamfest was Feb 18th. Cliff KD6XH was nice enough to go to Yuma for me. That let me attend my son's Cub Scout Arrow of Light Award ceremony. Thank you Cliff. Cliff reported a much larger hamfest than last year with many new electronic vendors. Springfest March 11, 2006 sponsored by the Scottsdale ARC will be held at Scottsdale Community College 9000 East Chaparral Road. Talk-In: 147.18 (no tone) Contact: Ed Nickerson, WU7S [enickerson427@aol.com](mailto:enickerson427@aol.com) ARCA meeting 11am. See you there. DeVry Hamfest Apr 8, 2006 sponsored by the Arizona ARC <http://www.qsl.net/w7io> DeVry University 2149 West Dunlap Avenue. Talk-In: 147.06 + (No Tone) Contact: George Cooney, KQ7C [georgie@aztecfreenet.org](mailto:georgie@aztecfreenet.org) SPECIAL EVENTS Saturday, 4 March 2006 (10am to 2pm (1700-2100 UTC)), KA7SKY Sonoran Sky Elementary School open house in Scottsdale AZ. [http://www.geocities.com/lu\\_wd9ewk/ka7sky/](http://www.geocities.com/lu_wd9ewk/ka7sky/) There are two AO-51 passes that fall in or very close to that timeframe: 1650-1704 UTC, and 1830-1840 UTC. AO-51 will have its FM repeater on for these passes (uplink on 145.920 MHz with 67.0 Hz PL, downlink on 435.300 MHz +/- for Doppler), and KA7SKY will be active for those passes handing out contacts from grid DM43. Besides the AO-51 passes, KA7SKY will be somewhere on the HF bands and possibly local VHF/UHF repeaters. If you wish to receive a QSL card for a contact with KA7SKY, please send your QSL card to Patrick WD9EWK <http://www.wd9ewk.net/> First Annual 7th Area QSO Party, to be held May 6-7, 2006 <http://www.codxc.com/new/Page.asp?Content=dryland7s> Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about ARRL. If your club or group has an activity or event that would be of interest to other hams throughout our section please email me with the specifics. 73, Tom Fagan WB7NXH ARRL Section Manager Arizona Tucson Arizona 520 574-1129 [wb7nxh@arrl.org](mailto:wb7nxh@arrl.org) <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=AZ> <http://www.qsl.net/arrlaz/>

## **West Gulf Division**

### **Oklahoma**

Hello fine Amateur Radio amigos in the Oklahoma Section! Topics Green Country Hamfest Oklahoma State Convention today Section Level Appointment Changes Section Traffic Report Green Country Hamfest The Oklahoma State Convention begins in just a few hours in Claremore! Will be a wonderful time at the Claremore Expo Center which is the site for the past several years. This will be an exciting time and hopefully much needed rain will bless the state but will not dampen spirits. League forum will be at 10 am on Saturday. Division Director Day-N5OK and many Section level staff will be in attendance. Forum and event schedule is as follows: Friday Doors open at 5 pm VE testing at 6 pm Saturday Doors open at 8 am Weather Seminar at 9 am by W5SVR League forum at 10 am AMSAT with Keith-W5IU 11am MARS by Lloyd-KC5FM 12 noon OKDXA Bruce-K5PX 1 pm VE testing 2 pm Event closure at 5 pm Talk in is 147.09 and 444.350. More information at <http://www.greencountryhamfest.org/> Section Level appointments Two new appointees, very capable

individuals, are occupying Section level leaderships in the Oklahoma Section. They bring great skills, leadership and energy to the ARRL field organizational structure in Oklahoma. Please meet Mike Key-N5KEY and Kevin O'Dell-N0IRW. Both are from the Ardmore area and are blending their areas of responsibility to dynamic levels. Mike is the new Section Emergency Coordinator and brings a wealth of professional experience in the law enforcement field to the emergency communication arena. He has served as District Emergency Coordinator in his part of OK and has great command of the emergency communication structure and Amateur Radio expectations therein. Kevin-N0IRW, likewise, has accrued high levels of education and professional experience in the public relations and media contact areas. He is now the Oklahoma Section Public Information Coordinator having served his club and beyond in a public information office position. Kevin's career is in the publicity field and has highly developed skills in media rapport development, media development, and sharing of these resources with Amateur Radio clubs in Oklahoma. As Section Emergency Coordinator, Mike is putting in place a wonderful structure of Assistant Section Emergency Coordinators (SEC). Various parts of the state by geography will have fine Amateur Radio operators serving in this position. Case in point is Mark Conklin-N7XYO who has been appointed as an Assistant SEC in this position for Tulsa and portions of eastern Oklahoma. Sound exciting? You bet, as the goal is to provide a system of communication and recruitment between the Section level and the local level. Mark did this splendidly at Camp Gruber during the Katrina crisis and will make a large difference, as will the other Assistant SEC, in their area of Oklahoma. Mike envisions having 5-6 more Assistant SEC to enhance emergency public service in Oklahoma via Amateur Radio. The email for Mike is [n5key@arrl.net](mailto:n5key@arrl.net). Kevin([n0irw@cableone.net](mailto:n0irw@cableone.net)) has consistent levels of plans and energy for his role as public information coordinator for Amateur Radio in Oklahoma. Kevin is making the rounds and wants to appoint a public information officer for each Amateur Radio club in Oklahoma. Yes, indeed you and your club will benefit greatly by having a local media person with Kevin's leadership in coordinating your club having needed and current resources to work effectively with the media. N0IRW is working at the national level on developing media tools and has been a vital part of the League new HELLO effort which is a front bumper national publicity focus by the ARRL. He has plenty of fun tools and creativity to make media exposure of Amateur Radio enjoyable while making all of us proud of what we do. Oklahoma Traffic Report by Arlyn-KK5GY February 2006 Sessions-213 Stations-2,129 Traffic-1,065 Kindly send your reports to [kk5gy@arrl.net](mailto:kk5gy@arrl.net) Hope to see many of you soon! Keep God in your heart. 73, John-WB5SYT

## **South Texas**

I hope that everyone gets a little rain out of the storms tonight (March 18) and over the next week. We really need something to stop the fires that are ruining the great State of Texas. We just had an eighteen wheeler loaded with cattle which started dropping cattle out the back on I-10 near Seguin, TX. When the city police came to assist the State police, they parked in the middle between the North and South bound lanes. The cars started a grass fire that destroyed the two city cars. New thought, don't park off the shoulder while in Texas. I haven't heard if Seguin is having a mass Bar-B-Que for the public. It's great to have all three Texas Section Managers checking into the Tuesday night Section Manager's net on 3.873 at 7:30 PM. I started this net several years ago for the benefit of all hams to check-in and ask their Section Manager questions and for the Section Managers to bring information to the net, it's finally working. Another net that all should become familiar with is the Texas ARES net on Monday night at 7:30 PM on 3.873. Comments are made at the first of the net and that is the time to ask questions if you have any. We are fortunate to have our very own SEC of South Texas Jerry Reimer, KK5CA, selected to assist on the National Emergency Response Planning Committee. Some of the clubs are training their group for service with ARES. We need all clubs to start a great training program. Remember ARES draws operators and equipment from the clubs. Clubs should make their reports on the ARES net and we need to learn to work together as a team before the committee finishes with the plan, because I'm sure team work will be the most important part of the plan. It would be great if you can take the three courses that the league has but that doesn't make one an expert as a leader. I hope some lessons were learned this

past year, because this year may be as bad or worse. Have a great month. God bless America and our Troops. Ray N5NAV

# Section News for March 2006

## Atlantic Division

### Delaware

I wish to thank you for your participation in the recent Delaware Radiological Preparedness Exercise held on 21 March 2006. Some of the stations participating were KB3JUV Justin Kates, N3LUD John DiGiovanni, KB3GIW Scott Hall, N3BUH Paul Tuley, KB3JGA Tom Pomponio, KA1DWX Don Durk, WB3FUP Mike Hall, W3JKS John Scoggin, K3DX Dave Drew, Dave Garland and the Delaware Skywarn members, New Jersey Skywarn stations N2JAI Bill Aber, KC2AAX, KB2DHK, N2BSG, N2LTQ, KC2KNG, KC2OOB, W2YYY, W2YME, KC2DUX. For a full in depth report type <http://www.writely.com/View.aspx?docid=bdc5f6kn6qvdb> While attending the Kent County Amateur Radio club meeting on 11 April 2006 we were treated to a surprise visit from the director of the Delaware Emergency Management Agency Mr. Jamie Turner who again thanked all participants in the past drill and requested our assistance during the up coming hurricane season. He asked if members of the Amateur Radio community would be willing to deploy as employee's of the State of Delaware to a disaster anywhere in the country, living in devastated areas for a period of two weeks, possibly in tents without flushing toilets and showers etc. to support radio communications? The individual responder would need an agreement with their employer and would be shielded by state insurance and Good Samaritan laws while providing assistance. In order to qualify members are urged to enroll in the ARRL Level 1 Emergency Communications Course at <http://www.arrl.org/cce/courses.html#ec001> Also there are many free courses that are offered by FEMA, it is also recommended that you take FEMA IS 22 "Are You Ready" to prepare your family for emergencies. The FEMA website is <http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp> Page down and select the course you may download the course in PDF format and take these courses when you choose. The answer sheet will require that you submit your social security number and Amateur Radio affiliation to receive credit and a certificate. There will be a Hamfest in Delaware next month in Georgetown, Delaware at the Sussex Technical High School 27 May 2006 from 7am till 5pm. Sussex Technical High School is just a few miles West of Georgetown on Route 9, use the entrance next to the football field just west of the school. Test Sessions conducted by the PROS. Test sessions start at noon walk ins welcome and are free. Tailgating spaces FREE, Indoor Tables \$10.00 each ADMISSION FREE all are welcome. Talk in 147.075 MHZ PL 156.7 need more info contact Justin Timmons N3JVT@YAHOO.COM or 302.934.5008 or Chris Pridgeon KB3MDZ@YAHOO.COM 302.539.4570 73 Frank Filipkowski AD3M

### Southern New Jersey

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 2006 SECTION MANAGER, JEAN PRIESTLEY, KA2YKN Now that it is safe to put away those snow shovels and bring out the lawn furniture, we can start thinking about checking out the towers, the antenna wires that the squirrels may have snacked on over the winter and the placement of new antennas. It is also time for fox hunts to start and public service activities coordinators to be looking for operators to sign up for those public service events. The March of Dimes will be on April 30 through out SNJ. The DVRA will be giving VE exams at the Trenton Computer Fest at The College of NJ on Saturday on April 22 at 11 am and 1pm and on Sunday, 23rd at 11am. A few VE examiners are needed at each session. If you are a VE and are free that day, please contact aa2f@arrl.net if you can help. Entrance to the Computer Fest will be free. (Don/AA2F) In the Hamfest department we have listed The East Coast Hamfest by the Sea on August 27 in North Wildwood, NJ and Jersey Shore ARS on Sept 16 in Seaside Heights, NJ. As we get closer, I will have more detailed information. I expect there will be at least one more hamfest for the year. Plans



are starting across the United States for Field Day. Band Chairmen need to start getting operators, antennas and towers need checking out and you will need to brush up on the rules. What will you do on Field Day? Will you go to a club Field Day, operate from home or strike out on your own with some friends and organize your own Field Day. Now is the time to pick a site and start planning your own Field Day experience. When planning a Field Day, we need to remember the publicity to the public. The exposure for ham radio and the good it does is vital to the overall reputation of ham radio. When people come to see what Field Day is all about and have a positive experience, some of those people may even want to become Amateur operators too. I am very sad to be reporting that Mike, K2GA, became a silent key on April 2, 2006. I remember Mike from my very early days of being a ham and loved talking to him on the weekly nets for SJRA. Mike was a member of SJRA. I loved listening to his British accent and told him many times. Mike will be very much missed. The Battleship New Jersey is now on summer hours again and in full swing. That means you can go seven days a week and hours are 9am to 5pm. Even if you have visited the ship before, there has been several new displays build. If you might be considering more than one trip in the year, seriously think about a family membership. There will be some special events coming from the radio room of the ship using the call sign NJ2BB. These Special events are always fun to work. It is also fun to listen after you have made you contact to see how many people working the station are hams you know. The first event is the Commissioning Anniversary Special Event. It will be on May 20th .Listen for NJ2BB and tell all you friends and club members to listen for NJ2BB. If you would like to contact the organizer of the event, just sent an email to Harry at aa2wn@arrl.net. If you miss this event, look for Museum Ships Weekend Event for 2006 again in NJ2BB. During the weekend of June 3 and 4 the ship will sponsor and participate in the annual Museum Ships Weekend Event. Currently 50 ships have registered to participate. In August we have the 47th Annual New Jersey QSO Party on August 19 and 20. This event is put on by The Englewood Amateur Radio Association, Inc and invites all amateurs to take part in the QSO Party. I will have more on this event as we get closer. I just got the news that Chic Naylor W2CAN, EC for Gloucester County has passed away. Chic had been suffering with a long term illness for several months. At this time I have not news of arrangements but they should be in the local papers in a day or two. Many may know Chic from the ham classes he taught. Chic turned out many good and dedicated hams from his classes. Please remember Chic's family in your prayers. Traffic report for March 2006 Dan Ostroy, K2UL/STM SNJ/NNJ QNI Net Reports NJM 77 N2GJ NJPN 222 W2CC NJSN 160 K2PB NJN(E) 205 AG2R NJN (L) 144 AG2R (The above nets are dual section nets of both SNJ and NNJ. Liaisons with 2RN) SNJ Local Net Reports JSARS 191 W2HOG SJVN, no report WB2UVB SJTN, no report KB2RTZ Station Activity Reports (SAR) AA2SV 47 W2QOB 41 WA2CUW 24 K2UL 20 WA2NDA 13 K2GW 12 Public Service Honor Roll (PSHR) N2HQL 130 K2UL 100 KA2YKN 90 K2GW 86 W2QOB 86 WA2CUW 74 WA2NDA 59

## **Central Division**

### **Illinois**

Several members of the Chicago Suburban Radio Association gathered to put on a demonstration of Amateur Radio for members of the Nazareth Academy Science Club on Wednesday March 15, on the high school campus in LaGrange Park. The idea, spearheaded by Nazareth's own Shelia Emmett, WD9HNR, was organized to raise awareness of ham radio among the students and young people in general. A powerpoint presentation outlining the basics in the ham radio hobby was displayed as well as a demonstration of PSK-31 digital mode for HF, 2-meter voice operation as well as Echolink/Internet Radio Linking Protocol (IRLP) through the W9DUP DuPage Amateur Radio Club repeater on 145.25 MHz. Initial reports indicate that the students who attended were interested in learning more. Simple radio theory and CW were also discussed at the presentation and the students were invited to attend a future club meeting as well as experience Field Day in June. One correction from last month's Section News. I listed the callsign for one of the silent keys, Russ Nimocks, wrong. The correct callsign for Russ

is KU9G. On March 28th the Kankakee Area Radio Society education director Jim Schreiner, K9BIG, along with 15 question bearing students from Bradley-Bourbonnais High School made a great contact with ARISS. Gene, WB9MMM, and I were able to listen in on the contact, even though we heard only ISS Commander Bill McArthur, KC5ACR, we could tell it was a good contact. Congratulations to all the KARS members and to K9BIG and the students at BBCHS on their work to make this contact work. From the S.T.A.R.S. Newsletter out of Tinley Park, the Iron Dog competition was held on Sunday, April 9. Many thanks to: Tom, KA9ZXN, Denny, K9KRO, Al, N9FUN, Don, KC9DFK, Nick, KB9WWS, Chuck, KB9RGI, Brian, KB9RHM, and Mike, WA9ZPM for volunteering their efforts. 31 teams participated in the event. One team near the end of the running of the course managed to get separated--dog from handler. This led to some tense moments before the dog was spotted by Al, N9FUN. All in all it was a successful event. Congratulations to Richard Illman, AH6EZ, of St. Charles, Illinois who was selected by the Dayton Hamvention Committee to receive the 2006 Technical Excellence Award. From Amateur Radio Newslines: His willingness to use his technical knowledge to be outspoken about an unpopular topic, Broadband over Powerline, was cited by the committee. He influenced his employer, Motorola, to deliver his patent pending solution that has been proven at ARRL Headquarters and other deployments to not cause any interference to or from amateur radio. The ARRL has subsequently used the Motorola solution as an example to the FCC on how BPL can be designed without interference with amateur radio. Dick is a member of the Fox River Radio League and enjoys working satellites from moving Amtrak trains and demonstrating ISS contacts to Boy Scouts, and he is an avid DXer. Again I have the sad job of reporting three Silent Keys. Robert McInerney, WA9PLT, of Chatham IL. Passed away on March 11 at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield. This information was from WB9KTY, Glenn. A member of the Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club, Don McKinney, N6KTI passed away March 21. Don was the oldest active member of the WIARC having celebrated his 89th birthday recently. A third SK is Fredric Bramm of Rock Falls. The obit was on the last page of the Sterling-Rock Falls Amateur Radio Society newsletter, but half of it was missing so I have no details except that he passed away on February 24th. My condolences to all of the family and friends. If the last couple of weeks are any indication of what our severe weather season is going to be, we are going to be very busy indeed. The NWS in St. Louis specifically credits Amateur Radio operators reports that they were able to use as a tornado traveled across Godfrey, Brighton, Troy, Alhambra and Greenville. Then on the 16th of April, Lawrence County EC, Gary Auerswald, WB9UDJ got caught in a horrendous storm when he and his wife Estella were returning home from Indiana. Gary says that trees were coming down and people were getting blown off the road. They were able to make it home using back roads only to find trees down, all electric lines down, an out building destroyed and one severely damaged. A lightning burst gave him a clue as to what else was missing--his antenna farm. A picture of his antenna farm that will be poignant to any ham is on the ARRL web site. Upcoming hamfests: Area Amateur Radio Operators-AARO Fest 2006, Galva High School, Galva, April 30. Lewis & Clark Radio Club, April 29, Lewis and Clark Community College, Godfrey. Moultrie Amateur Radio Klub, Moultrie/Douglas County Fairgrounds, Arthur. The Dekalb Hamfest, Kiswaukee Amateur Radio Club, Sandwich Fairgrounds, Sandwich. March traffic: WB9TVD-9; W5DTR-62, PSHR-90; IL Phone net totals for March 2006--QNI-180; QTC-17 Sessions 27.

## Wisconsin

WISCONSIN: SM: Don Michalski, W9IXG, SEC: KB9ENO, STM: K9LGU, SGL: AD9X, OOC: N9VE, PIC: KB9NUM, TC: K9GDF, BM: WB9NRK, ACC: N9LVS ASM: K9UTQ, W9DGI, N9VE. \*\* With regret, I am informing you of the passing of the following Amateur: -- Kenneth "Hap" Little, WB9SHS, 81. \*\* Governor Doyle signed the Proclamation designating June 24, 25, as Amateur Radio Operator Recognition Days. He was very cordial to the Amateurs in attendance (KC9HHX, KG9NG, N9ROY, N9TWA, and W9IXG) and expressed his gratitude on behalf of the citizens for the services we provide the State. He solemnly read aloud the entire proclamation before signing it. The proclamation is now on display at Wisconsin Emergency Management in Madison. A photo of the event at the Capital is

on the Wisconsin ARRL website. \*\* I am adding a new feature to the Wisconsin ARRL site. If a club officer wishes to email me an interesting photo of an event, I will be happy to post it along with a short caption on the web for everyone to see! The limit is one club photo per month. It can be updated every month, if desired. I will keep it posted for 2 months. A brief description should be included. For a few examples, go to the Wisconsin site <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=WI> and scroll down to the bottom of the page. We recognize that your club has interesting activities and this is an opportunity to show it to others! \*\* A reminder that ARRL Affiliated Clubs can retain \$15 for each NEW membership and \$2 for each RENEWAL submitted to ARRL Headquarters (regular and senior memberships only). The form to use is found at this site: <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/forms/rebate.pdf> We hope that you take advantage of this offer to promote ARRL membership as well as increase your club treasury! \*\* Wayne Long, K9YNF, received the ARRL award for the best article in the December issue of QST! A photo of the presentation ceremony at AES Superfest is on the Wisconsin site. <https://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=WI>. This is Wayne's second award for best article in QST. The man sure can write! Congratulations, again, Wayne!! \*\* We enjoyed attending the ECARC auction. I was impressed by the large turnout as well as the amount of equipment that was sold via the professional auctioneer. Where do they get that energy?! Looking forward to next year's auction! \*\* AES Superfest had a huge turnout. The ARRL booth was buzzing with activity. Bob Inderbitzen (HQ representative), Dick Isely (Central Division Director), Howie Huntington (Central Division Vice Director), and I were busy taking in a record number of memberships and enjoying eyeball QSOs. Thanks to everyone who attended and visited the booth. \*\* Those of you who have been using the Logbook of the World program, a benefit of ARRL membership, will be glad to know it is now checking QSO's for the WAS award. The next time you log in, go to the your accounts page. You will have to set up a new award account there before the LOTW will examine entries for WAS and report your status. You can set up several WAS award accounts and have the entries for each filtered for specific criteria. You may want to set up an account for a CW award or another account for 5 Band WAS. Our thanks to Brian, K9WIS, for these tips! \*\* Congratulations to Tom Ruhlmann, W9IPR, Ozaukee Radio Club president, for receiving the Ham of the Year award! \*\* The ORC conducted a BSA Merit Badge program. About 67 boys learned the basics of "radio", got on the air and earned their Radio Merit Badge. Congratulations to Mike Yuhas (KC9GDV) and Tim Boppre (KA9EAK) for orchestrating such an excellent program and thanks to all those who participated providing instruction etc. at the Jackson Town Hall and providing the other end of the "on the air" contact for each of the boys. \*\* Wisconsin Section STM Report March 2006 FAQ # 54 What are some of the little things that make sending traffic easier? (1) Preview the message. Know what you're going to send before you start. Decide what you will have to spell or identify in the preamble, address, text, or signature. (2) Pacing. Send at the speed the receiver can copy. Even if you're in a hurry, clear speaking and careful sending saves time by eliminating repeats. Think in terms of the receiving operator. Getting the message through accurately is what we do. (3) Practice. Even if you're sending a simple report, use the full radiogram form. Say your call instead of "my station" and the date instead of "today." Don't forget the "break" (BT) before the text and the one before the signature. Using the full form makes us all more familiar with it, makes it second nature, so that when we're copying under stress we'll do it as a reflex. Participation in our section nets will familiarize you with voices, rates of speech, fists, and the copying speed of various operators even under poor conditions. 73 – K9LGU/STM-WI MONTHLY NET ACTIVITY SUMMARY - MARCH 2006 NET QNI QTC QTR SSNS NM BWN 2070 2654 4906 31 W9IXG BEN 553 40 998 31 KE9VU WBSN 801 87 1289 31 K9FHI WNN 200 23 385 31 KB9ROB WSSN 161 25 321 30 N9JIY WIN/E 148 16 235 30 WB9ICH WIN/L 109 29 287 31 W9UW WRACES 114 0 220 4 N9VAO totals 4156 2874 8641 219 \*\* T's the season for public service events. Your help would be deeply appreciated in providing communications for the support of these worthy events. They are fun and provide valuable training. Remember, not having any equipment should not be an excuse. Check with your local club, if need be, to borrow a HT for the event! 73, Don, W9IXG

## Dakota Division

## Minnesota

ARRL MINNESOTA SECTION REPORT MARCH 2006 SUMMARY FROM SM ++ The MN section ARES and Traffic summaries are enclosed below. ++ See the ARRL Section web site for up-to-date information and bulletins. ++ The ARRL is planning to publish a club official's E-letter to start soon. Watch for this important addition to the ARRL communications plan. ++ A new website for the section will soon be available at <http://www.mn-section.org>. Please check now and send me your comments. ++ Remember, check your Skywarn training expiration and attend a class if needed. Your participation is important but training is required. ++ Support your local hamfests. Check the ARRL site for details. ++ We are always looking for ARES volunteers for members and EC positions. ++ Remember the Aurora event coming up on April 29. Respectfully submitted by Skip Jackson, ks0j, MN SM MN SEC

REPORT FOR MARCH 2006 Total number of ARES members reported: 250 Change since last month: County EC's reporting: Blue Earth (WA2OFZ), Carver (N0EN), Cook (KBØBDN), Dakota (AB0XE), Lac Qui Parle (KC0QED), Lincoln (WD0BZU), Lyon (WD0BZU), Olmsted (AB0BW), Redwood (KA0ISD), Scott (N0BHC), St. Louis-North (WD0GUF), St. Louis-South (KB0LC), Steele (N0UW), Wadena (K0JO), Washington (KC0OIO), Local Net Names: CCART, River Valley, SEMARC, Scott County, Carver County, Washington County, Marshall Emergency Net, Redwood County, Wadena Area Hamnet, Northern Lakes Radio, NE MN Public Service, SE St. Louis Emergency Service, Dakota County ARES, Lac Qui Parle ARES Total sessions: 101 NTS liaison is maintained with the MN Section, Tenth Region, and NTSD Traffic Nets by N0UC, W0LAW, WA0TFC Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month: 19 Person hours: 138 Number of public service events this month: 7 Person hours: 160 Number of emergency operations this month: 0 Person hours: 0 Total number of ARES operations this month: 26 Total Person hours: 298 Respectfully submitted by: Frank Karnauskas N1UW, MN SEC MN STM

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Robert Meyer, W0LAW, MN STM

## North Dakota

NORTH DAKOTA: SM, Kent Olson, KAØLDG - I write this as the Red River flood waters continue to recede. I hope all were prepared for the recent flooding in the Red River Valley. It came on us very quick this year, and had all public officials surprised. I wasn't able to do much, as I reside on the Red, and was in flood fighting mode. I do know the Fargo hams were in action during the event, and I thank them for their help to our area. If you're in the Bismarck area, give a listen to 146.34 for data noises that have been plaguing the 146.94 repeater. Please let them know of any reports. Lots of Skywarn training starting up around the state. Check with your local club for specifics, and get ready. Public service events are just around the corner. They are a great opportunity to help out your local community, to

check and use your gear, and to participate in a formal net. Please give some of them a try, as they're fun and you will feel good. I hope to see you at the Fargo hamfest on April 22nd. Peace Gardens hamfest will be held on July 6th - 9th. Field Day is just around the corner, and it's never too early to start preparing. I'm still looking for volunteers for Section positions, so if you're interested, please let me know. Section's web site: <http://home.earthlink.net/~qtipf16/>. HF NM KØJIM net reports for March: Goose River Net, 4/41/1; WX Net 54/1149/10; Data Net 31/654/21.

## **South Dakota**

Here is the section news for South Dakota, if there are any clubs that have material that they wish to have posted please email me the information no later than the 5th of the month so that I can get it posted to both the summary and the web site before the cut off date. kg0gg@arrl.net Northern Hills Amateur Radio Club President Jerry Hawley, KG0GG at 1931 hours, called the meeting to order. 10 members and guests were present. Committee Reports: · Public Service Events: There have been several new events added. Please check the NHARC web site (<http://www.northernhillsarc.org/events.htm>) for more information. If you can help, please contact the person listed · Technical Committee: · When conditions permit, the .76 antennas will be repaired. Members are in the process of locating the necessary parts. · The link documentation has been found and the 94/76 links will be repaired in the near future. · There are plans to replace the 94 repeater with a recently donated Master III. ARES: · Many Federal, State, and Local government agencies are requiring ICS training before allowing amateur radio operators to participate in activities. It is recommended that all ARES members complete IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800. The courses are available free of charge on the FEMA web site (<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp>). · If you have completed any of the FEMA courses please notify Jerry Hawley, KG0GG, South Dakota Section Emergency Coordinator. · A volunteer is needed for the Lawrence County Emergency Coordinator position. · Chuck Palmer, N0UKO has the training courses necessary for ARES members to participate in Red Cross activities. Please contact Chuck if you are interested. · The MOA between Amateur Radio and the State of South Dakota is nearing completion. · With the 94/76 link being down and summer approaching, more net control operators are needed for the weather nets. If you are interested please contact Chuck Palmer, N0UKO Reports and Announcements: · There will be a meeting at 1930 on March 31st at the Black Hills Amateur Radio Club clubhouse to discuss possible applications for the radar dish. If you are interested please attend. · The next meeting will be held at 1930 on April 28th at the Sturgis Fire and Emergency Services building. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2054. Respectfully submitted, Doug Aldrich, W0WSP Secretary Hot Springs Amateur Radio Club The Hot Springs ARC recently completed a Technician licensing class. 6 new Techs are licensed so far with 2-3 more people yet to test. Two of the new hams are high school students. One individual also passed the General written test. Also there is a new Tech in the Fairburn area. Many individuals are active on echo link now, along with the school club which has a dedicated computer for club use. Anyone is welcome to join us for breakfast on Saturday mornings at 7:30am in Sturdley's Restaurant. Tim KØOR President Pierre Amateur Radio Club ARES · KD0S reported the monthly report for February was sent and weather spotter training would be held March 16th at 7PM at the Ft Pierre Fire Hall. TECHNICAL · IRLP project was discussed. W0RTD has the radio programmed and connections still need to be made to the computer. · Jim Ward reported that the batteries we have been waiting on might now be available. · Reliance: The link is running and tests indicate that an antenna problem probably exists. Plans will be made to repair that at a later date. · Jim Ward donated 90 feet of used hardline and a used 1.2 kW generator to the link project. ACTIVITIES · Ham classes begin March 14, 7pm at fire station #4. · KC0CHJ gave an initial field day planning report. Field Day will be held at KD0S's lot east of Pierre. Jim Ward said a trailer might be available for field day. · KC0CHJ will have further information for the April meeting. · KC0CHJ has changed the SDHAMS website to a different host. The SDHAMS site will be put back up. Before it was taken down, there were 60 registered users to the site. · WB0RJH reports the rack for the trailer has been painted, rebuilt, and needs to be put back together before storm season.

A workday was scheduled for Saturday March 11. We will meet at W0RTD's at 1330 hours, collect the rack and meet at Moodie Implement to install it on the trailer. · KC0CHJ suggested that county officials be invited to field day to see the trailer in action. All present agreed. · W0RTD was thanked for his help and the generous loan of his garage while the rack was being refurbished. · Jim Ward had an updated report on the MOU between the State and PARC-State Link association. The MOU will be approved and should be signed soon. · Jim Ward also reported on the EOC. · Emergency management is providing funding of \$8500 for radio equipment for the EOC. Secretary Dravland has approved placement of Ham Equipment in the EOC. · State radio is installing a 120 ft tower at the site. Some room may be available on the tower for amateur antennas. WB0RJH and KD0S will meet with emergency management to look at a room the equipment at a later date. Access will also be discussed. · WB0RJH reported that suggested equipment for the EOC would be: Yaesu FT1000 MKV, Kenwood dual band radio, LDG Auto tuner · Jim Ward will check on the availability of 450 yagis for the link system. · WB0RJH and WB0NNI have given amateur radio class information to Channel 8, Capital Journal, and Dakota Radio Group. · KA0SWL has scheduled a weather spotter class in Dallas SD. · WB0QVE reports that Wells Fargo has a program where it donates \$300 to a non-profit group at the request of a customer that refinances or acquires a new real estate loan. NEW BUSINESS · Red Cross tabletop exercise will be held March 18, at 8:30 AM. Need volunteers to be there! KD0S and WB0QVE will attend. Red Cross will be holding a Shelter Operations Class on March 25th from 8 AM to Noon. · Both these events will be held at the Resurrection Lutheran Church at the corner of Capital and Taylor streets. KC0CHJ made a motion to adjourn. AA0LY second. Meeting adjourned.

## **Delta Division**

### **Louisiana**

LOUISIANA SECTION NEWS – MARCH 2006 The application deadline for this year's ARRL Summer Teachers Institutes on Wireless Technology is May 15. The applicant must be an active teacher at the elementary, middle, or high school level, or have leadership in an enrichment or after-school program; however, an amateur radio license is not required. Four all-expenses-paid sessions (each session is limited to 12 participants) will be offered this year to qualified applicants. Visit <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/tbp/> for more information. From the VE testing session at the Rayne Hamfest we have new licensees Karl KE5HSV, Mark KE5HSW, Dane KE5HSX, Linda KE5HSY, and Richard KE5HSZ; upgrading their tickets at Rayne were Karen KA5EPR, Gary KI4NQ, Glen KD5NVC, Don N5KXF, and Lionel KB5JSG. In addition, Chris KE5HWZ, Alan KE5HXA, Adam KE5HXB, Billy KE5HXC, Keith KE5HXD, David KE5HXE, Don KE5HXF, Mark KE5HXC, Vanessa KE5HXX, Larry KE5HXI, and Landon KE5HXJ passed their license exams at the VE session in Franklinton on March 26. A very warm welcome to each one of you new to our hobby and congratulations to all! On March 23 WA5TAQ, KA5BSE, and KN5GRK demonstrated ham radio during the annual Affiliated Blind of Louisiana (ABL) Convention/Seminar in Lafayette to approximately 125 vision impaired members of the ABL. Herman reports that the presentation was very well received and many of the attendees afterward asked questions about our fascinating hobby. 2006-07 club officers for the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association are NA5Q, President; KE5DCI, Vice President; N5MLJ, Secretary; and N5YCS, Treasurer. The West Central LA Amateur Radio Club is our newest ARRL Special Service Club! During the ARRL Forum at the Rayne Hamfest, I had the honor of presenting the Calcasieu Parish ARES a plaque in token of its outstanding performance during 2005. Last year's winner was the Ouachita Parish ARES. Which local group will win the 2006 award? Visit <http://www.laarrrl.org/aresaward.htm> for the LA Section ARES Award Program criteria. A partial list of the amateurs recognized with Emergency Communications Commendation certificates at the Rayne Hamfest for their meritorious service during last year's hurricane season follows: KN5LSU, KN5GRK, WB5LWP, KD5CUF, KD5JZN, KD5JCT, KA5BSE, KC5BYD, N6UYB, KE5CGN, KM5OR, KD5TCJ, KE5AWZ, KD5NVC, KC5BLQ, N5AN, WA5TNK, KD5OJT, KC5YLK, WO5G, N5UXT,

KA5IJU, N5SYD, KC5GUR, W5ZR, WB5QWL, WD5DBV, KE5ECF, KC5SAS, WD5DWO, WD5DWP, KD5BKU, KD5BPW, N5FMI, N5LOD, KA5LMZ, KB5DLN, WA5TQX, KD5PCM, N4IOB, WB5FBS, K5CAV, N5XES, N5AFN, KB5CQF, K5XYL, KB5YZF, and KB5FSG. Additional volunteers will be listed in next month's report. Approximately 200 LA hams in all have been recognized with ECC certificates for services rendered during hurricanes Katrina and Rita! N5MEL and W5HUD have qualified for the Public Service Honor Roll (PSHR) for 12 consecutive months and have now earned their PSHR certificate. Anyone qualifying for PSHR with at least 70 points per month for 12 consecutive months, or 18 out of a 24-month period, will be awarded a certificate. If you have qualified and not received a certificate yet, please let me know. We once again have a newsletter that focuses on traffic nets and the handling of formal written messages. In addition to our traditional traffic handlers, I hope each ARES member and anyone else interested in emergency communications will find the LA Section Net Newsletter useful. The first issue has been emailed to all League members currently signed up to receive section/division emails from ARRL HQ and has also been posted on our section's web site at <http://www.laarrrl.org/netnews.html> Future issues will only be posted on the web site. I am very sorry to report that W5SNU, WA5GEV, and KO5R are now Silent Keys. Upcoming hamfests include the Baton Rouge ARC Hamfest on May 6 in Baton Rouge, the Amateur Radio Club of Shreveport (ARCOS) Cookout and Swapmeet near Bossier City on May 6, the Piney Hills ARA Hamfest on July 22 in Ruston, the West Central LA ARC Hamfest on August 12 in Leesville, the Southwest LA Amateur Repeater Club Hamfest in Lake Charles on September 16, and the Central LA ARC Hamfest on October 14 in Pineville. Traffic totals: WA5LQZ 72, K5MC 70, N5KWB 31, W5PY 12, AE5V 9. Public Service Honor Roll: W5PY 147, WA5LQZ 130, K5MC 110, N5KWB 101, N5MEL 71, W5HUD 71, KD5ITA 59, K5ER 53, N5HMH 40, KB5UHH 35. Section net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Louisiana Traffic Net: 31/422/25. Louisiana CW Net: 27/147/42. Louisiana ARES Net: 4/70. Local/district net reports: sessions/check-ins. Cameron Parish ARES Net: 4/8. Lafayette Parish ARES Net: 4/28. Richland Parish ARES Net: 8/118. St. Tammany Parish ARES Net: 4/24. Tangipahoa Parish ARES Net: 4/46. Vernon Parish ARES Net: 2/8. ARES reports: parish/EC. Allen/KA5NXT, Beauregard/KC5AHA, Calcasieu/KC5FGO, Cameron/WA5LQZ, Claiborne/KD5JJP, Desota/AA5HY, East Baton Rouge/N5ULA, Franklin/N5ASA, Jefferson Davis/WA5LQZ, Morehouse/KB5SAR, Ouachita/K5ER, Red River/KD5IUZ, Richland/N5MEL, St. Mary/KA5LMZ, St. Tammany/KC5EAK, Tangipahoa/KD5PKS, Union/KA5JNL, Vernon/WB5JZQ, Washington/AI5B. 73, Mickey Cox K5MC LA Section Manager Email: [k5mc@arrl.org](mailto:k5mc@arrl.org) LA Section Website: [www.laarrrl.org/](http://www.laarrrl.org/)

## **Great Lakes Division**

### **Michigan**

Greetings everyone. As we move into warm weather we have the opportunity to become more involved with public service activities. These events are fun, provide a valuable public service and offer excellent training for the participants. Most of these are sponsored by well known not-for-profit agencies for fund raising and public awareness, and ham radio can provide a valuable service for public safety and safety of the participants. One Michigan ham radio organization was recently asked to provide communications for a commercial event organizer. While the events involved volunteers and the participants were not professionals at their endeavors, there was a hint that the event organizer would make a significant contribution to the amateur radio club. Wisely, the club declined to participate, holding up their high standards to the purpose and intent of the FCC rules. The 2006 Michigan Section Campout will be held July 14, 15, and 16 this year at Wilderness Campgrounds east of West Branch. Please plan to attend this annual event. Facilities are available to accommodate motor homes, campers, tents and those who wish to stay in the campsite lodges while non-campers can find reservations in nearby motels. We will post the schedule of events as details become firm, but this is the opportunity to meet the Section Staff, members of the Division Staff and get to know everyone well. There will be several forums and plenty of family fun activities as well. For further information and reservations, contact Debbie KA8YKK at

ka8ykk@arrl.net. During my visits to club meetings, ARES/RACES groups and Hamfests across the state I am seeing a renewed interest in club growth and increased levels of activities. Many clubs have young teens participating and are seeing some OTs return to the fold. Has increased public awareness resulted in this outcome? Perhaps, but it is important that we all take this opportunity to mentor and assist these new and returning hams. At your next meeting, please be sure to greet them and offer your knowledge and experience to keep them active. The MiTN is looking for Net Control Ops. Stop in on 3952 evenings at 7:00PM local time and participate. Check our state net directory at <http://www.mints.org/netinfo.php>. This listing shows our active NTS and reporting nets across the state. To get your net listed, send the information to [wb8rcr@arrl.net](mailto:wb8rcr@arrl.net). Thanks to all who reported their SARs for March, 2006: K8ZJU 279, K8LJG 231, WD8USA 148, K8AMR 99, AA8SN 69, K8AE 41, WB8RCR 34, WB8TKL 30, KC8MLD 22, KA8IXC 22, KD8BGQ 8, KC8ZCF 7, AB8CB 4, N8HA 4, WA8OOH 2. PSHRs for March, 2006: WB8RCR 154, K8ZJU 115, AA8SN 100, KV8Z 97, K8AMR 94, K8VFZ 90, K8AE 85, KD8BGQ 83, KA8IXC 56. OES reports came in from K8COP, KC8ULE, KC8ZCF, W8RAE and K8DD(by surrogate). PSHRs and SARs should be filed monthly with WB8RCR and your OES reports with WA8EFK. 73, Dale MI Section Club Notes, April 2006 Straight as an ARROW to Dayton For the third straight year, ARROW (Ann Arbor) is sponsoring a bus trip to Dayton on May 20, 2006. Tickets for the trip are \$60.00 per person for non-members and \$50.00 for ARROW members and includes a continental breakfast and use of the ARROW booth in the flea market. The bus leaves at 4:30 AM to arrive in Dayton at 8:00 am. The bus leaves Dayton approximately 5:30 PM, arriving back in Ann Arbor around 9:00 PM. This gives you a full day to tour the exhibits, visit manufacturers' booths, attend the seminars, and go bargain hunting at the swap meet.

To sign up, go to <http://www.w8pgw.org/node/222>. You can pay either with a credit card (via PayPal) or by downloading an application form and sending in a check. QSL Batching for Affiliated Clubs If your club is affiliated with the ARRL, you can use the Outgoing QSL Service to send club station QSLs to DX stations. In addition, you batch cards from club members, who are also ARRL members. This might be a useful service to your club members who occasionally work some DX, but never quite collect enough cards to send in a whole batch themselves. According to the Web page, <http://www.arrl.org/qs/qsout.html>: "ARRL affiliated club stations may use the service (Outgoing QSL Service) when submitting club QSLs by indicating the club name. Club secretaries should check affiliation papers to ensure that affiliation is current. In addition to sending club station QSLs through this service, affiliated clubs may also "pool" their members' individual QSL cards to effect an even greater savings. Each club member using this service must also be a League member. Cards should be sorted "en masse" by prefix, and proof of Membership enclosed for each ARRL member." Give it a try! Congratulations to GMARC The General Motors Amateur Radio Club is the latest club to gain Special Service Club (SSC) status. This status is awarded to clubs that provide on-going training and support to members and exceptional community service. For more information on gaining SSC status, go to [http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/#ssc\\_program](http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/#ssc_program) or get in touch with me. That's all for club news this month. Comments, questions, compliments, and complaints are always welcome. E-mail me at [kb6nu@w8pgw.org](mailto:kb6nu@w8pgw.org) or call 734-930-6564.....73, Dan KB6NU

## **Hudson Division**

### **Northern New Jersey**

SM Bill Hudzik-W2UDT, ASM-N2WZB, STM-WB2FTX, ACC-N3RB, SEC-K2SO, OOC-K2ZD, PIC-WB2CRD, TC-NR2H NNJ Webpage: [www.hudson.arrl.org/nnj/](http://www.hudson.arrl.org/nnj/) MONTHLY ARES NET: Second Monday of each month (8PM) on the Morris County OEM Repeater; WS2Q 146.895 MHz (PL 151.4) minus 600 Hz. Congratulations to the Roseland ARC whose members received Volunteer Awards from the town's Mayor and Borough Council in recognition of their continuing work in the community! The club was also a recipient of a proclamation from the Council acknowledging its contributions to the



community. This is another fine example of what Amateur radio is about; service to our community. It's also refreshing to know that local government acknowledges and appreciates what it's amateur radio community has to offer. At the other end of the section, the Army has recently turned over a number of its Camp Evans buildings, including the original Marconi buildings to the Monmouth County Info Age Center. As an original resident of Camp Evans, the Ocean-Monmouth ARC has used its space to bring amateur radio to the community through open houses and classes. It's now joined by the local QCWA Marconi Chapter in offering tours and ham radio demonstrations. Aside from demonstrations, a number of clubs and groups are offering licensing sessions and classes. Don't forget to post your classes or VE sessions on our NNJ web page and, if you are an Affiliated Club, let the ARRL know also so they can include your club on its referral list. As I've mentioned in the past I often get inquiries about local classes or testing sessions. By posting your dates and times in several places those looking for classes or upgrade opportunities have a better chance of locating a close site. Apparently, the one-day licensing class I talked about last month was not the first one for NNJ. Joyce, KA2ANF, our Hudson Division Vice Director, reminded me that the first one was held in 2003, with the second one last year held by the Hudson County RACES group. Another one day class/test session will be held again in Hudson County on April 26th. Speaking about new hams; please look at the new ARRL "Hello" Campaign which is just getting started. It's the biggest attempt, so far, to introduce the general public to amateur radio and its wide range of opportunities. There will be plenty of audio and PR releases that can be used inform the public that there is a better, and more interesting, option to the internet. Also, don't forget that clubs can enhance attendance by offering programs not directed to ham radio. As an example, the County Line ARA recently held a program about how one of its members (N2OPO) and a local resident helped out during the Hurricane Katrina recovery effort. In the same vein, the May, North Jersey DX Association meeting will have a presentation by K2WR about Marconi's experiments. Please check their website: [www.njdx.org](http://www.njdx.org) for more info. Finally, don't forget to send in nominations for the annual Hudson Division Awards. Recognition is given each year for the Hudson Division Amateur of the Year, Grand Ole Ham and for Technical Achievement. Forms are on the Division web site at: [www.hudson.arrl.org](http://www.hudson.arrl.org). Also, you may contact either KA2ANF or N2FF for applications. This yearly event is an opportunity to recognize those hams who have made the amateur radio service, and our lives, much better due to their dedication.

73, Bill Hudzik- W2UDT SECTION TRAFFIC Mar-06 NORTHERN NJ PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL ORG RCVD SENT DLVD TOTAL 1 2 3 4 5 6 TOTAL N1JX 2 82 90 15 189 40 40 10 90 WB2KNS 0 11 13 7 31 40 31 10 6 5 146 N3RB 1 1 13 12 27 40 27 20 2 0 107 N2GJ 1 12 5 4 22 40 22 30 5 10 107 W2CC 18 2 20 40 20 30 90 W2MTO 6 6 40 3 43 NET MGR. SESS. QNI QTC QSP QTR STNS LIAISONS NJMORNING(NJM) N2GJ 13 77 14 14 97 14 2RN NJ PHONE (NJP) W2CC 35 222 95 71 254 19 2RN NJ SLOW(NJSN) K2PB 29 160 9 8 435 16 2RN NJ NET (NJA/E) AG2R 31 205 25 22 322 15 2RN NJ NET (NJA/L) AG2R 31 144 26 23 260 12 2RN CEN.JER (CJTN) KB2VRO 31 236 53 41 220 32 SN,2RN,PACKET NJ VHF (NJA/E) N2RPI 31 340 81 66 370 70 NJA,NJP NJ VHF (NJA/L) N2OPJ 31 272 25 25 168 31 NJA,NJP UCTN KY2MMM 31 382 21 21 446 NJA, CJTN,NJP

## Midwest Division

### Kansas

Kansas Section News Summary- March 2006 SM, Ron Cowan, KB0DTI-- SEC/OOC: Robert Summers,K0BXF ASM: Orlan Cook,W0OYH SGL: Steve Hamilton, KB0JYL NAØF - Harry Grant, Kingman is now a Silent Key. ----- Before spring was even official this year we kicked things off with storms. On March 12th Douglas Co. was hit with wind that caused enough damage to University of Kansas that they canceled classes for a day so clean up could be done on the campus. R.A.C.E.S. was active for a short time following the storm. S.A.T.E.R.N. in KC sent their trailer mounted generator over to the corp. in downtown Lawrence where there was no electricity for the better part of a day. There are many more weeks left in the spring severe WX season, be ready. ARRL is

saying hello and needs our help. The League has launched a new PR campaign that involves affiliated clubs, public service announcements and a special website: [www.hello-radio.org/](http://www.hello-radio.org/) . Your club may be able to use this in conjunction with Field Day or other public operating events. This may be what you've been waiting for ! Pilot Knob ARC put on a Fox Hunt with KF4LM as the fox. The team of KD7QOR, KC5VKG and WB0MNA won this round. Kansas State Convention is August 20 th hosted by Central Kansas ARC. ----- ARES ACTIVITY Kansas February From the desk of K0BXF KS ARRL SEC Zone nets QNI QTC 1A 4 49 9 1G 4 39 0 2B 4 84 0 2D 2 15 0 2F 4 35 0 3A 3 27 0 3C 3E 3 32 0 4A 38 257 13 4B 4 65 2 4C 12 93 10 4H 5A 4 9 0 6E 3 20 1 6F 4 30 0 6G totals 16 92 771 35 Chapter 110 QCWA net (NOLL) 4 sessions 40 QNI. RACES 1 net 7 QNI counties represented Atchison, Johnson, Riley, Montgomery Mitchell, Wyandotte and Shawnee. ARMY MARS reported 809 man hours on the air and 587 messages originated. ----- Feb. Sessions/QNI/QTC/Mgr: KSBN/28/918/50/N0KFS KPN/20/266/38/ N0KFS KMWN/28/591/467/WB0YWZ KWN/28/871/619/WB0YWZ CSTN/23/1354/66/WT0A QKS 44/162/29/ NB0Z QKS-SS 4/10/2/KB0DTI Traffic: W0WWR 250 NB0Z 33 KB0DTI 24 W0OYH 17 N0ZIZ 17 KC0MRJ 15 73, Ron To receive or contribute to Orlan's Kansas Amateur Radio News E-mail News Letter contact Orlan-W0OYH-Editor at W0OYH@arrl.net See KSN on ARRL Website for detailed PSHR and more Kansas news: <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=KS>

## Missouri

APRIL 2006 MISSOURI SECTION NEWS The third annual Teachers Institutes on Wireless Technology will be held this summer. There will be four 1 week all expense paid sessions in 2006. To receive reimbursement, participants must attend the full week. The hands-on program has had much success teaching the basic concepts of wireless, space, & robotics technology in the classroom. If you are a teacher and if you would like a free brochure send an e-mail with your address to [k0ky@arrl.org](mailto:k0ky@arrl.org) . An Amateur Radio license is not required to attend but an application must be received by May 15, 2006. The summer workshops are June 19 – 23 in Roseville, CA, July 24 – 28 at ARRL HQ in Newington, CT, July 31 – Aug 4 in Newington and Aug. 7 – 11 in Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, NJ. Sounds like an interesting way to spend part of the summer vacation. Ken Ralls, NØAUZ, has written volume 2 of his McKays Island series. In volume 1, U.S. Navy Captain Dan McKay and his family become owners of an uninhabited island near the Marshall Islands in the Pacific and experienced many adventures. Volume 2 “The Interlopers” continues the adventures and involves Ken’s interest in flying, amateur radio, and life in the South Pacific. For those that would like more information go to <http://www.PublishAmerica.com> . It sounded like there was lots of activity April 1st and 2nd in the Missouri QSO Party. Thanks to the Boeing Employees Amateur Radio Society for sponsoring the Missouri QSO Party. Logs are due 30 days after the contest to [moqso@charter.net](mailto:moqso@charter.net) or [n0aj@arrl.net](mailto:n0aj@arrl.net) James L. Kinser, NØAJ, 2147 Encino Drive, Florissant, MO 63031. CONVENTIONS & HAMFESTS REPORTS The next Hamfest will be the Ararat Shrine Hambash in Kansas City, MO on April 15, 2006. This year’s Hambash will feature a new series of seminars on the latest in Communications Techniques, which will include demonstrations on digital communications, AMSAT, ATV & perhaps other. The ARRL Forum featuring Midwest Director Wade Walstrom, WØEJ, Missouri ARRL Section Manager Dale Bagley, KØKY, and other leaders of the Midwest Division will start at 8:30 a.m. For Shrine Hambash table Reservations or more information contact Steve Dowdy, WJØJ by e-mail at [sdowdy@kc.rr.com](mailto:sdowdy@kc.rr.com) and tickets by mail can be requested by sending \$5.00 for three (3) tickets and an SASE to Ray Pautz, NØRP 13 SE 125 Road Warrensburg, MO 64093. Tickets at the door will be \$3.00 each. The Ararat Amateur Radio Shrine Club is expecting a great turn-out this year, so it will be another great ARARAT SHRINE HAMBASH. AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS KEITH HAYE, WEØG, ACC The Heart of America Radio Club March meeting featured a demonstration of an HF propagation prediction computer program by John Watkins, NØEVH. During April, members of HARC will be assisting with communications with the MS Walk in Kansas City, MO and Johnson County Kansas. Duane Haverty, WAØBVX, is the coordinator and can be reached at 816-223-5842 or [dhaverty@kc.rr.com](mailto:dhaverty@kc.rr.com) for more

information and if you are considering volunteering to help. The Macon Area Repeater Council is in the process of upgrading the antenna system for their 146.805 MHz repeater. Ed Brockelmeyer, KØEB, and Larry Ballew, ABØHP have build a version of the DB224 to replace the nearly 20 year old Isopoles that are currently being utilized. They need only one more tower bracket to finish the project and then the new improved antenna system can be installed. The new antenna system should eliminate the static discharge that plagues the old isopoles during stormy weather. The St. Charles ARC "GARBLE" reports that at the club meeting in April there will be two interesting presentations. Ron Ochu, KOØZ, one of the SCARC well known DXers, will discuss the fun and excitement that can be experienced in DXing. Art Goodall, KCØKNU will speak on aspects of the ARES program and Amateur Radio's rapid response to emergency situations. The SCARC 146.67- repeater is dedicated to the support of the National Weather Service storm spotting program during weather emergencies. When the special ID is heard or Storm spotting traffic is heard, operators are asked not to use the 67 repeater for non-emergency traffic during those times. The Central Missouri Radio Association reports that five Hickman High School students took the V.E. exams to get their licenses and four of the five passed. Because of their age as teenagers, the club voted to offer them free membership until their 18th birthdays. After some discussion, the club also offered free membership to its current teen members (Nathan, KCØLCS and Andrew, WØAPT). The club after some discussion voted to offer free membership to any teens under 18 who wish to join. The Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Association has elected officers for 2006. The new President is Linda Calk, KCØSHF, V-P Sue Brookover, KCØVMB, Secretary Clark Garcia, WØMEX, and Treasurer Travis Scobey, KCØFKW. The SMARA, meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Saturday of the month at the Kids Corral Day Care Center, Corner of N Main St & Barron Rd in Poplar Bluff, MO. One of the SMARA's fun events is the annual St. Patrick's Day Potluck Dinner and the membership is also looking forward to a fun Field Day in 2006. The Mississippi Valley DX and Contest Club member George Mackus, ABØRX participated in the Missouri QSO Party and wrote a very interesting article about his effort in the club's "DX HOG!" newsletter. George operated from Taum Sauk Mountain, the highest point in Missouri, 1772 ft at a small campsite with lots of trees and room for antennas. Even with the weather and band conditions, George thought activity was better than in past years.

SECTION ARES REPORT FOR MARCH 2006  
 DON MOORE, KMØR  
 SEC Total # of ARES members: 757  
 Change since last month: +58  
 Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month: 85  
 Man hours: 613  
 Number of public service events this month: 21  
 Man hours: 129  
 Number of emergency operations this month: 35  
 Man hours: 550  
 Total number of ARES operations this month: 141  
 Total Man hours: 1292  
 Comments: 5 of 9 districts reporting

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## **New England Division**

### **Connecticut**

Section Leadership: ASMs: K1STM, KY1F, NK1J, K1BRF; Bulletin Manager KD1YV; Official Observer Coordinator W1GC; Public Information Coordinator W1FXQ; Section Emergency Coordinator N1FNE; State Government Liaison K1MK; Section Traffic Manager K1HEJ; Technical Coordinator N1KHB. Many thanks to TC Joe, N1KHB for serving as my guest columnist this month and writing the Section column. Congrats to Khrystyne Keane, KB1GNZ wife of SGL Mike, K1MK on

her new Amateur Radio license and her new job at ARRL Hq as an Assistant Editor for QST. There are two Conn. hamfests to attend in the coming month. The Southington Hamfest will be on Sunday the 23rd. See <http://www.chetbacon.com/sara.htm> for directions and other details. Be sure to attend the ARES meeting while you're there. On 6 May will be the Southern Berkshire ARC event at the Goshen Fairgrounds in Goshen, Conn. See the [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) hamfest listings for further details and for other future hamfest listings. Between hamfests, there is the free How-to class for licensed hams at the Meriden ARC. This class is intended to familiarize hams with some of the basic techniques needed to do some of the basic projects around the shack. Soldering, hardware selection and useage, use and acquisition of metal and plastic materials, adhesives and sealants, basic circuit construction, and antenna building are some of the topics to be covered. There will also be a small circuit board project to assemble at the class. The class is given by TS Mike W1JQ and TC Joe N1KHB. All materials will be supplied. We'll do our best with any individual questions or problems as well. Bring something to write with/on and maybe a simple calculator if you have one. Please call or write to reserve a seat. Home is 203-457-9770 (frequently busy), work is 203-785-2998, and email is [n1knb@arrl.net](mailto:n1knb@arrl.net). Many thanks to those participating in the various MS Walk-A-Thons including the Southington and West Hartford events. You are providing a needed and much appreciated service and also making ham radio a visible entity for local officials as well as the general public. Keep an ear peeled for any BPL projects in our local areas, both literally and figuratively. Try to lend a hand if at all possible to help with reporting and verifying of BPL interference if and when it comes to a locale near you. There will likely be more than sufficient guidance and support available for you to follow should a BPL project show up. Many web resources are available too if you'd like to read about it. This is a good time to look skyward for tree supported antenna possibilities. Most trees are still without leaves which makes it easier to spot places in the branches where wires and wire supports might be placed. It is still possible to do later in the season of course, but why not take advantage of the added visibility over the next few weeks? And while you're at it, consider making a sketch of your property that includes dwelling, garden shed, fences, trees, and any other potential support locations/obstructions, and include any presently installed antennas. Measure or estimate what you can. Make a few extra photocopies to have on hand. During a moment of Copper Radiator Inspiration on a rainy day or snowy evening, you'll already know the distances between various objects so that you'll be able to easily determine where this or that wire antenna will fit, probably without the need to go outside initially! We will again publish a listing of all known Field Day activities in the Conn. Section. Please submit your FD plans as they become available to Joe N1KHB at [n1knb@arrl.net](mailto:n1knb@arrl.net) to be included in the listing. All FD events are welcome including, club, informal group, or individual. It will be assumed that club level FD events will welcome visitors unless stated otherwise. That's all for this month. "See" you on the bands! Joe Wonoski N1KHB ARRL Conn. Section TC

## **Rhode Island**

Greetings fellow Rhode Islanders: I am writing this report over Easter weekend and the start of Passover. I wish to extend to those observing these annual holidays my sincere wishes for a happy and meaningful observance of your specific holiday in your homes and with your families. After some procrastination on my part, I finally produced my long promised semi complete listing of all RI members of DXCC along with their entity count. I sent it in an e mail to all ARRL members who are signed up to receive SM and Director bulletins. It will also be posted on the RI website, <http://www.ri.arrl.org/> soon. As I expected and actually hoped, the posting of nearly 80 call signs including nine Honor Roll members stirred interest among those DXCC achievers who weren't included. I received a few e mail notes immediately pointing out my omissions. Sorry!! A few were hams who had notified me months ago and in my manual collection of the data, I succeeded in forgetting to include their calls. Of course, they are listed now and will be included when I send out an updated listing after Labor Day. If you wish an updated current list, let me know and it will be on its way. I'd send out another broadcast e mail but I don't want to annoy our non DXer brethren so soon after the last one. I was very proud to find that we had so many DXCC achievers in our little state.

Special thanks to the fine folks in the ARRL IT department and others who helped in this task to identify them all. I surely couldn't have done it alone. Many other section reports around the country include a copy of the news as it is reported in the ARRL Letter and on the ARRL web page, [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org). I choose not to use my limited allocation of space copying it here since I expect that all of you who are interested in keeping up with current events in Amateur Radio news will read these primary sources of news regularly as I do. I will, from time to time, call your attention to something or include my opinions or comments but that will be the extent of it. Last month, I mentioned the activity noted at the bottom of sunspot cycle 23. However, I want you to write or call me if you wish to discuss some particular issue that ARRL has reported or even one that you may have heard through your own network. I wasn't elected as SM for any other purpose but to help and serve you. It surely wasn't for my looks or charm. I checked with the League concerning any progress in developing a library book program that will satisfy our wishes. This was agreed to in principle by ARRL COO Harold Kramer at our Feb 21st meeting and I plan to hold them to their word. There was no progress to report. It seems that the staff has been busy preparing material for Dayton Hamvention on May 19-21. There's no promise of when RI's library book program will come up on the priority list and receive attention but with every day passing, I will become a more annoying reminder to them. I take the agreement and commitment the League COO made to me very seriously. The New England QSO Party takes place on May 6-7 weekend which overlaps with Hosstraders weekend. This on the air activity is loads of fun even if you aren't looking toward winning it. In these band conditions at the bottom of the sunspot cycle, it's a fairly effective way to see how well your antennas are getting out. There'll be lots of stations looking for YOU! It is an all band and any mode contest. Rules and details may be reviewed at <http://www.neqp.org/>. Remember, you'll be rare in this event, especially if you're in any county other than Providence. Stations will be looking to work you! Good luck. RI ARES continues to conduct bi-weekly on air drills on the K1CR, 146.70 repeater, first and third Mondays at 2000 UTC. A solid number of regulars check in and provide their support to the program. SEC Sean Brennan KE1AB is always looking for dedicated new members to take on responsible roles in ARES, so contact him directly at [ke1ab@arrl.net](mailto:ke1ab@arrl.net). He will be pleased to hear from you. Beautiful weather in Rhode Island means that antenna time is finally here. It's time to get out and repair that winter damage. I have some here in Cumberland. What? You didn't have any antenna damage this winter? The old W1HDQ rule of thumb says that if your antenna didn't come down over the New England winter, your antenna wasn't large or high enough. I guess a few of mine were but they'll be back up before the fall DX season. That's about it for now, folks. 73 until next month. 73, Bob Beaudet W1YRC

## **Western Massachusetts**

Hello fellow Hams, Over the last 3 months, my staff and I have interfaced with several clubs. It's a pleasure to be able to tell you how much I appreciate all the good work your clubs are doing. The rewards to be a part of a great club, is to be a member, and any recognition is just icing on the cake, not to be expected but to be enjoyed. I know you all can put in long hours and wonder if anyone really notices, I want to reassure you people notice and appreciate what you do, as a club and as individuals. It's all about people, people make clubs, people make QSO's, people make the ARRL. Our technology is a tool to make friends, in your communities, on the air and at different clubs. It is also there when everything else fails, to support in emergency's and in public events. With the introduction of the HELLO Campaign and the 100th anniversary of wireless, this year is going to be something special to all of us. We have to encourage new hams, develop and support mentoring programs and participate in on air activities.. I really believe that the clubs of Western Mass, are an important part of our current and future success. The initiatives that come out of all club meetings will prove incredibly important to the relationships of ham radio operators in your club and in other clubs throughout the section. I ask you to think outside the box, to come up with ideas that will lead to providing better support to all ham radio operators, new and old, and to share your thoughts and visions with other clubs in Western Mass. 73, Ed, W1KT WMA SM

## Northwestern Division

### Montana

Ah, Spring has sprung in the Rockies! Lots to do outside and of couse, antennas to fix. The cold this Winter was hard on everything exposed to it. Your SM attended the Butte ARC annual installation supper on the 16th. Was great to see all those who attended and have some time to chat. My thanks to Bill Tarrent, W7ROE for the invite. Good luck to the new club officers in the coming year. Packets for Glacier Hamfest are out, look for yours in the mail. If you dont recieve one, contact one of the Board members to be added to the list. With higher fuel prices this year, I hope we'll be able to have a good crowd. IMN-W5UYH, QNI-585, QTC-130 MTN-KD7HWV, QNI-2667, QTC-83 MSN-K7YD, WV7Z, KC5YED, KC7CIS- 110 73 to all Doug, K7YD

### Oregon

Oregon SM: Randy Stimson KZ7T. SEC: W7IH. SCC: W7WZ. ACC: N7THL. STM: W7IZ: OOC: AB7OC. PIC: W6ABM. TC: WB7UNU. SGL: KA7KYQ. Dick Frey K4XU is at it again with the Oregon QSO party. But it is now 7QP because it covers all of 7 land. I will put this on my Web site [www.kz7t-oregonsm.org](http://www.kz7t-oregonsm.org) if someone needs it. But here it is in his own words. "The annual Oregon QSO Party, now called 7QP, will run on May 6/7. The rules have changed, but the effect on you from last year will be small, except for the activity. We are joining with the other W7 states to throw a big common party. 259 seventh area counties should generate a lot more activity on all bands. It also runs 18 hours to make the low bands more attractive. The rules, entry forms, and other info are at [www.7qp.org](http://www.7qp.org) We need you to be there. I want to keep track of what counties will be available, especially the rarer ones -- Please let me know if you can participate or not. Announcing The First Running of The 7 th Call Area QSO Party May 6/7, 2006 (UTC) You Are Invited to Participate! State QSO parties provide an opportunity for even the most casual operator the chance to be "Rare DX." Regional QSO parties increase the activity levels and make the operating event popular worldwide. Our goal is to activate every county in the 7 th Call Area on Saturday, May 6, 2006. We need your help to accomplish this ambitious goal and be part of a historic event in Ham Radio. We have many suggestions for how you and your local clubs can get in the spirit and have some great fun and fellowship. Weekend Mobile Serious RV Mobile Multiop with Friends Please contact your State Coordinators to find out how you can participate! For Complete Information See [www.7qp.org](http://www.7qp.org)" For some reason I can not get the State Coordinators on this site. They will not come up in their order. I am working on the problem. I have them on my web site. [www.kz7t-oregonsm.org](http://www.kz7t-oregonsm.org) Dean Davis, KL7OR the new EC for Marion County is busy in getting the EC to pass the EMCOMM Level one (ARECC-EC001). They are Douglas KE7ASM, Jeff KK7LU, Jennifer KE7FLV, Johnny KD7LYI, Roger KC7BRZ, Heather KD7JAA, Frank KB7NJV, Jack W7JXN and Dan WA7ABU. John K0RJD and Andy KE7AUB also passed ARECC-(EC001). Speaking about the ENCOM and FEMA training programs. It is very important that all ARES members that are going to help in emergencies need to be trained in these program. The reason is that everyone is on the same page. For instance when there is a shift change and a new team takes over there will be little discussion between the two teams because they both had the same training. Hugh Flint KF7LN, Wasco CO. EC reports that they had two training sessions and a public service event. Total of 3 members and 13 hours Frank Van Winkle KD7DDQ, EC Clatsop Co had four training sessions and one public service event. Total of 5 members and 51 hours. Dan Bissell W7WVF, EC Coos Co. had one training session. Unknown number of members but 60 hours. Tom Hyers W7TCH, EC Douglas Co. reports the Roseburg Hospital Emergency Communication exercise was performed with 2 members and 1 1/2 hours. Traffic; N7YSS164, W7IZ 164, N7CM 154, K7PMB 141, W7IG 109, KC7SGM 98, K7EAJ 64, KD7ZLF 50, W7VSE 45, KC7SRL 11, WS7L 23, KK1A 20 and N7APE 11 PSHR; N7QQU 261, K7EAJ 150, N7CM 135, KD7ZLF 115, N7YSS 110, KK1A 100, KK7TN 95, KC7SGM 90, W7VSE 88 and KL7OR 80 OO reports; Everett W6ABM 13 hours, Jeff NS7J 155 hours

and Harry AB7X 214 Hours.

## **Western Washington**

As I did with Jim Pace, K7CEX, I have delegated the authority for writing the Monthly Summary to our new SEC Ken Dahl, K7TAG. We have new DEC's in Districts 3 and 4, please welcome and help them get settled into their jobs. Here is Ken's first Summary. 73, Ed N7NVP In District 1, DEC Bill Frazier, W7ARC reports that in San Juan County several members of the SJCARS met with their Director of Emergency Services Brendan Cowan on 7 March to discuss ways that their organization could improve emergency communications support to the County. District 1 had a total of 78 stations participating in the surprise SEC drill this month. Good turnout from all counties involved. In District 2, ADEC Russ Fish, K7INA reports Dennis Crawford is the new Jefferson County Assistant Director of Emergency Management. In Clallam County: ARES EC Richard Edes WA6CUE stepped down from his position in March and has been replaced by Chuck Jones, N7BV In District 3, Duane Braford, WB7ROZ is the new DEC replacing Ken Dahl, K7TAG who has moved up to the position of SEC. Congratulations Duane! Duane reports that 52 members responded to the unannounced Drill this past month. District 4 has a new DEC, Marc Lacy, KD7RYY. Welcome aboard Marc! In Clark Co. Chip, WB7TFD, John, KB7FND, Bob, K7YFJ, spent 25 hours wiring and setting up the remodeled Clark County EOC. Bob, K7YFJ, purchased wire and Power Pole connectors for ARES/RACES members from Wes Allen, K7WWG, to promote usage by our members. On March 7th Bob, K7YFJ, and Chip, WB7TFD, met with a Ridgefield Fire Commissioner to provide them with a dual band antenna and coax to wire the new LaCenter Ridgefield EOC. March 14th the Team leaders and Assistants met for lunch to review the agenda for the March ARES/RACES meeting. March 20th 46 ARES/RACES members met for the monthly meeting. A discussion was held on Message handling and format. Team 3 worked with the members to adjust the 2-meter antennas they had provided the month before. An excellent work session took place and was very well organized by team 3 members. Next month we'll meet at CRESA (Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency) and view the new operating facility. In District 6, DEC Kirk Bellar, N7UK reports that Dist. 6 didn't participate in the Mar. 22 callout, mainly because the DEC was stuck in a hideous traffic jam when he got the call, but he learned some valuable lessons. They have set up a new team to support Fire District 40 where the team will be training all 3 shifts of firefighters on what the HAM support team does for the district as well as what we can do for them. The Battalion Chief that we report to said he was very impressed with our size ups and our reporting methods. District M ASEC Marina Zuetell, N7LSL report that the Medical Services Team conducted a First Aid/CPR and Blood-borne Pathogen refresher course and spent lots of time planning for Communications Academy 2006. From the SEC Hello to everyone. It was a pleasure and an honor to be chosen to follow in the foot steps of Jim Pace, K7CEX who did such a great job as SEC. The unplanned call out drill on March 22 was a great success with most teams responding in a timely manner. As with all drills, the important thing is to modify our activation plans to take care of those things that did not work so that we can do better next time. I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of submitting your monthly time reports. This is all time that you spend on drills, nets, training, station and repeater maintenance, public service and emergency operations. We are looking to report these stats for everyone, not just League members. The ARRL uses this information to support their lobbying efforts in defending our spectrum in Washington, DC.

## **Pacific Division**

### **Nevada**

Nevada Section News Summary See the Nevada Section website at <http://nv.arrl.org> for the complete, unedited stories. EMCOMMWEST 2006 is fast approaching, and things are beginning to book up. Please

register online at the EMCOMMWest06 website <http://www.emcommwest.org/> as soon as possible. There is limited time to book rooms at the Atlantis at the special rate. When you book, remember to enter the group code "emcommwest" and you will get the discount rate. Don't miss this year's EMCOMMWEST 2006! April 9, 2006 - ARES Monthly Report for March'06 - SEC Summary - Things have been busy as we prepare for EMCOMMWEST 2006 in Reno on May 6 and 7. It will be at the Atlantis Hotel and Resort. The Reno Spring Swap will be held in conjunction with the convention, which will welcome Dave Patton, NN1N from ARRL HQ in Newington, CN. As usual our Pacific Division Director and Vice Directors will join us, and hams from several states will once again converge on Northern Nevada. One major highlight will be our banquet speaker this year, as we are honored to have Bill Pasternak WA6ITF from Amateur Radio Newsline join us. We have been stacking up prizes galore from Icom America, Diamond Antenna, Alinco, Yaesu and many others. Our grand prize will be a Yaesu FT-817. Every paid attendee will receive one raffle ticket, additional tickets may be purchased to benefit EMCOMMWEST. I would like to give a huge vote of thanks to Dee Arnold, KA7LOZ, Tony Marcin, N7ACM and the entire event crew for undertaking such a huge task in a very short time span. Thanks to Glenn Thomas, WB6W for keeping our section website up to date and full of great information for us. Glenn has lots on his plate, being the ACC for the section and EC for Douglas County. Northeast DEC Joe, N7JEH made his way to Reno recently, and was able to have dinner twice and meet with SM, SEC and Northwest DEC. Glad you could make it Joe! - 73 de Don KQ6FM

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORT:** On March 15 planned Hazmat exercise for South Nye County. This was first time they used their new trailer and command post. Hams were praised for efforts in locating a truck with a mock up hazardous material in a timely manner when very little information was given. Good job! Gary, KK7LV and Charlie, AA5QJ met with Boulder City Fire chief on March 7. They assured him of commitment to support Boulder City. Dave Floyd, W9MPD has been appointed AEC to Boulder City, to replace Julian, W7JFR. Welcome Dave! Salvation Army Disaster Response Training held in Bishop, CA on March 3 and 4. Welcome to a new ARES member: Pat, KE7GDS in Tonopah. General ARES/RACES meeting held in Las Vegas on March 18. The meeting included a presentation on Salvation Army and SATERN by Cal, KE6OEH, AEC to the agency. We would like to send our warm wishes to Vern, K0EGA, AEC of Ops/Training who underwent bypass surgery on March 30. He is home and doing well. - 73 de Glen KB7REO

**NORTHWEST DISTRICT REPORT:** Gearing up for EMCOMMWEST has consumed a lot of time in the Northwest District. Most of the Washoe County crew heavily involved in all aspects of the convention. We've just finished the Level 1 Hybrid class. New grads are Annie Cornell, K7ANI, Sean McManmon, KE7FYF, Mark Waters, KE7FPR and Jan Sluchak, N6VY. Douglas County DCART training continues their monthly meetings. EC Glenn, WB6W reports that they have a JNOS packet BBS up and running on 145.05. It is currently a stand alone system, but is expected to expand. Washoe County efforts for a Winlink System continue under the direction of Andy, KD7ZEV, Bob, WA6MTY and others. A plan to incorporate this district-wide is in the planning stages. Lots of training also reported in Lyon County. They now are using a new portable station and are learning how to operate it and incorporate into regular use. Training with boat crews and use of Quads as they continue to work with SAR. Team members have been invited to train with Washoe County SAR as well. Comm van is now operational. Lots of work just completed including the antenna system. Thanks again to everyone for your dedication, hard work and efforts. You are a marvelous crew, and our heartfelt thanks to one and all. Hope to see you all at EMCOMMWEST 2006! - 73 de Doug KB7FOO

April 4, 2006 - International Space Station Contact from Reno School - After years of planning, a call to space from McQueen High School became a reality. Students in Colleen Currie's sophomore geography class were hamming it up, as they made a call to the International Space Station via amateur radio. The call took place at about 10:30am and ISS came back right on schedule. A team of local ham radio operators were on hand to assist the students at McQueen, the first students in northern Nevada to talk to astronauts at the space station. (tnx to W6ADZ for coordinating the event and the KQ6FM for publicity) April 1, 2006 - de WB6W - I would appreciate someone e-mailing me a short summary directly of what happened at each club meeting or event. The club reports below are examples of what I have in mind. What your club will gain from this is additional



publicity. When potential new members or members of the media are looking for information on Amateur radio in your area, one place they will look is the section web site. - 73 de Glenn Thomas WB6W April 1, 2005, 2006 - Elko Amateur Radio Club meeting - The Elko ARC started out with their traditional informal 10AM breakfast at "the Scoreboard" in Spring Creek. From there they moved to the regular business meeting in Elko. Vistors included SEC Don Carlson KQ6FM and ACC Glenn Thomas WB6W. A lively discussion of issues concerning BPL, the state of formal repeater coordination and the need for improved recognition and liability coverage for emergency volunteers preceeded the business meeting. Afterwards, the club adjourned to JR's for coffee and lunch. March 25, 2006 - Wide Area Data Group Club meeting - The Wide Area Data Group quarterly membership meeting was held at the Round Table Pizza in south Reno. New club officers were elected and several new members accepted. Maintenance and extensions to the extensive WADG repeater system were discussed. March 16, 2006 - Nellis Radio Amateur Club meeting - The Nellis Radio Amateur Club heard from Joy Matlack KD6FJV, Communications Coordinator for the Baker to Vegas Race on the trials and tribulations of managing communications for a major event. LVRAC also heard from Glenn Thomas WB6W on the trials and tribulations of being ACC. There was also an extended discussion of what the club was doing, including all of the club educational activities. NRAC meetings are held at the Outdoor Adventure building, located on Nellis AFB, on the 3rd Thursday of each month a 7:00 PM. All amateur radio operators are invited to attend. March 14, 2006 - Las Vegas Radio Amateur Club meeting - The Las Vegas Radio Amateur Club heard from Joy Matlack KD6FJV, Communications Coordinator for the Baker to Vegas Race on the trials and tribulations of managing communications for a major event. LVRAC also heard from Glenn Thomas WB6W on the trials and tribulations of being ACC. LVRAC meets at 7PM on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Nevada Power building at 6226 W Sahara Ave, just west of Jones. Weeks that the club does not meet, there is a 7PM Tuesday club net on the 146.94- and 448.5- repeaters. -30-

## **Sacramento Valley**

SECTION NEWS MARCH 2006 Here it is April and we are still having rain and snow. So far no flooding this year, but our ARES groups are alert, just in case things get bad. The EMCOMM groups keep on the alert and keep training. In another three months we will begin to worry about fires, especially with the late rains, as it brings taller grass and trees. If you do not belong to an ARES group, you should contact your County Emergency Coordinator. If you don't know who that is, then contact Dave Thorne, K6SOJ, the Section Emergency Coordinator, k6soj@arrrl.org. Dave also publishes the EMCOMM Monthly by email. If you are not a subscriber, ask to be put on the list – it is free. The April issue had some excellent articles, especially one on 160 meter band plan and where to operate so you are not in the DX portion of the band. This is also an issue on other bands that have DX Windows. EMCOMMWEST 2006: The amateur clubs in Reno will sponsor a special ARRL Convention, again this year on May 6-7, in Reno at the Atlantis Casino and Resort. There will be displays of equipment used in EMCOMM, presentation on several subject, Saturday night banquet, ARRL HQ and Division staff as well as Section Managers, Saturday Hamswap, and if you have time and some loose green stuff there is always the one arm bandits. Pre registration is \$10 (\$15 at the door) and you can register on line and use Pay Pal, or register and then send in a check. They hope to get early registrations, so the will be able to be prepared for the number of attendees. For more information and registration, go to <http://emcommwest.org>. Hope to see you there. SECTION CONVENTION??: There is some interest in having a Sacramento Valley Section Convention. The Redding area clubs put on a excellent hamfest, in Anderson at a park next to the river. I have talked with the groups about a section convention, and there is interest, but they would need some help from other clubs, both financial and member support. Financial support would be seed money to begin planning, cost of reservation for location, flyers etc. Any profits would be split according to money and efforts each club provided. Planning could be split between clubs, one club handle prizes, another publicity, another food etc, etc. Club Officers please discuss this proposal and contact Jim, KK6MM, with comments, questions and especially help. Jim is

the President of the Shasta Cascade ARS, in Redding. The San Francisco Section has had several conventions in Ferndale, out in the boonies near Eureka, and it has been a great success. We have a lot more hams than they do and good interstate highways to travel on. How about it?? Broad Band over Power Line: BPL, in California, hit a roadblock as far as amateurs are concerned. The Chairman of the California Public Utility Commission has given the power companies an OK to go ahead with BPL in CA. The ARRL has been working on it, but no luck so far. There are also several legislative acts in the State Assembly and Senate, that could have some effect on amateur radio. The Section Government Liaison, Peter Gambia, K6TTD, prepared an excellent report on legislation that could affect ham radio. He is keeping a close eye on the Legislature. RIVER CITY ARCS: I just approved the renewal of RCARCS' as a Special Service Club. Several of the clubs, in the section, are classed as a SSC. If your club is interested in becoming a SSC, contact me or check on the ARRL web page for the criteria for a SSC. HAMFEST: North Hills ARC will hold their annual Hamfest/Swapmeet on Sunday May 21 at the Bela Vista High School in Fair Oaks. The address is 8301 Madison Ave. Madison Ave. crosses I-80 in Citrus Heights, go East on Madison. Starts at 7 am till 12 noon, There will be hourly prizes, 2 spaces for \$10 for sellers, free for buyers. There will be plenty of food and drink – if you haven't had a hot dog by 9 am, you aren't living. There will be an ARRL table with information and maybe even the Section Manager. More information at [www.k6is.org](http://www.k6is.org). YUBA SUTTER ARC: The club has a new web page and address – <http://YSARC.ORG/>. Editor and webmaster, Herb Puckett, W6HBU, has done an excellent job and continues to build the page. They hold a Breakfast get-together the third Wednesday of the month, at Country Waffles, in Yuba City at 9 am. On April 22, they will provide communications for the annual Bike Around the Buttes ride. The Sutter Buttes is the smallest mountain range, it juts out of the Sacramento Valley, near Yuba City. FIELD DAY: Most clubs have a good handle on their plans for FD this year. As usual, I plan on attending several FD sites. Please send me an email with location of your FD, so that I can plan on what routes to take. Last year I was blocked by snow at one area, and it looks like it may happen this year also. The end of June will soon be here. ANTENNA: I finally received parts for my 80 meter dipole. I hope to get it cut to size and ready to hang up, by the end of this week. All I will need is someone to shoot a line into the trees, and up it will go – I hope. PLUMAS ARC: Club members AE6AY, KG6WOO and KR6G attended and ICS 100 and 200, all day training session at the Plumas Sheriff Office and Plumas Fire department. KR6G completed an ICS 700 course , on line at FEMA.Gov. Doug AE6AY and Bob, KA6NSN put on a demonstration of Packet and Emergency communications at the LDS church, with all County and State emergency responders present. Warren, KF6PQM and LDS Church presented a program on having supplies to last a family 3 days. MEETINGS: Because of the continual rains, I have not visited many clubs, but starting this month I hope to get to several meetings. Not much in the way of news this month That's about all I have for now. Keep dry and prepared. 73, Jettie, W6RFF

## **San Joaquin Valley**

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for the month of March 2006: 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. An Emergency Coordinator is needed in Merced County. Contact N6ZFN ([n6zfn@bak.rr.com](mailto:n6zfn@bak.rr.com)) or W6DPD ([w6dpd@arrrl.org](mailto:w6dpd@arrrl.org)) if you can help Mark your calendars. The International DX Convention is April 21-23, 2006 at Visalia. Check <http://www.dxconvention.org/> for information. EMCOMM West is May 6-7, 2006 at the Atlantis Casino Resort in Reno. Check [www.emcommwest.org](http://www.emcommwest.org) for information. Field Day is June 24-25, 2006. The 64th Fresno Hamfest will be August 5, 2006 at the Satellite Student Union on the CSUF Campus. Check [www.w6to.com](http://www.w6to.com) for information. San Joaquin Valley ARS presents the Harvest HamConVentio Sept 15-16 in Fresno. Check [www.sjvars.com](http://www.sjvars.com) for information. Pacificon 06 will be October 13-15, 2006 at the San Ramon Marriott. Check [www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org) for information. 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.arrrl.org](http://www.arrrl.org) for exam

information. You can also search for Amateur Radio Classes in your area. 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. The California Traffic Net meets daily on 3.906 MHz and 6:30 PM local time. It is my sad duty to report that W6JPU, WA6NSY, WA6BPP, KA6SDH, and KA6GCA are Silent Keys. They will be missed. On June 9-11, KF6JOQ, Larry, KG6ZBL, Mark and W6WTG, Terry will be going to Santa Cruz Island off the coast of Ventura for a DX Expedition. The island is IOTA NA-144. We will be operating 14.260 and also 144.210 SSB during the ARRL VHF contest. QSL Manager is N2OWL. For more information contact Terry, W6WTG at w6wtg@arrl.net or www.islandchaser.com. The Turlock ARC and Stanislaus ARA provided communications for the McLane Pacific 100 Mile bike race. The Turlock ARC and K6IXA conducted an Airmail/Winlink seminar with over 50 in attendance. The Madera Amateur Radio Club will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 2006. The Central California DX Club will celebrate its 25th Anniversary in 2006 W6RFL made the DXCC Honor Roll. W6FRH qualified for WAS by using contacts in Log Book of the World. Top SJV Scores in the 2005 ARRL CW DX Sweepstakes were 1st WC6H, 2nd N6EE and 3rd K2VCO. Way to go guys. Traffic for March: K6RAU 20 and N6SUZ 129; Total 149. PSHR K6RAU 20, N6SUZ 100.

## **Roanoke Division**

### **North Carolina**

NORTH CAROLINA: SM, Tim Slay, N4IB - SEC: WA4MOK STM: K4HA TC: K4ITL BM: KD4YTU PIC: N2COP OOC: W4ZRA ACC: WA4KE THANKS, JOHN! I can't open my first monthly section news without once again thanking my predecessor, John Covington, W4CC, for his six years of outstanding leadership. John was one of the hardest working, most traveled, and most effective section managers in ARRL history. During his three terms, John devoted innumerable hours to our section, visiting countless club meetings, hamfests, and special events. John drove over 10,000 miles/year on league business and visited all 100 counties in the state. John brought a wealth of expertise and professionalism to this volunteer position and set a high standard for me and the others who follow him. I'm especially grateful that John recruited such an excellent section cabinet and I'm honored they've agreed to continue to serve North Carolina hams as I begin my term. In my 30 years as a ham, I've held numerous elected and appointed positions, but I've never held a section-level job. So I'm glad John will still be around to offer advice and I appreciate your input (and patience) as I learn the ropes! WHO ARE WE AND WHERE ARE WE GOING? Of the 675,274 amateur radio operators licensed in the US, North Carolina has 18,539. We're the tenth largest state in terms of ham population. But only 3,792 of those hams are ARRL members, and that's probably a good estimate of the number of active hams in the state. There are 91 ARRL affiliated clubs in North Carolina, but only 51 are current in the ARRL database. There are currently 11 ARRL-affiliated hamfests scheduled in the section. Our section also has 210 volunteer ARRL appointees, not to mention hundreds more who have leadership positions in local clubs. There's a lot to be excited about, but also challenges to be faced. Our hobby is threatened by pressure on our bands from commercial interests and the interference threat of BPL. Restrictive covenants that prohibit antennas are almost ubiquitous in newer subdivisions. But the biggest threat is in the numbers I listed...they're dropping every year. We're not recruiting enough new hams to replace the silent keys. The average age of an amateur radio operator is somewhere around 50 and for an ARRL member, its approaching 60. Those averages are going up by 1 every year. So where will our hobby be in 20 years when I'm ready to join so many of you as a retiree and full-time ham? And will my 6 year old daughter, who is learning Morse code, be able to have a CW QSO when she's my age? Over the next two years you're going to hear me talk (and listen) a lot about this problem and I'll be sharing some of the great things clubs across the state are doing to spread the magic of ham radio. PRB-1 PROGRESS REPORT Our PIO, Bill Morine, N2COP and former Wilmington mayor Ham Hicks, KB4BR are

keeping up the momentum as we try to get a PRB-1 bill passed by the North Carolina legislature. Ham is scheduled to testify before the legislature's Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Management Recovery Study Committee on April 20. Write your state legislator to educate them on the problems faced by hams who try to install antennas in areas with restrictions. These restrictions not only threaten our hobby, but also affect our ability to provide emergency communications after a disaster.

UPCOMING HAMFESTS Raleigh Hamfest, April 24 – [www.rars.org/hamfest](http://www.rars.org/hamfest) Rockingham County Hamfest, May 13 – [www.rcarc.com/hamfest2006.html](http://www.rcarc.com/hamfest2006.html) DurHAMfest, May 27 - [www.dfma.org](http://www.dfma.org) Winston-Salem Hamfest, June 10 – [www.w4nc.org](http://www.w4nc.org) MARCH TRAFFIC W4EAT 905 (BPL), W0UCE 614 (BPL), W4UEF 228, AD4XV 210, K4IWW 185, KI4YV 181, W2EAG 131, KE4JHJ 110, W4DNA 85, K4RLD 72, W3HL 63, WA4OBR 62, W4FAL 48, W4NCD 40, KE4AHC 33, W4EHF 27, KD4FUN 24, W4TTO 21, KI4AHA 20, W4IRE 19, KG4YNM 19, W4CC 10 MARCH PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL W4DNA 190, K4RLD 170, W4NCD 165, W4EAT 130, K4IWW 120, W0UCE 120, KE4JHJ 110, W4FAL 110, W2EAG 90, KI4YV 90, KD4FUN 74, W4TTO 71, KI4AHA 70

## South Carolina

Greetings to all Amateur Radio Operators. This is Dr. Jim, N2ZZZ with the April 2006 South Carolina Section Manager's Report! Please remember that the SC Section website can be found at: [www.arrrl-sc.org/](http://www.arrrl-sc.org/) where my full SM report will be listed as well as up-to-the-date information on Amateur Radio in South Carolina! I would like to congratulate the South Carolina Sideband Net on their 48th anniversary! The anniversary net was held on April 7th on the SC SSB net frequency of 3915 kHz at 1900 local time. Regrettably, I was on a cruise that week, so I was unable to participate. The ship had internet access but the control bridge and radio room was off limits to all passengers. I asked once for permission to use the radio room, but from the looks I received, I decided I would better not ask twice! From the internet, I sent requests to ARRL HQ for participation in the net. Congratulations were sent by Joel Harrison W5ZN, ARRL President. I am happy to report that Miss Emmie, KA4LRM has completed the 2006 SC SSB Net Rosters. If you have not received one, please contact Miss Emmie at her Callbook address. It is a very useful net operating aid to have handy at your station! This month on April 28th and 29th, the Southeastern VHF Society (SVHFS) will be holding their annual meeting in Greenville at the Embassy Suites, 670 Verdae Road. This is the first year the conference has been held in South Carolina! In spite of the VHF in the name, the group covers many topics of interest on frequencies from 50 MHz through 141 GHz. This is a technical conference in which all interested amateurs are invited to submit papers and make presentations at the Conference. All the presentations will be bound and printed by the ARRL and each attendee will receive a copy. In addition, test equipment will be available to test both homebrew and commercial preamps, transverters, and local oscillators. An antenna range will be set up on Friday from 8:00 AM until 12:00 to measure antenna gain, from 50 MHz thru 24 GHz. Bring your home-brew or commercial antennas! They are happy to announce that Joe Taylor, K1JT, will attend this year's conference to make a presentation and be their Saturday night Banquet Speaker. Joe is the author of the WSJT suite of software for weak signal and EME work. (Joe won the 1993 Nobel Prize in Physics!) Even though the moon will not be in a favorable position they plan to have a station on 144/432 running JT65 to demo the mode to those that haven't tried it. Another special guest, Joel Harrison W5ZN, ARRL President will attend and address the attendees at lunch on Friday. He will be leaving shortly afterwards to tend to ARRL business in another state. Another treat is that there will be discussion on the AMSAT Eagle Software Defined Transponder. Most of the future amateur satellites will likely orbit with a Software Defined Transponder. For further information and registration information, please go to the SVHFS website: [www.svhfs.org](http://www.svhfs.org) . The Upstate Hamfest will be Held in Spartanburg on May 6th. The event is sponsored by the Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Society, and inside exhibits with an outside flea market will be featured. Location is the same as the last several years, on 575 Fairgrounds Road. VE testing by WCARS will be available. Talk-in will be on 146.610- MHz, with a backup frequency of 146.82- MHz. Further information is available on the [www.upstatehamfest.org](http://www.upstatehamfest.org) website. Please make plans to attend! I received a note from Bill Lemmon KA4TWK about a two day

Technician class that is planned to be held in Columbia, and is similar to a course that was held in North Augusta. Dates, times, costs and location are pending. For those who are wishing to register for the class, please send Bill an e-mail (Subject: 2 Day Tech Class) with your name, address, contact phone number and e-mail address: ka4twk@yahoo.com. North Carolina has a new Section Manager, Tim Slay, N4IB. Tim took over for John Covington W4CC on April 1st. Please join me in welcoming Tim to his new position when you see him at hamfests! That's it for this month! See you next month! Enjoy our great avocation, AMATEUR RADIO!

**MARCH 2006 NTS REPORT FOR SOUTH CAROLINA NET REPORTS:** Net Name/Check Ins/Traffic Sessions/Reported By Anderson Radio Club 2M Net/850/28/31/N4MEH BRARS 2 Meter Net/2000/46/31/K4SUG Carolina's Net/350/149/62/K4IWW Carolina Slow Net/197/38/31/W4EAT Columbia ARC 2 Meter Net/183/9/9/K4RKC Grand Strand ARC 2M Net/328/22/15/N4XML Greater Pee Dee 2 Meter Net/1045/35/31/K4DTT Greenwood ARC 2 Meter Net/105/7/5/W4DEW Greenwood Friendly Net/415/31/31/W4JAK Lancaster County 2 Meter Net/103/19/12/N4WMB SC Single Sideband Net/1983/75/31/WB4DLD York County ARS 2 Meter FM Net/1065/45/53/K4CON York County ARS 2 Meter SSB Net/36/-/-/K4CON STATION ACTIVITY

**REPORTS:** Station/Sent/Received/Delivered/Originated/Total KA4LRM/9/13/2/0/24 KA4UIV/18/27/7/0/52 K3LM/5/5/1/1/12 WB4DLD/3/32/3/3/41 N4MEH/5/48/4/1/58 PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL: Station/Cat 1/Cat 2/Cat 3/Cat 4/Cat 5/Cat 6/Total KA4LRM/40/24/20/0/0/0/84 KA4UIV/8/40/0/0/0/0/48 N4MEH/40/40/20/0/0/0/100 Have a great month! '73 de Dr. Jim N2ZZ ARRL Section Manager South Carolina Section [www.arrl-sc.org](http://www.arrl-sc.org)

## Virginia

Virginia Section Summary The Virginia Section would like to welcome a new affiliated club from Luray Virginia. This is the Terrain Wireless Society. A special thanks to Brad Taylor, KW4USA for shouldering the responsibility of Section Emergency Manager along with being Webmaster for the ARES website and the Section website. Richard "Dick" Becker, W6LWG has been named as our new Assistant Section Emergency Manager for Administration. This new appointment will allow Brad more time for planning and implementing the ARES program in the Section. Don't miss the very informative newsletter, ARES E-Letter for those interested in emergency communication. ARRL members can subscribe by going to <http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html?modify=1>. This publication comes out on the 3rd Wednesday of each month via e-mail. I have enjoyed visiting with the Virginia Mountain ARC in Covington, and the Franklin County ARC in Rocky Mount, Virginia during early April. The importance of traffic handling utilizing all the modes of amateur radio communications was discussed in depth. There are a lot of exciting things happening in many of these rural, smaller clubs. Both the clubs mentioned had outstanding station equipment set up at their meeting locations. These were complimented by very effective antenna systems. We had a packed house at each location as well. I'm looking forward to continued visits with clubs across the Section as I get to know the people and support them in their efforts to promote and enjoy amateur radio. A happy ham is one of the best promoters of our exciting hobby. There are a few things that provides opportunities for service to our community and states in the same way as amateur radio. Craig Wicks, WX8DX has created a new website for the National Weather Service, in Blacksburg. This website is for the amateur radio spotter group that covers the 40 counties included in the Blacksburg Weather Forecast Office. This new site is loaded with educational material as well as online forms for reporting on weather events. Thanks Craig for all your fine work on this project. The link for this new site is <http://www.wx4rnk.org/> Glen Sage, W4GHS Virginia Section Manager Richmond Amateur Telec Soc. Volunteers needed for the Second Annual Kristen Grote Legacy 5K! RATS, and any other interested amateurs, have been asked to provide communications support at the Second Annual Kristen Grote Legacy 5K Run/Walk. Details: Date: Saturday, May 13, 2006 Time: Race starts at 8:30am. Ham volunteer meeting time to be determined, but approximately 7:30am. Location: Ashcreek subdivision, Mechanicsville, VA Event Website: <http://www.kgl5k.org/> Radio Amateurs will provide wireless communications to aid in race coordination. The recommended basic equipment is a 2m HT with spare batteries. We can also use 1 or

2 mobile "go" rigs -- i.e. mobile 2m transceivers (40-60 watts normally) to stage at strategic locations. Please email Tillman KI4NGJ at [ki4ngj\\_at\\_mailshack.com](mailto:ki4ngj_at_mailshack.com) (replace the \_at\_ with @) if you are interested. Include a list of the pertinent equipment you have available. VIRGINIA SECTION TRAFFIC MANAGER REPORT FOR MARCH 2006 Sessions Message Check Ins Net Virginia Sideband Net 31 72 331 K0IBS Virginia Net Early 22 13 73 KV4AV Virginia Late Net 30 15 115 K0IBS Virginia Digital Net 4 12 29 W4TY ODEN 2 0 38 K3EP STATION ACTIVITY TOTALS STATION ORS PSHR ----- N4ABM 143 90 KV4AN 96 113 AA4AT 34 94 KB4CAU 27 K4DND 40 99 K0IBS 82 195 K4JM 7 KD4QNA 62 80 K4RCK 8 W4TY 16 K2VX 158 100 WB4UHC 13 71 Please submit Net Manager, ORS, and PSHR reports to me by 2000 UTC on the 7th of each month. By radio is best (and most fun), but if you don't hear me on or can't QSP then send by e-mail. 73, Steve KV4AN [kv4an@arrl.net](mailto:kv4an@arrl.net) Monthly Section Emergency Coordinator Report to ARRL Headquarters

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## Virginia Section March 2006

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AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE® Total number of Virginia ARES® members: 1016 ARES® Membership change since last month: +19 Number of DEC/ECs Reporting: 58 ARES® NETS Active: 226 NETS with NTS Liaison: 32 Callsigns of Reporting ARES® Leadership KW4USA, K4JJS, K3EP, AA4HQ, KD4QIT, WA4KD, W4FEG, KS4LB, KG4YXP, KE4NBX, KG4TAX, KC4CMR, K4BW, KB4MCP, K2DFZ, KA8TNF, KG4PWC, N2NMH, WA4TCJ, K4SDC, W4WGT, WW4GW, WA4RTS, KD4EMU, KA4YNO, N4TIU, N5SMQ, KI4ZR, KF4TNX, WD5DBC, KO4ALA, K7BC, KC1AD, KG4LUO, KG4GIY, AG4DN, N3DFS, W6LWG, KO4WK, W4LLK, KD4QNA, N3GQ, AI4LI, WA2EIN, KS4XO, NJ1K, KC5EJR, KC5EJR, KE4RBT, KD4CCO, W4RDX, KG4YCR, KM4X, KD4CZE Number of drills, tests, and training sessions: 93 (406hrs) Number of public service events: 9 (379hrs) Number of emergency operations: 1 (7hrs) Total number of ARES® operations: 103 (792hrs) Brad Taylor, KW4USA Virginia SEC

## Rocky Mountain Division

### New Mexico

Section News, March/April, 2006 Upcoming Events The Albuquerque Spring Tailgate will be held April 29th in the North student parking lot of Del Norte High School. This is a good event that usually has a good turnout. Things get underway around 0700 or so and wind up around 1400 or when the last person leaves. If you're in the Albuquerque area that day, come by and check it out. On April 30th the Mesilla Valley Radio Club will host their annual "Bean Feed" at the MVRC club house. This is another good event, and is well worth the trip to Las Cruces. Jack Lemons, N5PK, is the club president. The GARS (Gila Amateur Radio Society) will be holding a tailgate on May 6th in Silver City, behind the Motel 6. This will be a half-day event, starting early in the morning. They are trying to get things going again, so drop in and give them some support. The person to contact is Tom Meyers at . The Duke City Hamfest is scheduled for August 25th and 26th. Helpers are always needed for various functions at this event. Check the web site, , for information. The Alamogordo Amateur Radio Club will hold their annual Hamfest on September 2nd at the Otero County Fairgrounds in Alamogordo. They can also use some help. Larry, WA5UNO, is the Hamfest Chairman More information on the Rocky Mountain Division Convention next month. License Classes In the Albuquerque area, contact Carl, KE5AKI, , for information on Technician classes. He has been planning some General classes, but no dates have been set. Also, Frank Warren, AB5WJ, , in Rio Rancho, can provide information on his class schedules. In Las Cruces, the Mesilla Valley Radio Club is planning a weekend General class to be held April 21, 22, and 23. Contact Joe San Filippo, WZ5R, 521-7574, , for more information. Code Practice Alan, W5NTM, runs five-word-per-minute (WPM) code practice Tuesday nights at 1900 local time on the 146.94, 146.96, and 146.90 repeaters. If you have an HF receiver you can try the ARRL code practice

transmissions. W1AW sends slow-speed CW at 5, 7.5, 10, 13, and 15 WPM, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting at 1400 our time, with a second session at 2000 our time. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, they start at 1700 our time. The frequencies, in MHz, are 1.875, 3.5815, 7.0475, 14.0475, 18.0975, 21.0675, and 28.0675. The code practice texts are taken from QST and the source of each practice is given at the beginning of each session and at each speed change. Public Service Ed Ricco, N5LI, , Albuquerque phone 247-4866(h) or 768-7314(w), needs volunteers for a number of upcoming public service events. Here are three that are imminent. On April 29th is the Habitrek New Mexico Bike-a-Thon. This is a three-day event to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity. It runs from Santa Fe to Cedar Crest to Mountain Aire to Albuquerque. On May 7th is the Run For The Zoo, a fund raiser for the zoo. It takes place in the vicinity of the zoo, Tingley Beach, and the Albuquerque Country Club. On May 21st is the Santa Fe Century, a 100-mile bike tour from Santa Fe through Madrid, Golden, Cedar Grove, Stanley, Galisteo, Eldorado, then back to Santa Fe. There are a number of shorter rides built into this event. Armed Forces Day The annual military/Amateur Radio tests will be held this year on May 13th and 14th. Armed Forces Day is on Saturday, May 20th, which is right in the middle of the Dayton Hamfest. To avoid any conflict with the Dayton Hamfest, the communications tests were moved. Details on military stations participating, their operating frequencies and times, plus information on the Secretary of Defense Message test can be found at . Field Day Field Day this year will be held June 24th and 25th. The rules are available for download at . The full Field Day package is available at . If you do not have a reader for PDF files, you can download Adobe Acrobat Reader for free from . Silent Keys We mourn the passing of Herbert W. ("Herb") Stauffer, KB5KIM, a resident of Deming. Herb was an active member of the community and will be missed. We extend our condolences to his friends and family. Net Counts for March NM Breakfast Club 1157/177, NM Roadrunner Traffic Net 128/68, Four Corners Net 386/0, Yucca Net 577/51, SCAT Net 736/1, Rusty's Raiders Net 752/111, Valencia County ARA 61/1, Caravan Club Net 52/4, Deming ARC 109/11, High Desert ARC 55/3. Until next time, don't forget to smile. It makes people wonder what you've been up to. 73, de KM5FT

## **Southeastern Division**

### **Georgia**

SM: Susan Swiderski, AF4FO; ASM/South GA: Marshall Thigpen, W4IS; ASM/Legal: Jim Altman, W4UCK; ASM/Webmaster: Robert Tyler, KF4VBR; ASM/Youth: Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM; ASM/Scouting: David Pearce, ABØNG; SEC: Jim Cote, N4PJR; STM: Jim Hanna, AF4NS; BM: Eddy Kosobucki, K4JNL; OOC: Mike Swiderski, K4HBI; TC: Ed Tanton, N4XY; PIC: Norm Schklar, WA4ZXV; SGL: Bill Cherepy, WB4WTN; ACC: Robin Cutshaw, AA4RC [www.arrl-ga.org](http://www.arrl-ga.org) [www.gaares.org](http://www.gaares.org) Greetings, All. So, did you get a chance to operate during the GA QSO Party? Shame, shame, shame on me. I didn't, but I sure do hope that a bunch of you did. Members of the Albany ARC participated in high style, using the club's emergency communications vehicle as their base of operations during a fun-filled day at Camp Osbourne. I'm pulling for them to place well in the club category. By the way, did you know that clubs and individuals can sign up to be official sponsors for the GA QSO Party?? There are a whole host of categories, and for the paltry sum of forty dollars, a sponsor gets to select a category, and that money covers the production and shipping of a beautiful walnut-based plaque for the winner in that category. The plaque also bears the callsign of the sponsor. Pretty cool, huh? With the number of categories increased from 13 to 39 this year, there are still 13 categories without sponsors. (Winners in those categories would be awarded a certificate.) This year's QSO Party may be over, but with the logs not being due until May 11, I'll betcha the SEDXC and SECC would be happy to accept additional sponsors to cover those remaining categories. It sounds like a great way for you or your club to support Georgia's premiere operating event. (Heck, maybe you can even beat the crowd by signing on as a sponsor for NEXT year's event!) See <http://gqp.contesting.com> to see those remaining categories. Talking about operating events, the World Radiosport Team Championship, coming up in Brazil in July, is one of the most exciting and competitive events in the world of amateur radio. It's a pleasure to

announce that our own JOHN LANEY, K4BAI, who is no newcomer to this high-adrenaline event, will be one of the USA East team captains. Also on his team is another fellow Georgian, JEFF CLARKE, KU8E. Please join me in wishing them the very best. I know they'll do us all proud. Let's also wish the very best to LAURA BLOCK, KG4WQT, and her husband on the recent arrival of one of Georgia's newest piglets. CONGRATULATIONS to them on the birth of ALEX CHARLES, a big beautiful bouncing baby boy. Laura tells me that she plans to introduce him to his first hamfest at the end of this month. (early indoctrination!) Hamfest?? Did I say hamfest?? That's right! The Cherokee Capital ARS will be holding their annual hamfest in Calhoun at the Sugar Valley Community Center, 3295 Sugar Valley Road, on April 29, from 8AM until 2PM. This is another one that's gotten better and better each year. Always a lot of fun, and I hope to see YOU there. See [www.qsl.net/k4woc](http://www.qsl.net/k4woc) for more info. The Statesboro ARS held elections recently, and congratulations go out to their fine slate of officers: President-BRIAN KOEHLER, KE4TYQ; VP- CLARK WARD, KI4GYT; Secretary- BUDDY HORNE, AJ4BH; and Treasurer- MARSHALL THIGPEN, W4IS. Best wishes to all of them for a successful and enjoyable year. For all of you folks in and around Fulton county, the North Fulton ARES group, led by EC VICTOR WASILOV, KI4HPX, is in the re-building mode, and sure could use your support. The weekly net is on Sunday evenings at 7:30 on the 145.470 repeater. Please check in with them if you can. Victor has been doing an outstanding job as NCS. Coming up at the end of this month, hordes of technically-minded middle and high school students from all over the country will be descending upon Atlanta for the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Championships. One of the mentors for a robotics team from Wisconsin suggested to me that this would be very fertile ground for an amateur radio demo and PR booth. I agreed with him, but unfortunately, I haven't heard back from him, so the amount of details I have are limited. By surfing the web, I found on the [www.usfirst.org](http://www.usfirst.org) site that this huge event will be held from the 27th through the 29th, with activities going on at both the GA Dome and at the World Congress Center. It is also open to the public and FREE. The gentleman from Wisconsin said that there would be "a place" for a radio booth to be set up, but since I got no additional info from him, I'm not entirely sure whether that would be at the Dome or at the WCC. I realize that time is short, but if anyone is interested in delving into this for more information and in heading up an effort to set up some sort of an amateur radio display, please let me know. One Silent Key to report: MARTHA CURRY, K4MQO. Sincere condolences to her husband Royce, K4BFL, to their family, and to all of her friends. Well, folks, that's about it for now. Until next time, this is AF4FO, signing clear. Take care of yourselves. And each other. 73, Susan QTC March: AF4NS-164; WB4BIK-73; K4WKT-71; K4BG-61; KR4JI-44; N4VAD-43; K4GK-38; K4BEH-25; K4BAI-11 +++ No trees were killed in the sending of this message. However, a large number of electrons were terribly inconvenienced. +++

## **Southern Florida**

Hello everyone, North America. National Volunteer Week this year is April 23-29. Therefore, I am sending a big THANK YOU to all who volunteer, whether it be with ARES, your local radio club, local civic group, local government agency, animal shelter, school, or other organization. Without volunteers many organizations would not be able to function. A special THANK YOU goes to our ARRL appointees that are active, radio club presidents and AECs. Tell them THANK YOU yourself - they do a lot of work that you never see, you only see the results. Florida QSO party is coming up on April 22 & 23. I hope to work many of you during this contest. This is a good opportunity for everyone to try contesting so get on the air and give the county hunters and testers some points. Here is a great tool for new hams, and the rest of us. Jeremy Briggs, K4OCD, authored this guide for new hams. He has given us permission to use it.

<http://www.piccentric.com/amateur/publications/practicalradioapplication4nd.pdf> REPORTS ARES Members 977 Change +7 in the counties reporting ECs reporting 9 Nets 9 Liaison 5 ECs reporting: WA4GUK, AG4AN, AD4RZ, KF4IHX, N4LEM, AA4BN, N5KFR, KF4MJJ & WA4ASJ Drills, tests & training 14 Total ARES ops 44 So FL ARES Net Report -- No report this month SAR: KA4FZI 504,



KE4UOF 117, AI4GE 70, K4FQU 54, WA4EIC 51, N3OZP 40, AA4BN 37, WA2YL 34, KG4MLC 13, W4WYR 8, K9GZT 4, K3QC 3, KI4KQQ 1 ===== PSHR: KE4UOF 130, KA4FZI 120, K4FQU 116, WA4YL 104, WA4EIC 100, N3OZP 100, AI4GE 90, AA4BN 85, W4DKB 18 ===== NET Reports NET ABB. SESS QNI QTC MGR Florida Amateur SSB Traffic Net FAST 31 280 59 KC4ZHF/K4SCL Florida Medium Speed Net FMSN 31 215 38 AG4RJ/AB4XK Jupiter-Tequesta Repeater Group JTRG 4 68 19 KF4NJB Martin County Amateur Radio Association MCARA 4 50 4 KE4UEI Saint Lucie Repeater Association SLRA 4 47 4 KE4UEI Southeast Florida Traffic Net SEFTN 62 719 92 AG4RJ/AI4GE Southwest Florida Traffic Net SWFTN 27 404 53 K4FQU SOAPBOX Currently we can expect brush fires, or tornadoes, or severe thunderstorms. In a few short weeks we can expect tropical disturbances ranges from mild to CAT #? and we need to ask ourselves: ARE WE PREPARED? Preparedness takes on additional meanings for hams. Food, batteries, flashlights, etc that your neighbors are gathering should be on your mind also. But there other things we need to do to prepare. First – connectors, emergency power sources, rigs that are not used daily, more batteries, portable antennas, feedline, etc. Second, your local ARES organization. Are you a member of your local ARES organization? Yes. When was the last training session or meeting you attended? Who is your EC? Who are the assistant ECs? Can't answer those questions? You are not prepared. Not a member of your local ARES? Why not? Active in local ARES? If not, why not? Have you ever been NCS for the weekly training net? No weekly training net? Offer to help organize one. Want to be more active in ARES? Get out of that chair and contact your EC - <http://www.sflarrrl.org/ARES,%20SOUTH%20FLORIDA.htm> – and offer to assist. Your EC has volunteered for a huge job. He/she is responsible for organizing, training and helping deploy responders. This entails phone calls, record keeping, training plans, meeting with county and municipal officials, meeting with served agency officials, and long hours at EOC during an emergency event. Pitch in and help out. Organize the phone call-up tree. Keep a record of training completed by individual members, teach a subject needed by ARES members. Pick up the net control one week a month. Offer to be an assistant in the event that the EC is ill, at work, or out of town when the emergency occurs. There are tasks you can do without leaving the comfort of your home. Your EC will thank you, your fellow hams will thank you, your community will thank you, and Jeff WA4AW, our Section EC and I will thank you. Check out the section news at [www.arrl.org/sections/SFL.html](http://www.arrl.org/sections/SFL.html). I done several updates recently. Stay safe and stay on the air. 73 Sherri, W4STB

## **Southwestern Division**

### **Arizona**

ARIZONA SECTION NEWS April 2006 YOUNG HAM OF THE YEAR AWARD Its official, Arizona now has a Young Ham of the Year Award sponsored by Amateur Radio Council of Arizona (ARCA). If you know of a deserving young Arizona ham under the age of 18, make sure you check this out. Since young hams do not have much of a budget, ARCA found someone to donate a new radio or accessory to go along with this award. If that was not enough, I will be donating several ARRL books. This award will be handed out at the Arizona State Convention in Williams Arizona. Nominations can be sent in by any ARCA affiliated club. Nominations are due by May 1, 2006. Rules and forms can be found on the ARCA website <http://www.arca-az.org/arca/> HAM OF THE YEAR AWARD Don't forget to have your club send in your nominations for the ARCA Ham of the Year Award. They are due by May 1, 2006. Rules and forms can be found on the ARCA website. <http://www.arca-az.org/arca/> COTTONWOOD BPL FIELD TRIAL ENDS The Broadband over Power Lines (BPL) field trial in Cottonwood that started in 2004 has permanently shut down. The Verde Valley Amateur Radio Association (VVARA) had worked long and hard to get the system shut down after it had caused interference in the ham bands. Unfortunately Mountain Telecommunications (MTI) is looking at moving the system to the Phoenix area, where MTI is headquartered. Neither Arizona Public Service nor MTI would tell me their plans. This could be related to the low voltage BPL system that will be installed in the Copper Square condos

in downtown Phoenix. Another BPL system that was to be installed in Tucson has also been put on hold after many meetings with Ed Hare W1RFI and myself. NEW HAMS The following hams just received their FCC license, Congratulations! Warren Ridge KE7GPJ, Christopher Walsh KE7GKJ, Michael Buckner KE7GRM, Steven Loucks KE7GIN, Joshua Heaney KE7GRQ, Tim Hamm KE7GIL, Larry Nash KE7GLB, Laurane Nash KE7GLC, James Waite KE7GRJ, Benjamin Coker KE7GKK, Joel Kaffenberger KE7GKZ, George Kinnison KE7GRK, Eric Taylor KE7GRO, Jordan Barton KE7GQU, Brent Pace KE7GRP, Anthony Davit KE7GRN, Stephen Van Herpen KE7GRL, Anthony Hamel KE7GRI, Joseph Kachmar KE7GQM, Lawrence Hazard KE7GKH, Jeff Krueger KE7GKI, Dirk Harris KE7GKF, Damian Lalonde KE7GLA. HAMFESTS Springfest March 11 was the wettest hamfest I have ever been to, it rained all day long. Despite the rain several people setup and sold what they could. It was great to see everyone there. DeVry Hamfest April 8, 2006 sponsored by the Arizona ARC <http://www.qsl.net/w7io> DeVry University 2149 West Dunlap Avenue. Talk-In: 147.06 + (No Tone) Contact: George Cooney, KQ7C [georgie@aztecfreenet.org](mailto:georgie@aztecfreenet.org) See you there. Sierra Vista Hamfest May 6, 2006 sponsored by the Cochise Amateur Radio Association. Talk-In: 146.76 (PL 162.2), Contact: Pat Thies, KD7HAB 520 227-0142 Email: [patkd7hab@aol.com](mailto:patkd7hab@aol.com) <http://www.arca-az.org/arca/main/CARA%20Fest.htm> White Mountain Hamfest June 3 2006 hosted by the Kachina Amateur Radio Club Show Low Intermediate School, Old Linden Rd, Show Low, AZ. <http://www.whitemountainhamfest.com> Arizona State Convention July 7-9, 2006 sponsored by ARCA in Williams Arizona. The ARCA staff have listened to all of your suggestions and they have come thru with many improvements for the hamfest. They have fully graveled the RV lots, installed a new canopy over the rodeo grandstand, and added more RV spaces. There is now free wireless internet access, shuttle service and improved parking. For more information go to <http://www.arca-az.org/arca/> SPECIAL EVENTS First Annual 7th Area QSO Party, to be held May 6-7, 2006 <http://www.codxc.com/new/Page.asp?Content=dryland7s> Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about ARRL. If your club or group has an activity or event that would be of interest to other hams throughout our section please email me with the specifics. 73, Tom Fagan WB7NXH ARRL Section Manager Arizona Tucson Arizona 520 574-1129 [wb7nxh@arrl.org](mailto:wb7nxh@arrl.org) <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=AZ> <http://www.qsl.net/arrlaz/>

## **West Gulf Division**

### **Oklahoma**

A fine greeting to the Oklahoma Section! Topics FAA Club Licensing Class Success Lake Country Tailgate April 1 Affiliated Club Process, Changes and New Affiliated Club Coordinator Section Traffic Report Upcoming Events FAA Club Licensing Class Success Appreciation to Dave-K5FOZ for the update on the recent round of another successful Amateur Radio licensing class. Earlier this month, 25 students tested for Amateur Radio operating privileges. 22 new technician license holders were produced from the licensing class sponsored by this club with an extra class operator also resulting from the session. Congratulations to the students and all who helped so much in this process. K5FOZ reports that most of the new license holders will be involved in upcoming Grady and Oklahoma county Health Department exercises. Wonderful effort all the way around! Lake Country Tailgate April 1 and beyond Great time in Ardmore on April fools day. Enjoyable group having a wonderful time equipment buying and selling, getting acquainted and laughing. Had a well attended League forum with all having time to discuss the good news of Amateur Radio while revealing topics we all need to work on. Appreciation to all who attended this nicely done League sanctioned event and are a source of strength/ team building. It is the quality of these events that make our role as public service providers through Amateur Radio possible and respected. Ever think that events like this are emergency simulation exercises in a manner of thinking? What about our weekly nets, club meetings, and meal gatherings? Seems if we get to know each other in these settings we are better able to serve when duty calls. Do you agree? Thanks to Kevin-N0IRW and all who helped pull this fun event together. Sure hope we can do it again next year! Affiliated Club Process, Changes and New Affiliated Club Coordinator Recognition to Jim-N5OHL for

serving the Oklahoma Section as ACC for several years. He improved club communication, League presence and the number of League affiliated clubs. We now have 29 clubs with ARRL affiliation with that number being 17 when Jim became ACC. The newest affiliated clubs are the Dustbowl ARC in Guymon and the Muskogee ARC. Thanks to Pam-N5KW for her effort with the Muskogee club. It is great to have both clubs back affiliated. An SM visit to the Dustbowl club is planned for May 2 with appreciation to Austin-KB5IIM, and others, for making a difference in their communities. Dave-NB5N from Tulsa is the new ACC and brings great skills to the position and experience in the League field organization. Dave is a past Oklahoma Section Manager and has accomplished significant goals in the Tulsa Health Department Amateur Radio station(K5THD). Let us hear from you to get your club affiliated or re-affiliated. Speaking of K5THD a wonderful special event was held recently at this station. The event celebrated World Health Day and helped communicate that point and the purposefulness of Amateur Radio. Oklahoma Traffic Report by Arlyn-KK5GY March 2006 Sessions-234 Stations-2,490 Traffic-1,014 Public Service Honor Roll O.C.- WA5OUV Arlyn-KK5GY Sam-W5CU Station Activity Reports Cecil-KI5LQ O.C.-WA5OUV Arley-WB5NKC Pat-WB5NKD Arlyn-KK5GY Sam-W5CU Kindly send your reports to [kk5gy@arrl.net](mailto:kk5gy@arrl.net) Upcoming Events Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon Sunday April 30th Contact Tom-WA9AFM [tmwebb@cox.net](mailto:tmwebb@cox.net) \*Hamfest & Eyeball QSO Saturday May 6 Tri-State Amateur Radio Group <http://www.tsarg.org> Talk-In: 146.625 - (PL 103.5); 146.520 simplex Contact Jay-K5GUD 580 994 2751 [K5gud@cneconnect.com](mailto:K5gud@cneconnect.com) \*Oklahoma State Convention July 14-15 Oklahoma City Contact [ne5s@arrl.net](mailto:ne5s@arrl.net) \* League sanctioned event 73, John-WB5SYT

## **South Texas**

I hope everyone had a great month. The heat and no rain has caused a lot of problems here in South Texas. On top of that, the bands have been bad due to the sun spots. If it wasn't for the good relay stations, we would be out of business. Even some of the night time nets are having to depend on relays. I, along with a lot of others, want to take this opportunity to thank you for giving of your time to help us out on the nets, even helping to get the traffic passed. We look forward to you working with us during emergencies because we always need good relay stations. We have had some brownouts due to the heat and drought conditions. The ranchers are having real problems. Hams may be called on for communications during this time so I hope you are ready. Last night some of the ham stations were off the air due to the brownouts. This was a good time to check out your emergency power. At this time, we're under a severe thunderstorm warning but I think it will miss New Braunfels. We were wondering what these two words mean, (RAIN and HAIL), they were left out of the South Texas Dictionary. Hi. Hi. As the technology advances the HF radios become smaller until now days your not sure if it's for 2 meters or for HF. The greatest thing is the opportunity to go portable or mobile. Back packing has become a reality. The greatest advantage is the quick response time for ham radio to be into a disaster area. One thing to think about when your group is installing radios in an EOC is to use an HF radio that is not difficult to operate. These with a menu are causing trouble when a book is not available, unless you have everyone trained that will be operating at the EOC. Remember that there will be a time when your group will be out and a group from the next county will be coming in to relieve you. We had that happen some years ago and it rendered the EOC out of service until we got an operator in that knew the unit. THINK before doing. The 7290 Traffic Net is going to have a picnic on May 27 at Riverbend Park in Smithville, Texas. Bar-B-Que is only \$7.00 per plate. I hope everyone can make it. Send your money in very soon so they can order enough plates of food. I will be speaking on the subject ARRL today. Check into the net and get all the details. The Texas Traffic Net has their yearly meeting at this picnic. Have a great time. God Bless America and our Troops. Ray N5NAV

# Section News for April 2006

## Atlantic Division

### Delaware

Hello to all: There will be a Hamfest in Delaware this month in Georgetown, Delaware at the Sussex Technical High School 27 May 2006 from 7am till 5pm. Sussex Technical High School is just a few miles West of Georgetown on Route 9, use the entrance next to the football field just west of the school. Test Sessions conducted by the PROS. Test sessions start at noon walk ins welcome and are free. Tailgating spaces FREE , Indoor Tables \$10.00 each ADMISSION FREE all are welcome. Talk in 147.075 MHZ PL 156.7 need more info contact Justin Timmons N3JVT@YAHOO.COM or 302.934.5008 or Chris Pridgeon KB3MDZ@YAHOO.COM 302.539.4570 looking forward to seeing everyone attend. On 27 April 2006 we were successful in installing a new Icom AH-710 terminated folded dipole high frequency antenna system and repairing an existing Diamond 2m, 1-1/4 m, 70cm tri band antenna at the Delaware Emergency Management Agency , Emergency Operations Center in Smyrna, Delaware. We were granted at 2 hour window to complete the repairs and installation it took us over 3 hours to complete. In addition to AD3M there was Jim Friel K3SXA Delaware State Communications manager, John DiGiovanni N3LUD and Justin Kates KB3JUV. On 2 May 2006 Justin returned to the DEMA location during a Hurricane Workshop and filed this report: Also today, while I was at the facility for something else, I tested out VHF and HF at the new station during my lunch break. I tested both antennas using an MFJ Antenna Analyzer and the SWR was very good. I was able to hit the Millsboro 2 meter repeater from Smyrna now that the antenna is a bit more elevated. Also I made contact with an Ohio station on 40 meters HF. By the time I had everything cooking, It was time for me to shut down and get back to my meeting. Hopefully, we will be able to go back to the station in a while to do some more on the air tests. I am pleased that the station works and that our hard work has payed off! For the past two days, I've been attending a Hurricane Workshop that was originally designed by FEMA. The basis of the class was to get emergency management officials better prepared for the process involved with managing the response to a hurricane. We talked about everything from readiness, hazards, evacuation studies, decisions, re-entry, as well as the all important Hurricane Readiness Checklist. One of the major things that these state agencies are realizing (we have already realized it and are working hard to get our members to) is to get our responders (first, second, third, or hundredth) PREPAIR THEIR FAMILIES FIRST then to worry about the agency. Myself as the Training officer for MARS (as well as Lewes RACES, and Kent ARES) have been beating this in peoples heads with FEMA IS-22 "Are You Ready?". Finally we have support from the government who says the exact same thing! We need to get these people ready with go kits, plans, evacuation and sheltering information plus whatever they need to know about KEEPING THEIR FAMILY SAFE !!! How will we contact our communicators for deployment? This was asked in many different ways. As it turns out each agency at this meeting did it a different way, some using phone, some using pagers, emails, loudspeaker, you name it. None of them were happy with it either! We need to work that out. The ARRL has updated its Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Level 3 New topics include: \* National Incident Management System (NIMS) \* National Response Plan (NRP) \* Key NRP Emergency Support Functions \* Department of Homeland Security Citizen Corps and Community Emergency Response Teams \* National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) Communications Support \* Hospital Emergency Communications \* ARES Management and the Incident Command System (ICS) Registration for EC-003 Rev 2 opens Monday, May 15 and will remain open through June 4. The inaugural class begins Friday, June 16. To learn more about this and other online educational offerings from ARRL, visit the CCE Course Listing page or contact the CCE Department . If you need more information about FEMA courses please visit the Emergency Management Institute at <http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp> It appears that in the future that some of these

training programs will become mandatory from the Federal level in the not so distant future. Our neighboring state Pennsylvania, NIMS [National Incident Management System] training is now a requirement for ALL first responders by decree of the Governor. There is also a requirement from Homeland Security to put NIMS in place (or lose federal funding opportunities). Currently in Pennsylvania the requirements are the IS-100, 200, and 700 courses. IS-800 (National Response Plan Intro) will also be required soon. It's of note that the Pennsylvania requirement explicitly applies to volunteers. This week the League began getting out the word via e-mail to members in states with Senators on Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee. The letter to members in targeted states asks League members to urge their Senators on the committee to support language addressing the BPL interference issue when the Senate bill is marked up in committee on June 8. The language the League wants to see in the Senate amendment to the telecom bill would call on the FCC to "conduct, and submit to the House Energy and Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, a study of the interference potential of broadband over power line systems leading to improved rules to prevent the deployment of systems having a potential to cause destructive interference to radio communication systems." The ARRL plea includes a sample letter <http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/HTML/plc/files/BPL-Amendment-SenateSampleLetter0506-Rev2.doc> which members are encouraged to personalize as much as possible. The League wants members to fax their letters to the number indicated in the e-mail to members plus a copy to ARRL's government relations firm Chwat & Company, ATTN: Eric Heis, KI4NFC, 625 Slaters Ln -- Suite 103, Alexandria, VA 22314. Fax 703-684-7594. The sample letter points out the value of Amateur Radio's role in recent disasters, such as Hurricane Katrina. "The reason we need your help is that the FCC continues to resist growing evidence that its rules are inadequate to protect radio communication systems, including those relied upon by First Responders, from radio spectrum pollution caused by BPL systems," it says. "The FCC needs to objectively and carefully review this evidence and adopt rules that will keep interference from BPL within reasonable bounds." The sample letter notes that not only has the FCC shown no inclination to do that, it's so far failed "to enforce its existing rules in specific, well documented instances of harmful interference." "Remember that it is not BPL that we oppose, but BPL interference," Sumner emphasized this week. "Some BPL systems are designed not to cause widespread interference, but many are not. The problem is that the FCC rules don't distinguish between the two. This is unfair to licensed radio services that must deal with the consequences of spectrum pollution." Reminder to mark these dates down: 20 June 2006 Take your handheld to work day to introduce your co-workers why you have that thing for ham radio. [www.hello-radio.org](http://www.hello-radio.org) Field Day 24 June 2006 and 25 June 2006 [www.arrl.org/contests/forms](http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms)

## **Southern New Jersey**

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 2006 SECTION MANAGER, JEAN PRIESTLEY, KA2YKN As I was planting some flowers last weekend, I realized just how soon the summer will be upon us. That brings with it grass cutting, of course, and daily watering of flowers. But flowers aren't the only thing in need of regular tending. When we teach new hams and start them on their way, we need to check with them regularly to be sure they are doing okay. We need to be available for those occasional questions and the very familiar "someone in the neighborhood is complaining about my radio and I wasn't even on" call for help. If we regularly aid new hams, bring them out to meetings and ask them to assist in some project, we will see many fruits of our labor. A great place to take a new ham is a hamfest and in September 17, the Gloucester County Hamfest will be held at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Mullica Hill, New Jersey. It will take place from 0800 to 1400 and gates will open at 0600 for vendors. Tailgate spaces this year are FREE! The Pavilion spots are \$10. each and the entrance fee is again \$6. There will be DXCC, VUCC and WAS card checking available as well as VEC Testing. Mark the date on the calendar and get a group together and come on down. We had a wonderful day for the March of Dimes and in Camden County there were 2000 walkers just in Camden County. I want to thanks all radio operators who worked the March of Dimes in each of the counties in SNJ. It is very

rewarding and the March of Dimes appreciates the efforts of each and every one who takes time to come out and donate of their time and effort. Also, many thanks go out to the radio operators and walkers who participated in the MS Walks in SNJ. SCARA will be operating from the Battleship New Jersey (NJ2BB) ON Sunday, May 21 from about 11 AM until 5 PM. Please listen for them and get your friends to listen and so we can make it a nice experience for those working from the ship. The call is NJ2BB. They expect to be working around 262, 7262 and 7.062. We are sad to report that Nora Bouchard, wife of Maryan Bouchard, K2MB passed away on Tuesday, May 2. She was born in Atlantic City, raised in Mullica Hill and graduated from Hammonton High School. She worked at the US Naval Air Station in Pomona as a civilian. She is survived by a large family. She will be missed South Jersey Radio Association is celebrating their 90th year as a club and as the oldest, continuously operating amateur radio club in the United States, having been incorporated June 12, 1916 in Collingswood, NJ. The club has been affiliated with the American Radio Relay League since 1920. The club call is K2AA. During Field Day, SJRA will be operating from Savich Farm on Tuckerton Road in Marlton, NJ. The public is also invited to come out to the site and see amateur radio in action, including a demo of non-traditional forms of communications that is scheduled for Saturday, June 24, 2006 at 3pm. The Battleship New Jersey is sponsoring the International Museum Ships Weekend on June 3 and June 4, 2006. There will be more than 60 ships participating in the event. If you work 15 ships, you will be eligible for a very nice special certificate. For more details, please visit our website at [www.nj2bb.org](http://www.nj2bb.org). The ship is now open to the public and tours start at 9:00 am and end at 5:00 pm 7 days a week. Please come and visit the ship. A lot of volunteer hours have gone into the ship to get her where she is today. There are currently more displays in progress so please excuse her for the appearance in some areas. If you have worked the ship, and are planning on sending a QSL, please send them to Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR, QSL manager, to 150 Schooner Ave, Barnegat, NJ 08005. Please send SASE with US Postage. If you wish, you may also make a donation to the postage fund and if you do we thank you in advance. On June 10 the Pennsylvania Leadership Charter School in West Chester, Pa will put on the Near Space Ballooning Project. BNJARS has been asked to assist PALCS in the launch of a near space balloon. This balloon, which is expected to reach an altitude of 80, 000-90,000 feet, will carry a payload which will include amateur radio transmitters using our call sign NJ2 BB-ssid. These transmitters will be used to track the balloon during flight and aid in recovery upon its return to earth. It may also carry an amateur radio TV transmitter which will transmit live pictures during the flight. WE are providing technical expertise and assistance as well as the use of our amateur radio license and call sign. Section Traffic report for August Traffic manager, K2UL, Dan Ostroy SNJ/NNJ Section Net Reports QNI reports NJM 81 N2GJ NJPM 189 W2CC NJSN 164 K2PB NJN(E) 205 AG2R NJN(L) 147 AG2R The above nets are dual section nets of bout SNJ and NNJ Liaisons With 2RN . SNJ Local Net Reports JSARS 198 W2HOG SJTN 72 KB2RTZ SJVN NO REPORT Station Activity Reports (SAR) KB2RTZ 114 WA2CUW 42 AA2SV 33 K2UL 20 WA2NDA 13 W2QOB 11 Public Service Honor Roll (PSHR) KB2RTZ 360 N2HQL 211 K2GW 179 KA2YKN 161 K2UL 100 WA2CUW 90 W2QOB 49 WA2NDA 48 I am concerned that a lot of public service hours are going unreported and these hours are important. It is essential that the ARRL gets these combined hours to lobby with. I have noticed that the number of people who used to report hours has dropped off. If you are unsure of how to do this, just go to the ARRL website under traffic reporting or send me an email. Our hobby needs all the support and public relations available to use. One way to get it is showing them the amount of volunteering we do on a whole. You can also contact Dan, K2UL for information in reporting. You can email Dan at [k2ul@att.net](mailto:k2ul@att.net).

## **Central Division**

### **Illinois**

Winnebago County amateurs provided coordination and safety communications for the 22nd annual OSF Saint Anthony Heritage Run on Sunday April 23rd. The event has a 10K run and a 2 mile run that

start at the same time. Radio reports of the first 5 male and female runners past each marker provide a real challenge for those involved, especially in the first 15 minutes when reports from 7 locations, rapid fire in to net control where they are given to race announcers. Winnebago County amateurs use this extremely intense activity as a great opportunity to practice their skills for disaster preparedness message handling. ATV was also used at this event with a camera located just around the corner from the finish line. The television on the announcers table gave them precious seconds to see who was approaching and look up a name so they could announce the finish of each participant. Helping with this event were: KC9ATR, KC9FAH, N9MCS, KC9IED, WB9EEH, K9RNR, NW9T, KC9DNN, WR9H, N9HPG, and KA9IMX. On Sunday, April 29th, Winnebago County ARES members also provided safety and race coordination communications for the Rock Cut Trail Run Series Race #4, which had runners following 30 kilometers of mountain bike trails throughout Rock Cut State Park. On Sunday May 7th, they also provided safety and event coordination communication for the March of Dimes WalkAmerica Walk-a-thon which took place in Rockford on the River Bike Path. This low key event serves as a great tool to train some of their newer members in net operations and in the position of net control. Helping with the event were: KC9GIO, KB9MTH, K9RNR, WB9MCZ, and KA9IMX. On April 29, twenty-five Springfield area hams provided communications support to the Boy Scout's annual Lincoln Trail Hike. This 19 mile hike from Lincoln's New Salem to Springfield recreates Abraham Lincoln's treks to Springfield to borrow the books that prepared him for a law career. Created in 1926 as the Boy Scout's first official trail, it closely follows Lincoln's route. As they hiked, Scouts removed litter from the trail. The safety and logistics communications support linked hike organizers, eight stations along the trail and three remote campsites. Springfield hams began supporting the hike in 2005. On Saturday April 29, Champaign County ARES provided communications support along a four-mile course for the March of Dimes WalkAmerica in Champaign. ARES volunteers for this event were: N9XDC, N9GKA, AB9FJ, KC9IHX, KC9IKL, KC9HXY, KB9NFV, W9DML, and W9EML. On Sunday, May 7, ARES provided communications support for the Multiple Sclerosis Walk at Meadowbrook Park in Urbana. ARES volunteers for this event were: N9XDC, KC9DEQ, N9DN, W9MOO, KC9IHX, and KC9IKI. Congratulations to the Little Egypt ARS. This club has been approved as an ARRL-affiliated club, having an affiliation date of April 20. Congratulations also to the Rockford ARA for being renewed as a Special Service Club. The neighborhood watch in Lyons co-sponsored a clean-up at Cermak Woods and Ottawa Woods on Saturday, April 22nd in honor of the Earth Day and the Chicago Suburban Radio Association was on hand to provide a ham radio demonstration as well as information about Field Day which is coming up soon. Tom Mihm, N9TM and Vince Koepke were on hand to set up the 20 meter station and they made approximately 20 contacts using about 60 watts from a 12 volt car battery. Meanwhile Norm Malina, K9NJM, made some 2 meter contacts via the 147.225 repeater and on 145.555 simplex. You might ask why they were there at a clean-up. Well CSRA members passed out information about ham radio as a hobby as well as flyers about Field Day. Jeff DeFrancesce, KB9IGG, who set up the club's presence at the Earth Day clean-up said that he plans to follow up with folks that were interested as well as getting the information to some of the surrounding communities as well. WB9MMM and I had the pleasure of attending the Dekalb Hamfest held at the Sandwich Fairgrounds on May 7th. We had a great time and Gene was able to pick up some items to help fix our tri-band beam that we took down the day before. That beam is huge and takes up about half of the backyard! Anyway we are off the air for a while until we can get it repaired and a ground crew to help us get it back up in the air. I'm sorry to report a silent key. Bert Gathercoal, W9QAP became a SK on March 21st. He was from Northlake, IL and his memorial service was held on March 24th. Upcoming hamfests: June 3-4 the Starved Rock Radio Club Hamfest and ARRL Illinois State Convention, Bureau County Fair Grounds in Princeton. Contact L. Kurt Clausen, KB9RKU, w9mkshamfest@yahoo.com. June 11, the 49th annual Six Meter Club of Chicago Hamfest at the DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL. Contact Joseph Gutwein WA9RIJ wa9rij@mc.net. April traffic: WB9TVD-11, KA9IMX-8, W5DTR-38, PSHR-88. ILLINOIS PHONE NET-QNI 145, QTC-19, 25 SESSIONS. ILLINOIS EMERGENCY NET-QNI-49, QTC-6, 5 SESSIONS.

## Wisconsin

WISCONSIN: SM: Don Michalski, W9IXG. BWN 3985 0500-0715 W9IXG. BEN 3985 1200 KE9VU. WSBN 3985 1715-1800 K9FHI. WNN 3723 1800 KB9ROB. WSSN 3645 1830 N9JIY. WIN-E 3662 1900 WB9ICH. WIN-L 3662 2200 W9UW. (All times are Central time) \*\* With regret, I am notifying you of the passing of these Amateurs: -- Walter Schlifer, N9NRF, 50. Wally was a member of the Riverland ARC. -- Glenn Manthey, K9SGU, 78. Glenn was a member of the Menomonee Falls club. -- John Springer, KC9JS, 67. John was active in the Wisconsin nets and Skywarn. -- Jerry Klabunde, K9JHK, 63. Jerry was active in Amateur Radio for 50 years. -- Frank Kresh, WB9UKW, 84. Frank was a member of the Central Wisconsin ARC and very active in public service events. -- Oiva Simila, N3OS, 89, passed away. He was formally W9HGB. \*\* Congratulations to the Fond du Lac ARC on their 50th year anniversary! A special "Fifty Year Celebration" QSL card has been printed to mark the occasion. It will be sent to amateur radio operators around the world who make contact with the club station, W9EBV, during any of the planned events this year. \*\* Did you know that donating to the ARRL Diamond Club <https://www.arrl.org/forms/development/donations/diamondclub/> not only renews your membership but, also, allows you to use your donation as a tax deduction? Sometimes that is a forgotten fact. More information is found on this site: <https://www.arrl.org/forms/note.html> We hope that you take advantage of it. \*\* Amateur radio operators bring USS Cobia's signal back to life. These were the headlines in the Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter. "For two days, members of the Manitowoc County Amateur Radio Club (MANCORAD) brought the radio room of the USS Cobia at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum back to life and shared their knowledge with visitors — including a Boy Scout troop." In fact, 30 Scouts were able to talk on the radio, according to Carl, KA9WYK. "Every year during the last week in April, the Submarine Veterans Amateur Radio Association sponsors the Submarine Radio Reactivation Weekend involving dozens of museum submarines and memorial sites in the U.S. and around the world. The weekend honors the "Silent Service" and the 52 submarines lost in World War II. "We try to get as many subs on the air. We get out and broadcast on amateur radio bands to other ships or to radio amateurs who want to talk to the operators on the submarines," said Fred Neuenfeldt, W6BSF. MANCORAD, which is celebrating its 60th year, hosted Boy Scout Troop 612 from Milwaukee on Saturday evening to give the scouts hands-on experience with amateur radio operation in preparation for earning their radio merit badges. Congratulations, MANCORAD!! \*\* West Allis RAC is going to teach Radio Merit Badge and set up a demo station at the Potawatomi Area Council's Scout Expo 2006. In conjunction with this event there will be a Merit Badge Clinics – that's where WARAC comes in. Radio Merit Badge requires Scouts to learn and demonstrate a number of radio-related skills. Thanks to K9KR, W9JBE, and WA9AXQ for presenting the three main topics! \*\* Les Peterson, W9YCV, is now on the air at Harmony Living Center (thanks to John, K9IAC and Tom, K9BTQ); but a continuous 20/9 noise level on all HF bands prevents him from hearing anything. Tom is working with WE Energies to take care of the noise. We are looking forward to hearing from Les on the Wisconsin nets! Thanks, guys. \*\* The ORC Swapfest kicked it up a notch this year with many quality door prizes, 3 forums and a President's Roundtable. We are looking forward to next year's event! \*\* Wisconsin Section STM Report April 2006 FAQ # 55 Why not just listen to the section nets? Why check in? Thanks to the lady in the balcony for that question. We encourage actually checking in to the nets for a number of good reasons. (1) It tests your equipment on a regular basis. When something's wrong, it's noticed. When you need it, it's more likely to work well. (2) The best way to learn is by doing. Following the NCS's directions becomes automatic. You won't have to learn the protocol under more stressful conditions. (3) Band conditions provide good training. Bad skip, static crashes, interference, can be a challenge. Working together, stations on a net can overcome these problems. That cooperation is valuable. (4) Hearing other stations regularly can familiarize you with their voice patterns, fists, or operating techniques. (5) When you check in, the NCS knows there's an outlet to your city. That will make routing traffic more efficient. Make your presence known. Check in and add your comments, if you're asked. It's a great way to train and an even better way to make friends. 73 - K9LGU/STM - WI WISCONSIN SECTION MONTHLY NET ACTIVITY SUMMARY APRIL 2006



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## **Dakota Division**

### **North Dakota**

NORTH DAKOTA: SM, Kent Olson, KAØLDG - Since the weather has finally changed, a lot of you are venturing outside with your ham projects (and non-ham projects). Please remember safety first, and enjoy this beautiful season. It was great to see all of you at the recent Fargo hamfest. The attendance was real good, and a lot of good old ham comradery was had by all. I'd like to give a large "thank you" to Dennis "Doc" Murphy, KØGRM, who was the Section's Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC). Thanks for all the great help and work around the state, Doc. Replacing Doc as SEC, is Larry Holm, KIØW, of Grand Forks. Larry has been very involved in emergency services in the Red River Valley, and brings a lot of experience to the position. Please welcome Larry, and give him any help he needs. Clubs around the state have already been busy with public service events - good job. Senator Byron Dorgan is a member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, which is now holding hearings on telecommunications legislation. We need Senator Dorgan's support of language addressing the BPL interference issue when the Senate bill is marked up in his committee on June 8. Please write to him today. Peace Gardens hamfest will be held on July 6th - 9th. Time to plan for Field Day - June 24 - 25. I'm still looking for volunteers for Section positions, so if you're interested, please let me know. Section's web site: <http://home.earthlink.net/~qtipf16/>. HF NM KØJIM net reports for April: Goose River Net, 5/51/1; WX Net 25/573/2; Data Net 25/624/15.

### **South Dakota**

Huron Amateur Radio Club There are currently 4 members certified for 100 and 200 and 700 Field Day is June 24th and 25th and club will participate from new emergency trailer. New UHF repeater is operating on 443.850. Club demonstration was held using new handhelds. Hot Springs Radio Club Another high school student passed his Tech test. The final tally on our Tech class was 7 new hams, including 3 school students. More interest is being shown from other kids at the school. We hope to have the school station set up in a permanent location this summer. We are working on an equipment loan program through the club for new hams to get on the air with radios that have been donated to the club. Field Day will be another big event at the Mammoth Site. Anyone in the area make sure to stop by and say hi. Fall River Emergency Management has approved the purchase of a new HF yagi, rotor and cables to be used on our trailer/ tower set-up. We hope to have this all ready for Field Day. With new hams moving into the area, our club membership is nearing 50! We need a bigger club shack. 73 Tim K0OR Black Hills Amateur Radio Club The summer auction will be Saturday, July 8th at the clubhouse (NOT July 18 as reported). Technical Committee: · Bob Strand, KB0DLB fixed the 94/76 link controller and the remote base. · A considerable amount of work has been done on the dish in two work sessions. Unnecessary equipment has been removed from the building, broken windows replaced, access panels have been weather stripped, bird nests removed, lubrication checked, the base sealed and may other activities. Plans include insulating the walls, building benches, and carpeting the floor. ARES: · On June 3rd there will be an Emergency Planning Fair at the Sturgis community center. · · New Business: · · Bob Henriksen, KF0AM is working on portable UHF repeaters for the Club. Respectfully submitted, Doug Aldrich, W0WSP Secretary Pierre Amateur Radio Club ARES: Monthly report was submitted for

spotter training conducted 3/16/2006. Activities: Prep for classes have been made - Tuesday nights at fire station #4 for 6 weeks. Field Day location will be at Jim Zahradnicek's property - should try to set up information booth - state camper/trailer may be available. Web site host has been changed, site should be back up soon. Old Business: Club trailer rack has been painted and needs to be remounted - discussion about having it ready for Field Day and inviting county commissioners. Work session to remount rack set for Saturday at Moody Implement at 13:30. MOU with state link will be approved. EDC equipment budget request is \$8,500 and will be approved. State radio will be installing a tower, which will have a 2 meter antenna with coax. IRLP is ready for connection. Weather spotter training will be held again next Thursday Northern Hills Amateur Radio Club ARES: · Many Federal, State, and Local government agencies are requiring ICS training before allowing amateur radio operators to participate in activities. It is recommended that all ARES members complete IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800. The courses are available free of charge on the FEMA web site (<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp>). · If you have completed any of the FEMA courses please notify Jerry Hawley, KG0GG, South Dakota Section Emergency Coordinator. · A volunteer is needed for the Lawrence County Emergency Coordinator position. · The MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between Amateur Radio and the State of South Dakota is nearing completion. · A special thank you to all who kept the Western South Dakota Emergency Weather net operating during the recent link failure. Reports and Announcements: · There will be a Northern Hills Emergency Preparedness Fair at the Sturgis Community Center on Saturday, June 3 from 1000 to 1400. New Business: · Jerome Harvey, N0ZBR donated \$100 for a plaque to commemorate silent keys from the Signal Hill Amateur Radio Club and the Northern Hills Amateur Radio Club that have made significant contributions to Amateur Radio or the communications industry Special Presentations: · Bruce Conlee, K0NLE demonstrated the Byonics PicCon, a radio controller designed for fox hunts. · Scott Rausch, WA0VKC is going to be using a Byonics TinyTrack ARSP encoder during some of the summer events. Scott also distributed some information on HF antennas that may be suitable for short distance communications. The next meeting will be held at 1930 on May 26th at the Lead City Hall. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2045. Respectfully submitted, Doug Aldrich, W0WSP Secretary

## **Delta Division**

### **Arkansas**

Arkansas Diamond Club News- One of the considerations that we need to make Tuesday Night is do we want to have a Field Day Event Saturday and Sunday, June 24 and 25 again this year. We have to do this because our next meeting will be in July. Last year was our second year and we did respectably. We were 26 of 35 in our F classification with a score of 600 with three operators. The winner had a score of 4,180 with two operators. This year we have again a location at the EOC Center at Morrilton City Hall indoors and air-conditioned with some of the antennas ready to go. We also can have a "GOTA" station with allows Techs to operate also on HF bands. We will need to set this up ahead of time, if we have a couple of participants. To work you will need to give at least a couple of hours and preferably 4 hours. There is a place for Techs along with everyone else at field day if we want to have a "GOTA" station. This year we also have a club call sign which we could use for the "GOTA" if they would like to give it a try. Techs test the water, its fine. Further on in the newsletter are some of the Rules that apply to Field Day 2006. We are also going to be part of the nuclear test in conjunction with Arkansas Nuclear 1. The test will be in the next couple of weeks. Batesville ARC is preparing for a high visibility Field Day at Midland High School on U.S. Highway 167. We will be joined again this year by NCAARS for a large 2A set up. We have a new tower trailer being constructed by N5QS, N5TUM, N5QT, KD5HPK and K5UZ. We also have acquired a new 6KW generator and we plan on having several demo stations including a mobile unit from Baptist Men's Disaster Relief used during Katrina, APRS, ATV and Ham band WIFI. BARC will be running a General upgrade class for all our Technician Class ops. The class

will run for 6 weeks from mid May until Field Day. Details on day, time and location will follow. The Benton County Radio Operators, Inc., will have a one-day Amateur radio class for the amateur's technician license from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM, on May 20, 2006. This will be held in the basement of the Benton county administration building, 215 East Central. There will be a test session at 3:00 PM for any who are interested in taking the technician test or any amateur who wishes to upgrade his, or her, license. This is one week earlier than usual because the last Saturday of the month is on the Memorial weekend. For further information contact Andrew A. Flower, W0ZUX Tel: 479-636-8337 E-mail: w0zux@arrl.net Fort Smith Area ARC News. March 30 and April 1 saw another successful Hanging Judge Hamfest at Columbus Acres. Attendance was on par with last year in spite of high gas prices, and the dealers did well with some selling out the stock they brought. The flea market was full of good vintage and used gear and bargains were numerous. All the forums were well attending and the discussion was lively. The ARRL forum generated the largest crowd of the year to hear Arkansas SM David Norris, K5UZ and Delta Division Director Henry Leggette, WD4Q discuss ham radio and ARRL happenings. Randy Griffin, K5BOC received a special plaque from the ARRL for his work as NCS for the West Gulf ARES Emergency Net during Hurricane Katrina. N6CL conducted a VHF/UHF forum in the afternoon. Also, WD4Q and K5UZ moderated a BPL forum Saturday afternoon. Friday night K5UZ conducted the first Wouff Hong ceremony to be held in Arkansas in nine years. The Wouff Hong proved to be a hilarious event that will certainly return to Arkansas in the next year. Good work and many thanks to the club members and officers that made Hanging Judge another success. Congratulations to Mark Clayton, N5AFZ. Mark was named ASM West Arkansas by K5UZ, replacing Bill W5SJ who retired to make more time for business pursuits. Thank you Bill! The Franklin County ARES team activated several times throughout the month of April for Skywarn nets, has have many other ARES and Skywarn groups across the state. Many of the hams associated with Franklin County ARES are also volunteer firemen, emergency medical technicians, Search & Rescue technicians, and at least 8 so far are registered with the county CERT team (Community Emergency Response Team). The Franklin County Emergency Management office is in the process of moving their day-to-day operations from the courthouse in Ozark to a new location nearby. Fred Mullen (KD5MXV) and county judge, Joe Powell, have decided to keep an auxiliary EOC in the courthouse basement which will be fully equipped with 2m, 70cm, and HF, along with public service radios. This is in addition to the computer hardware currently in use at the present EOC. There will also be a ham station at the new EM office as well, giving their emergency communications plan a solid backup. ARES EC Rick Covert (KD5GSP) reports that the move and installation of radios along with antennas should be finished by the middle of May. "Having an auxiliary EOC with a wide array of communications tools near the county judges office will be very useful in time of a disaster crisis." Franklin County ARES has been requested to handle communications for the upcoming North West Arkansas Search & Rescue Academy to be held near Cass, Ark., at the Baptist Vista Encampment June 16,17, and 18. For more information, go to [www.fcoes.com](http://www.fcoes.com) The Faulkner County Club informs us that their net is back and running. It will be Thursday nights at 7:30pm on 145.210 -600 offset with a PL Tone of 114.8Hz. This is the same time as the Arkansas Diamond 10 meter net, but we can do both. There is still a need for volunteer net control ops. Contact Frankie Parks at [fparks@conwaycorp.net](mailto:fparks@conwaycorp.net) or Craig Mangrum at [cmangrum@conwaycorp.net](mailto:cmangrum@conwaycorp.net) if you are willing to help. MHHS students set up ham radio system. A group of Mountain Home High School students are applying their computer knowledge to help in a disaster. Steve Hatch's Cisco Networking Class began a project Monday that will connect amateur radios with the Internet. The students are working with North Arkansas Emergency Response Group Inc. (NAERG), an organization that covers 10 counties and may expand to as many as 30 counties. Allen Hundley, chairman of the emergency response committee, said if communication equipment fails in a disaster, the new ham radio system would still function. The students are setting up a local area network (LAN) at NAERG headquarters in Mountain Home, connecting the ham radios to the LAN, troubleshooting any problems and transmitting text messages and e-mail. Hundley said NAERG wanted help from students at MHHS so they could get the experience of putting the equipment into use. "We got the young people involved because it is a good opportunity for them to work on something real and

practical," he said. "It's also a good opportunity to recruit young people to amateur radio." The students will continue to work with NAERG and may help set up satellite offices in Ash Flat and Marshall.

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## Louisiana

LOUISIANA SECTION NEWS – APRIL 2006 Henry WD4Q, Delta Division Director, is urging all LA hams to contact Senator David Vitter, a member of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, to express our support of language addressing the Broadband over Power Line (BPL) interference issue. With an amendment requiring the FCC to study BPL interference now included in Section 502 of the House telecom bill (HR 5252), the ARRL is shifting its focus to the Senate. Full details, including a sample letter, are on the League web site. If you haven't already done so, please write Senator Vitter before June 8, the scheduled date for the Senate bill to be marked up in committee, and include a copy to the ARRL's government relations firm as explained on the web site. The top scoring stations in the 2006 LA QSO Party are KF5ER (CW), W5DDL (phone), K5FMC (mixed), and W5WZ (rover). Congratulations to the winning stations and a special thanks to the Thibodaux ARC for sponsoring this year's QSO Party. The complete scores and other information are available at [http://www.qsl.net/kd5wdy/LAQSO\\_/laqso\\_.html](http://www.qsl.net/kd5wdy/LAQSO_/laqso_.html) The rules for the 2006 LA Section Field Day awards are in the process of being posted on the section web site as I'm writing this report. The rules that we will follow this year for scoring are similar to the FD rules used by ARRL Headquarters with one major exception: CW and digital contacts will count the same as phone contacts, one point per QSO. As in previous years, all groups competing for LA Section awards must be ARRL affiliated. Entries will be submitted to yours truly either via email or regular mail and must include the same documentation submitted to ARRL HQ. I want to thank the FD Awards Committee (K5GLS, N5NVP, and N5FJ) for developing the rules for this year's competition. Good luck to all FD groups! New appointments are Cory KC5EWJ as Winn Parish Emergency Coordinator (EC) and Jude KB5FSG as Official Emergency Station (OES) and Technical Specialist (TS). Thanks to K5GLS, AE5V, and WA5LQZ, our section ARES plan has been updated and will be posted on the LA Section web site before the end of May. ARES members, traffic handlers, and others interested in emergency communications should make themselves a hard copy of the revised section plan, along with copies of our two MOUs, in preparation for this year's hurricane season. In addition to the lists included in the October 2005 and March 2006 reports, the following amateurs are acknowledged for their work during last year's hurricane season: KD5QNA, KD5NVE, KF5NA, KE5ASI, KC5NNF, K5VMI, KD5REX, KC5GWH, N5KHM, KD5TWA, KC5MHB, KC5SNA, KC5BMA, KD5WWJ, KD5WWH, KE5FST, KD5LLF, AA5US, KD5JEH, KD5OLB, KG5PV, N8JTC, KE5BRI, KD5ZPW, WB5TPY, KE5ECH, KC7MOC, KD5MLD, KK5DL, N5USN, K5RCR, KB5BB, W5HPC, KD5ZPT, KC5FQH, W5WRG, WB5HDX, KB5WMY, KD5LKB, KB5PKW, KB5LE, KD5ZRF, W5PQ, WA5ARJ, KG5YK, K5SRZ, NZ5S, K5VXT, KC0HZU, and NF5B. Nearly 200 LA hams in all have now been recognized with ECC certificates for services rendered during hurricanes Katrina and Rita! I am very sorry to report that AD5KX is now a Silent Key. Upcoming hamfests include the Piney Hills ARA Hamfest on July 22 in Ruston, the West Central LA ARC Hamfest on August 12 in Leesville, the Southwest LA Amateur Repeater Club Hamfest in Lake Charles on September 16, and the Central LA ARC Hamfest on October 14 in Pineville. Traffic totals: K5MC 121, AE5V 79, WA5LQZ 75, N5KWB 24, W5PY 17. Public Service Honor Roll: W5PY 157, K5MC 110, K5ER 101, N5KWB 99, AE5V 99, KD5ITA 98, N5MEL 73, W5HUD 73, N5HMH 40, KB5UHH 35. Section net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled.

Louisiana Traffic Net: 29/335/23. Louisiana CW Net: 44/215/50. Louisiana ARES Net: 5/93. Local/district net reports: sessions/check-ins. Cameron Parish ARES Net: 2/17. East Baton Rouge Parish ARES Net: 4/4. Lafayette Parish ARES Net: 4/25. Ouachita Parish ARES Net: 4/80. Rapides Parish ARES Net: 2/8. Richland Parish ARES Net: 6/67. St. Mary Parish ARES Net: 4/19. St. Tammany Parish ARES Net: 8/15. Tangipahoa Parish ARES Net: 4/72. Union Parish ARES Net: 4/45. Vernon Parish ARES Net: 3/23. ARES reports: parish/EC. Allen/KA5NXT, Avoyelles/KD5IGG, Caddo/Bossier/NZ5S, Calcasieu/KC5FGO, Cameron/WA5LQZ, Claiborne/KD5JJP, Desota/AA5HY, East Baton Rouge/N5ULA, Franklin/N5ASA, Jefferson Davis/WA5LQZ, Ouachita/K5ER, Rapides/KD5DFL, Red River/KD5IUZ, Richland/N5MEL, St. Mary/KA5LMZ, St. Tammany/KC5EAK, Tangipahoa/KD5PKS, Union/KA5JNL, Vernon/WB5JZQ, Washington/AI5B. 73, Mickey Cox K5MC LA Section Manager Email: k5mc@arrl.org LA Section Website: www.laarrrl.org/

## **Great Lakes Division**

### **Michigan**

Good news everyone, Governor Granholm has issued a proclamation commemorating Amateur Radio Awareness Week. Here is the full text of the governor's announcement: On Behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm hereby proclaim the week of June 19, 2006 Amateur Radio Awareness Week. Whereas, There are over 20,500 amateur radio operators in the State of Michigan and over 85 amateur radio clubs who have demonstrated their value in public assistance by providing, at their own expense, free emergency radio communications; and, Whereas, Many of the Michigan radio amateurs - who are on volunteer status to assist in any emergency local or worldwide - will demonstrate their radio communications skills during the American Relay League's (ARRL) Annual Field Day Exercises; and, Whereas, In cooperation with NASA and its astronauts, Michigan amateur radio operators and the ARRL provide additional public service by setting up portable amateur radio communication links between astronauts in space and Michigan students in their classrooms, opening the eyes of young people to the realities of space, science and engineering; and, Whereas, The ARRL and the National Association for Amateur Radio, headquartered in Newington, Connecticut, provides internationally broadcast bulletins, training programs and a staff of professional engineers, technicians and legal counsel for its members in Michigan and throughout our Nation; and, Whereas, The ARRL's broadcasts via amateur radio reach over two million licensed radio amateurs plus uncounted numbers of electronic engineers, technicians and experimenters; and, Whereas, This years Amateur Radio Field Day, taking place June 24 and 25, 2006, will be a 24-hour, round-the-clock operation under emergency power where radio amateurs will test their own skills and the readiness of their equipment from the Michigan fields, hillsides and woodland clearings; and now therefore be it, Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim the week of June 19, 2006, as Amateur Radio Awareness Week in Michigan. We will be posting the full document to the web site very soon. You will then be able to download it for local use in conjunction your club's Field Day activities. Our thanks go to our Section Public Information Coordinator Harold Beauchamp KC8QMH for making the arrangements. This is a wonderful opportunity to gain PR for amateur radio and valuable FD points. Don't overlook it. During the past few weeks, we have conducted a survey of our ARES and RACES organizations. This was done to determine the overall percentage that were affiliated with various served agencies and also determine the basic levels of training that were in place. These results met our expectations and we have now established a benchmark for future reference. Our served agencies have raised their expectations for ARES/RACES personnel and many have implemented additional training guidelines for their staffs, which include ARES/RACES personnel. My compliments go to you all for stepping up to meet these challenges and committing to these programs. Many individuals have already completed all of the recommended training and several EC/ROs have developed innovative plans to assist their groups in achieving their training objectives. Here are the 2006 Club Officers for the Milford Amateur Radio Club, W8YDK. President WA8YUZ; Vice-President KC8IDE; Secretary KC8QAT;

Treasurer KC8NQJ; Activities Chairman KD8ADJ; Trustee WA8WOQ. Thanks to all who reported their SARs for April, 2006: N8FPN 359, WD8USA 193, K8LJG 192, K8ZJU 179, KC8MLD 136, K8AE 108, WI8K 87, WB8RCR 70, KD8AMR 60, K8AMR 54, AA8SN 53, W8RNQ 37, KA8IXC 33, KV8Z 18, WB8TKL 12, KD8BMV 10, K8YB 9, KD8BGQ 8, N8UN 6, KC8ZCF 5, AB8CB 5, WA8OOH 5, KC8ZGB 4, KC8RTW 3, NX8S 1. PSHRs for April, 2006: WB8RCR 145, K8AE 125, KD8BGQ 115, N8FPN 110, K8ZJU 110, AA8SN 100, K8AMR 85, KA8IXC 83, KV8Z 77, KC8RTW 17. OES reports came in from N8HA, KC8ZCF, and W8RAE. PSHRs and SARs should be filed monthly with WB8RCR and your OES reports with WA8EFK. 73, Dale

## **Hudson Division**

### **Northern New Jersey**

SM Bill Hudzik-W2UDT, ASM-N2WZB, STM-WB2FTX, ACC-N3RB, SEC-K2SO, OOC-K2ZD, PIC-WB2CRD, TC-NR2H NNJ Webpage: [www.hudson.arrl.org/nnj/](http://www.hudson.arrl.org/nnj/) MONTHLY ARES NET: Second Monday of each month (8PM) on the Morris County OEM Repeater; WS2Q 146.895 MHz (PL 151.4) minus 600 Hz. Thanks to the over 70 hams who responded to our Hudson Division mailing asking amateurs in Representative Mike Ferguson's Congressional District to write letters asking him to support House Resolution 230 which requires the FCC to address BPL interference issues. The amendment is now part of HR 5252 the House Telecommunications Bill. As you may have read on the ARRL Home page, the League is now turning its focus to the Senate where the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will conduct its own hearings under S2686. New Jersey Senator Frank Lautenberg is a member of this powerful committee. We are asking all New Jersey amateur radio operators to take a few minutes to write to the Senator asking him to support language similar to HR 5252 requiring the FCC to formally address BPL interference issues. A sample letter went out to all NJ hams and can also be found as part of the lead article on the ARRL Home Page. Please feel free to personalize the letter and remember that the issue is not BPL but the interference it causes to licensed radio services (not only amateur radio). Also, a FAX or mailed letter has more meaning than one sent via e-mail. If you have not received the bulletin please be sure that your member status page is checked for division and section mailings. Remember, nothing will happen unless we let our representatives know how we feel. Amateur radio is not losing licensees! That is evident by the addresses of 66 newly licensed hams in NNJ that were downloaded from the ARRL website. This number is, obviously, the result of recent VE classes/sessions that have been held by groups throughout NNJ. Thank you all for keeping the amateur radio service growing! Pete Adely-W2HP, informed me that even an earlier VE group existed than what I had wrote about previously. The Bergen ARA VE group, presently active under W2JEK, ran VE sessions from 1984 to 1994 as the Metroplex VEC. During that period the group licensed some 4700 hams at over 120 VE sessions. If there are other groups around who have been active for a period of time please let me know as the time, effort and dedication of the volunteers should be recognized. Our ARES group has added another net to its activity roster. The Essex County Emergency Communications Net meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM local time on the WA2JSB repeater [146.415 + 1Mhz (147.415 MHz) with a PL of 85.4 Hz.] Net control is K2GVC and Net Manager is KC2RFC. The monthly training net is open to anyone who wishes to check-in. NNJ will be the host for one of the ARRL sponsored Teachers institute for Wireless Technology. According to LSC Program Manager Ben Chamberlain-KG8SX, the Liberty Science Center has partnered with the ARRL to provide space for the course the first week in August. Nine of the 12 open slots have already been filled by teachers from across the country and, Mark Spencer- WA8SME, ARRL's Wireless Institute Director will conduct the classes. This is the 3rd year this highly successful program has taught teachers how to bring wireless technology into the classroom. The program is funded by foundation grants and ARRL member donations to the ARRL Education and Technology Program. Finally, it's sad to report another Silent Key. Long time New Providence ARC member and DXer Harry Swill-AB2CM, recently passed away as the result of an auto accident. Harry was a friend and will be missed by his

many fellow DXers through the world. 73, Bill Hudzik- W2UDT SECTION TRAFFIC Apr-06  
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## Midwest Division

### Kansas

Kansas Section News Summary- April 2006 SM, Ron Cowan, KB0DTI-- SEC/OOC: Robert Summers,K0BXF ASM: Orlan Cook,W0OYH ASM-Youth: Emily Stewart, KC0PTL SGL: Steve Hamilton, KB0JYL PIC: Larry Staples, W0AIB Silent Keys: W0INX - Les Land, Parker AA0TG - James Barnet, Leavenworth ----- I have recently made two Section level appointments. Larry Staples-W0AIB is now our Public Information Coordinator. He has been involved with Public Service activities for many years and maintains his enthusiasm for the Amateur Service. Larry jumped right into the Hello campaign and is actively pursuing that opportunity. Emily Stewart-KC0PTL has been appointed Assistant Section Manager. She is a Freshman at Leavenworth High School and will be building our youth awareness. Emily is in the process of putting Ham Radio into her school system, she has crossed several hurdles toward that goal already. DCARC's Ham class is completed. The club graduated half a dozen new hams. They also upgraded a bunch to General and several to Extra Class. DCARC held their club auction in conjunction with the April meeting. They also held a STAR Party the end of March at N0LRF and KC0GSF's farm. Crown ARA(Honeywell Aerospace) put on a program for 5th graders at Meadow Lane school in Olathe. Participating Radio Amateurs were: K0GY, K0NK, KC0SKX and K0THN. Kit building has become a popular club activity. Pilot Knob and DCARC both have included a day on their calendar of events for pooling their experience in the art of building projects. Fort Scott ARC has their 146.625 repeater working much better now. Field Day is just around the corner, start putting your PR campaign together. Wichita ARC is gearing up and looks like they will be at a different location this time. Valley Center ARC hamfest will be held October 7th on the West side of Wichita. Kansas State Convention is August 20th hosted by Central Kansas ARC. ----- SEC Report March 2006 Activity Zone Nets QNI QTC 1A 5 52 11 1C 4 41 0 1G 4 41 0 2B 4 66 0 2C 0 0 0 2D 3 21 0 3A 4 33 0 3E 4 20 0 3F 3 38 0 4A 40 267 10 4B 8 88 3 4C 13 123 13 4E 1 1 0 4H 4 0 0 5A 4 28 0 5F 1 6 0 6E 4 25 0 6F 4 28 0 6G 0 0 0 Totals 19/109/870/37 Kansas RACES had 10 counties represented. Riley, Brown, Montgomery, Wyandotte, Harvey, Linn, Morris, Johnson, Atchison, and Shawnee. KS Army MARS reported 1004 man hours of on air operation handling 953 messages. Thanks to W0PBV for his presentation made to the Manhattan area Emergency Management. Congrats to K0FJ on completing FEMA courses NIMS 100, 200, and 300. SATERN provided Generator emergency power to the Salvation Army Hdq at Lawrence after the storm that hit Kansas Mar 12. Last but not least N0LL reports the QCWA net with 4 sessions and 39 QNI. For those interested, the Chapter 110 QCWA net meets on Saturday mornings right after the KS Weather Net that meets on 3920 kc at 7AM local time. Check with your appointed Emergency Coordinator, help him/her get together a report each month for the SEC. 73 Bob K0BXF ARRL SEC KS ----- March. Sessions/QNI/QTC/Mgr: KSBN/31/945/43 N0KFS KPN/22/320/50/ N0KFS KMWN/31/635/533/WB0YWZ KWN/31/858/591/WB0YWZ CSTN/23/1264/61/WT0A QKS 47/172/45/ NB0Z QKS-SS 4/11/0/KB0DTI Traffic: NB0Z 39 KB0DTI 26 N0ZIZ 19 K0BXF 15 W0OYH 15 73, Ron To receive or contribute to Orlan's Kansas Amateur

Radio News E-mail News Letter contact Orlan-W00YH-Editor at W00YH@arrl.net See KSN on ARRL Website for detailed PSHR and more Kansas news: <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=KS>

## Missouri

**MAY 2006 MISSOURI SECTION NEWS** At the Ararat Shrine Hambash Wade Walstrom, WØEJ and Missouri Section Manager Dale Bagley, KØKY, visited with lots of individuals at the ARRL Table. Wade brought his laptop and printer so Amateurs could print letters to their U.S. Congressman asking them to support and become a co-sponsor of House Resolution 230. This resolution expresses concerns about potential interference by Broadband over Power Lines to Amateur Radio operators and to public safety licensees. Wade Walstrom, WØEJ, lead a forum on ARRL efforts to eliminate the interference caused by BPL, but emphasized that the League was not against all BPL efforts, only those systems that threatened RF communications that include a variety of emergency services and of amateur radio. It is not often I get the chance to talk to the fellow that first got me interested in Amateur Radio in the first place. Dick Beckett, WØBVT, of Ashland, MO and I attended High School in Edina, MO many, many years ago. Dick was and is a builder of everything electronic...from Robots to Radios. Visiting with Dick at the Ararat Hambash got me to thinking about the good old days. Particularly when I saw that one of the flea market treasures the Dick had found was a large breadboard that he will, in the future, fill with a rejuvenated transmitter or receiver. Dick recently retired from his job as a broadcast engineer for KOMU TV in Columbia, MO. ARRL Midwest Division Convention Friday, June 9th - 2:00 to 8:00 P.M. Saturday, June 10th - 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Flea Market & Seminar Admission is \$7.00 at the door and is good for both days. The Hamboree will be open Friday from 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Contact chairman: Tom Brosamle - WBØYNX, 501 S. Lewis Blvd., Sioux City, Iowa 51106, (712)252-4107, e-mail at wb0ynx@arrl.net if you want more information. There will be free admission to all amateurs newly licensed within the last year and anyone testing here for a new or upgraded license The Hamboree is at the Marina Inn Exhibit Hall (formerly the Siouxland Convention Center) 4th & B Streets South Sioux City, Nebraska. Accommodations are available at the Marina Inn located just north of the convention site and you can make your reservation by calling 1-800-798-7980 Hamboree attendees can also camp at the Scenic Park Campground 1021 E. 6th St., South Sioux City, Nebraska. Reservations available, with full payment, at the Rate of \$14.00 / day includes full hookup Contact: Brent Brown 1615 - 1st Ave. South Sioux City, NE 68776 (402)494-7531 E-mail: bbrown@southsiouxcity.org This year ARRL Headquarters Special Representative to the Hamboree is Ed Hare, W1RFI. Ed holds the position of Laboratory Supervisor. He is very active in several RFI programs at ARRL & has had numerous articles on the subject published in professional trade journals & ARRL publications. He will be able to answer your BPL questions! **MISSOURI HAMFEST** The next Hamfest in Missouri will be July 15th in Warrensburg and the Zero Beaters Hamfest in Washington, MO July 16th in 2006. For those that have been trying to use my Hamfest List, I think I have finally got it fixed. Give it a try and if you don't get the 2006 version, let me know. Go to Missouri Section Hamfest 2006 **AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS** KEITH HAYE, WEØG, ACC The Nixa ARC met on April 29, 2006 at the Southwest Nixa Fire Station. There were a large number of Amateurs at the meeting which started at 3:00 p.m. with a hands-on antenna construction project. Allen Busiek, WF5U, lead the effort for club members to build their own 2-m tape measure beam optimized for foxhunting based on the work of Joe Leggio, WB2HOL. Next at 4:30 p.m. Jim Baremore, K5QQ, made an excellent presentation about T-Hunting, Tips & Tricks & RDF. Also at 4:30 the Nixa Volunteer Examiners held a testing session. Prior to the business meeting Missouri Section Manager Dale Bagley, KØKY made a presentation about the importance of the ARRL to the future of the Amateur Radio Service. Nixa President Chris Cochran, KBØWZC, updated the club on the 6-m repeater project. This effort plans to provide linked 6-m repeaters that will cover southwest Missouri. All of the equipment, antenna and hardline will be new and most was on hand at this time. It was great to see all of the young Amateurs and experienced operators at the Nixa Meeting. The Central Missouri Radio Association is hard at work on their Aug. 19th Hamfest and getting ready for Field Day at Rock Bridge State Park.



They are also getting items together for their annual auction. The auction is always a great money maker for the club and is well supported by the business community of Columbia, MO and Central MO. Seventeen-year-old Mellissa Ann Meye, KB0WZA, Osage Amateur School Radio Club President and the latest Missouri Section youth to be honored with an award from the ARRL Scholarship Program. Mellissa Ann Meye lives in Camdenton, Missouri, has been named the recipient of the 2006 William R. Goldfarb Memorial Scholarship, the ARRL Foundation Scholarship Committee has announced. Meye is the first young woman to receive this generous award. First licensed in 1996, Meye has actively promoted Amateur Radio in her community. The William R. Goldfarb Memorial Scholarship is intended to assist a qualified student to obtain a bachelor's degree at an accredited school in one of the following courses of study: business-related computers, medical or nursing fields, engineering or sciences. The four-year award to an active radio amateur is based on outstanding qualifications, need and other funding sources. On May 11, 2006 the Fulton Sun published an article about the Ham Radio operation in Fulton that celebrated the Iron Curtain speech given by Winston Churchill. The article featured Gary Blakley, KA0CFX and Richard White, KS0M, of the Callaway Amateur Radio League. A temporary station was set up at Westminster College to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of Winston Churchill's visit to Fulton, Mo. The call sign was W-zero-C, which was kind of neat because it represented Winston Churchill and Westminster College, said Richard White. The special events station made over 400 contacts that included stations in all parts of the world.

SECTION ARES REPORT FOR APRIL 2006  
 DON MOORE, KM0R SEC Total # of ARES members: 717 Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month: 47 Man hours: 308 Number of public service events this month: 7 Man hours: 43 Number of emergency operations this month: 17 Man hours: 308 Total number of ARES operations this month: 71 Total Man hours: 659 Comments: 4 of 9 districts reporting

SECTION TRAFFIC REPORTS FOR APRIL 2006  
 DALE HUFFINGTON, AE0S, MON - CW Sessions 48 QNI 32 QTC 32 NM K9ZTV MO Phone Sessions 30 QNI 545 QTC 36 NM K0DAT MESN Sessions 5 QNI 121 QTC 0 NM AE0S Audrain AARC Sessions 4 QNI 64 QTC 0 NM KB0KWC Callaway CARL Sessions 3 QNI 45 QTC 0 NM WB0HKN Boone Co Sessions 4 QNI 75 QTC 1 NM WM0H Hickory Co Sessions 5 QNI 56 QTC 0 NM KC0FD Howell Co Sessions 7 QNI 58 QTC 1 NM K0RWL Jackson Co Sessions 5 QNI 63 QTC 1 NM K0UAA Macon Co Sessions 4 QNI 35 QTC 0 NM K0KY Rolla RRARS Sessions 30 QNI 483 QTC 13 NM NA0V WAARCI Sessions 4 QNI 99 QTC 0 NM WE0G 10th Reg Sessions 59 QNI 101 QTC 101 MO 81 % with K9ZTV, W0SJS, W0SJS, NM W0SS

## **New England Division**

### **Connecticut**

Sorry this is late, but there was a technical error earlier. Section Leadership: ASMs: K1STM, KY1F, NK1J, K1BRF; Bulletin Manager KD1YV; Official Observer Coordinator W1GC; Public Information Coordinator W1FXQ; Section Emergency Coordinator N1FNE; State Government Liaison K1MK; Section Traffic Manager K1HEJ; Technical Coordinator N1KHB. The NARL Ham fest this year will be held on Sunday, June 11 at Sphinx Shriners Hall, at 3066 Berlin Turnpike CT Routes 5 and 15. Access is only from the northbound lane of the Turnpike. From South of Newington, go North on I91 to Meriden. Look for signs to Berlin Turnpike, Rt. 15 North. Ham fest is on the right, just past Lowes and Walmart. Remember this is a new location for the ham fest this year. Doors open at 6 a.m. for vendors; 8:00 a.m. for the general public. Admission is \$6; an indoor vendor table is \$20.00; an indoor round dining table is \$15.00; outdoor space is \$10.00. To reserve a table, call Al W1FXQ at 860-667-2864. There will be three seminars including an Introduction to ARES, an orientation to ham radio for the newly-licensed op and a third seminar to be announced. There will be a walk-in VE session at 11:00 a.m. From the NARL Newsletter: Roger K1PAI and Gregg K1GMG are leaders in the CT segment of the US National Weather Service's Skywarn program. They are County Coordinator and Assistant County Coordinator, respectively for Hartford and Tolland Counties for Skywarn, the official volunteer amateur radio arm of the government's Weather Service. They spoke at the May meeting of NARL

about how they manage a large network of dedicated volunteer weather spotter radio hams who act as on-site spotters. They supplement Doppler radar by reporting actual direction and movement of storms, hail size as coins, like a dime, quarter, etc., and wind velocity such as ripping branches, to meteorologists who can then more accurately predict storm paths. Roger Jeanfaivre, in spite of being sightless, joined CT Skywarn when it began in April, of 1994. He was State Co-coordinator until 2003, when he found it necessary to step back to the County position. Roger's interest in weather dates back to the 1960's. Being sightless, Roger has created a talking weather station, to help gather local information, for the government and to local TV and radio stations. Greg also has built a computerized weather station, and has recently created a two-county weather web page. [www.hartford-tollandskywarn.org](http://www.hartford-tollandskywarn.org) At a recent NARL meeting, Dennis Motschenbacher, K7BV, ARRL Sales & Marketing Manager Discussed and showed a DVD he made of his 2000 Expedition to East Timor. If you missed it, you'll surely want to see it! \*\*\*\*\* Chuck, K1DFS is willing to come to your club and talk about his experience working with health officials in the Hurricane Katrina devastation. Contact Chuck by writing [cimotes@southington.org](mailto:cimotes@southington.org) and hear his point of view as a health director. On May 20, W1AA will Activate 3 Sisters Lighthouse Located at Nauset Beach near the Nauset Lighthouse Cape Cod, MA. Members of the Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society reported the following: Don N1DT and I will be activating USA975, 528 and 976 on Cape Cod Massachusetts on Saturday May 20, 2006. Operation will start about 7:30 AM EST (1130 UTC) and end about 2:00 PM EST (1800 UTC) We will start on 75 phone above 3980.... we have used 3997 in the past. The next band will be 40 phone .... tune for us between the nets ..... most likely below 7270...down to 7225... We also will use 20 phone later in the morning above 14310..... or 17 above 18150. We will return to 40 phone about 1530 to 1600 UTC .... about noon local time. CW operation will be approximately on the half hour... 7035 .... 10116.... 14035 .... 18080 .... plus or minus QRM Stateside QSL via W1AA ... Appreciate a SASE....OK in any callbook or on QRZ.COM... DX QSL via the W1 bureau. SEC N1FNE and SM K1EIC have made the following announcement about how they will organize ARES in CT: As you know, ARES is a huge program which needs all the support it can get. In order to improve support to you and to the entire membership, Brian Fernandez K1BRF will serve in the capacity of a general Assistant SEC. Thank you Brian! Each week, the SEC, SM and ASEC will have a leadership call which will provide an opportunity to coordinate the activities of the ARES organization Section-wide. DEC's and the Section Traffic Manager will once again participate in monthly conference calls to give everyone the opportunity for their needed input and dialogue. Understand that the line of authority does not change: the SEC is in charge. When the assistant SEC speaks on behalf of the SEC, that will be made clear. Once Dayton is over, your SM will be working with the NTS community to plan an NTS drill this summer. An ARES/NTS meeting and picnic following would be nice to see--any ideas? Know that the Section Managers are getting together in Dayton and one thing that is on the agenda is the annual Simulated Emergency Test. Many of us want to see this country return to the former policy of having a single date or weekend for SET in the Spring so as to encourage more options for the NTS community to participate. Some of you remember that years ago, we had a single date in the winter; but then because of real emergencies that came up, that was changed to the Fall. Then the Board changed that policy to allow for flexibility. Many leaders want to return to the former one-day scenario. Clearly, this could be extended to a weekend event like we used to do. That's our news. Thank you for your time and your support. Speaking of emergency organization and preparedness, Field Day is just around the corner! Please be sure and get your FD plans to TC Joe, N1KHB who, every year, collects the FD locations of clubs and other individuals. Really, let's make this a complete list this year—write [n1khb@arrl.net](mailto:n1khb@arrl.net). The Candlewood Amateur Radio Association has a new home! Ken KD1DD was instrumental in getting their new meeting location at The Stony Hill Fire House where they have been invited to set up a station! The club will be moving in July.

## **Eastern Massachusetts**

Greetings to all: Spring is finally here! For hams, that means diving into the Public Service Event (PSE)

Season, and getting ready for Field Day (FD) which is, as always, during the last weekend of June. During this time, many of us will undoubtedly also be involved with graduations and other family activities. If you are interested in helping out with a PSE, there are many good opportunities to do so. Event organizers are always looking for good people, so check our website at <http://ema.arrl.org> for the latest news on when and where events are being held, and information on who to contact for that event. It is a great way to hone your skills as an operator, especially if you are also interested in emergency communications. If you need tips on preparing a "go kit" and making effective portable antennas for the field, please visit our ARES website at <http://ares.ema.arrl.org> for articles and links to great web pages. I am very pleased to announce the availability of the new ARES online database. Through the tremendous efforts of a team headed by Phil McNamara-N1XTB, we now have a new ARES online registration form and database for the Eastern Massachusetts section. Powerful features of this database include allowing the user to self-update their information including response status changes, address and contact changes, new equipment or resources, and training from ARES, ARECC classes, SKYWARN Classes, and Incident Command System training etc. The database will notify you and the responsible area DEC and the SEC that a new application has been filed, or the pertinent contact information has changed. Phil, N1XTB, has enabled people in the ARES leadership to be notified of your application (or changes to it), in order to more effectively manage their cadre. Beside the fact that your information resides in a secure environment, access is limited to a need-to-know basis within the ARES leadership. With this tool, you can review, edit, and update your information in real time. Unfortunately, in this post 9/11 world, we are required to elicit your date of birth and a passport size picture. This is so we can provide our database to authorities for "just-in-time" badging of our personnel for government, as well as the NGO clients (such as the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army). Please note that any information is limited to only what you submit when you visit. We will never solicit you through email or telemarketing. IF YOU SHOULD RECEIVE SUCH AN EMAIL CONSIDER IT PHISHING AND IGNORE IT. It did not come from us. We extremely fortunate to again this year have the services of Bill, N1VUX, as our FD editor. Bill's fantastic pages will be available shortly on our section web pages <http://ema.arrl.org>, so please check it regularly! As before, the pages will offer pertinent information on location, times, and other FD site information. However, his presentation is only as good as that provided by our clubs, so please check them now and offer corrections directly to Bill. He will leave a link directly to his email address for your convenience. Bill also has a wealth of reference pages for your perusal to help with your FD preparations. Please also review proper and grounding procedures now with your club, as FD always falls at the height of the thunderstorm season. We are fortunate to have the support of Skywarn again this year for lightning protection. Please make provisions to guard your nearest Skywarn repeater during the weekend for weather events or to receive other vital information should that be necessary. Now additional comments by our PIC, Ron Wood with other news around the Eastern Mass Section. About thirty boy scouts were taught theory and operated the W1AF station as part of a Radio Merit Badge Course set up by Harvard Wireless Club President Matt Gline, KG2OT for the annual Boy Scout Medal at Harvard College. Gline, a senior at Harvard, was assisted by HWC members Clayton Nall, NF1R and Tim McBride, N1QZY. Members of the Nashoba Valley Amateur Radio Club helped a local Boy Scout Troop in obtaining the Radio Merit Badge. Dan Rasmussen, the Troop 3 Scout Master from Groton contacted Stan, KD1LE asking for help with the Radio Merit Badge. Joel, W1JMM and Stan, KD1LE first put the Scouts on the air to satisfy one of the requirements. In various combinations the Scouts talked to Larry, KB1ESR and Dave, N1MNX/m on the six-meter repeater. Some spoke with Ralph, KD1SM in Cambridge on the Boston two-meter repeater. Several spoke with Bob W1XP/4 at his North Carolina QTH. After the on-the-air part, Joel and Stan covered the other requirements with a presentation explaining repeater operation, the various aspects of Amateur Radio, how to get licensed, QSL cards, the many operating aspects of Amateur Radio, emergency communications, public service and quite a few other requirements. The Massachusetts Statewide Hurricane Drill will take place Monday June 5th, 2006 from 7-9 PM. The statewide drill coincides with the yearly MEMA Region II Hurricane Drill and will be run in a similar format to last year's hurricane drill except that for areas outside of Region II, we will guide the scenario with NTS Traffic Messages

versus envelopes. In Region II, the exercise will utilize the envelope format as in past years. For more information please see the EMA ARES web site The SKYWARN Training Schedule for 2006 has been updated with sites in Wilmington, Peabody and Gardner added. We will be conducting training on sites on the South Coast of Massachusetts, Northeast Connecticut and interior Southeast Massachusetts. A link to the SKYWARN training schedule, which includes all the sites, is listed at the link: <http://users.rcn.com/rmacedo/trsched.htm> Please include the HELLO campaign in your Field Day this year. When you set up your Field Day site, please don't forget the Public Information Table. This is one of the best ways to get the message out about Ham Radio. We are always talking about that we need to get new people into the hobby, and Field Day is a great way to start. Additionally, why not get a proclamation from your city or town officials. Invite the media to come to your site, invite your public officials, invite your friends, and your co-workers. If you need assistance contact Ron W1PLW at [w1plw@ema.arrl.org](mailto:w1plw@ema.arrl.org) This past week I have had the pleasure to have conversations with some of the runners. They have very high praise for Amateur Radio's role in the Marathon and all the other events we assist with. They also wanted to send their heartfelt thanks for doing what we do. We are very much appreciated. Thanks Ron. A final note. My term in office ends on December 31st. Any interested candidates must have a nomination petition and application to the ARRL Headquarters well before that, usually by early September. The New England Hamfest (Boxboro) is an excellent opportunity to network and collect the signatures required. Details can be found at the League website <http://www.arrl.org> . de W1MPN

## **Rhode Island**

Greetings fellow Rhode Islanders: We are only a month from Field Day 2006. I hope many of you plan to participate in one manner or another in this very popular family activity. Whether a beginner or old timer, you will find that Field Day is one of the best social activities in the entire year. As your SM, one of my unofficial expectations is to personally visit each ARRL affiliated club operation and extend greetings on behalf of your ARRL which sponsors Field Day. As I did last year and hopefully will do again this year, our rescued dog Bridget, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, will be making the trip with me. Bridget is unable to walk so I must literally carry her or wheel her along in her special roll-along kennel. My xyl is not in good health so my ability to be away from home more than a few hours at a time is limited. Therefore, I apologize in advance if I do not make it to every club FD site. It is my sincere intention to do so but I may not be able to do it. Regardless, wherever you participate, please support your club and enjoy the weekend. We'll all hope that we'll be spared a repeat of the recent historical rainfall over the weekend of June 24-25. In last month's report, I mentioned that I was nudging our friends at ARRL to respond to our request made during my February 21st meeting with COO Harold Kramer. On May 12th, a week short of three months later, I heard from HQ. Internal business considerations in their publishing business cannot permit them to allow us to use my SM budget to purchase books for distribution to our libraries. Obviously, I am disappointed. However, we have been offered what could be considered a compromise that would permit those clubs who are willing to invest some funds into this project to purchase publications at a considerable discount, from 25% to 45%, off cover prices. I shall be distributing details of the discount schedule to club leadership in the next week. As I said, I am disappointed but I understand the reasons why our book donation program cannot be continued. The Dayton Hamvention and ARRL Expo will be taking place as many of you read this. There will be many forums and meetings held at Dayton including a meeting of all Section Managers who attend. I shall report to you next month on what major ideas are discussed. I only attended Dayton once, in 1973 and I still remember it. Everyone should plan to get there at least once. Our SEC, KE1AB reports that the RI ARES program continues to grow and attract participants in its statewide two meter net, every 1st and 3rd Monday at 2000 local time on the 146.70 repeater. Our STM, W1EOF is encouraging all of us to become more familiar with message handling and NTS procedures. I am sending a direct letter with message forms and guides to all clubs in order to remind them that their Field Day activity will earn an additional 100 bonus points for origination of a National Traffic System

(NTS) style formal message to the ARRL Section Manager or Section Emergency Coordinator by the club from its site. The message should include the club name, number of participants, Field Day location, and number of ARES operators involved with the station. The message must be transmitted during the Field Day period and a fully serviced copy of it must be included in your submission, in standard ARRL NTS format, or no credit will be given. Also, ten additional points will be earned for each formal NTS style originated, relayed or received message and delivered during the Field Day period, up to a maximum of one hundred points (ten messages). Properly serviced copies of each message must be included with the Field Day report. See May QST, page 105 for a summary and all details at <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2006/rules-fd-2006.html>. In closing for this month, let me remind everyone and myself as well to get going on that antenna work you've put off "until nice weather comes". The time has come. 73 and hope to see each of you at Field Day. Bob Beaudet, W1YRC

## **Northwestern Division**

### **Montana**

Ah, Summer is upon us.....feels good to be outside catching up on antenna maintenance again. Time to check out all your antennas and support structures. Guy wires, hardware and fittings. Expect that you may find some loose or broken parts. Above all, if you don't feel safe on your tower, call someone to help. Our Montana Traffic Net is alive and well. This thanks to all who support it with their time and effort. Net manager, Jack Brooks, KD7HWV and I would like to thank everyone who works with NTS traffic and checks into our system. Many also work with IMN, DRN7 and other feeder nets are unsung heroes. You all have worked to make MTN a well oiled machine. In addition, our thanks to newer members who have learned traffic handling procedures and are always willing to take traffic and move it to its destination. Our special thanks to the following: W7IG, Armand, OR N7TAE, Wayne, MT W7ARC, Bill, WA K7SIK, Donnie, MT AA7OX, Charlotte, ID KE7DVV, Marv W7QM, Allen, WA W7SMC, Rick, WA K7PMB, Ralph, OR W7TVA, Jeri, WA K7MQF, Larry, WA AC7AI, George, WA N7DRP, Betty, WA K7BDU, George, WA W7NWP, Homer, WA W7QFG, David, WA N7CM, Clair, OR WV7Z, Mike, MT VA7DR, Drew, BC KD7HWV, Jack, MT W7LMA, Bob, ID These and many others have helped us by taking traffic and working with other nets to bring it to its destination. If I've missed anyone, pls forgive. We've put this list together out of memory. We can always use more participation from those stations located in major population centers. Traffic languishes on the Net for lack of a contact point to move it to its intended recipient. Check in, we could use your help! Remember, 3910 KHZ, 0030 Zulu time. My thanks go to all who participate. You are appreciated. IMN-W5UYH, QNI-532, QTC-88 MTN-KD7HWV, QNI-2453, QTC-92 MSN-K7YD, KC7CIS (now K7LMT), K7MT and KC5YED-104 73 to all Doug, K7YD

### **Oregon**

Oregon SM: Randy Stimson KZ7T. SEC: W7IH. SCC: W7WZ. ACC: N7THL. STM: W7IZ: OOC: AB7OC. PIC: W6ABM. TC: WB7UNU. SGL: KA7KYQ. We the Oregon hams have a chance to influence BPL. Jim Fenstermaker, K9JF the Northwest Division Director has been asked to participate in Grassroots Legislative Action Committee. Here is the first attempt to make it work. Here is Jim's article and the second article is too long for my report so it will be on my web site [www.kz7t-oregonsm.org](http://www.kz7t-oregonsm.org) under PIC. If you are going to write a letter please be diplomatic. You can catch more flies with honey. I know that this is repetitious but it is important and the more that ask should bring more letters. "To: ARRL Northwestern Division Members: In my March 2006 letter, I briefly noted a need for hams to become politically astute as we look to the future. Due to certain political forces and "market demand", good engineering technology is sometimes put aside in lieu of programs that are not compatible with our service. In order not to be overrun by these forces, we must become more aware of

the political environment and be mindful that our privileges, operating environment and frequencies are not subrogated. In the past, the ARRL has encouraged members to write or e-mail federal legislators asking for support for bills and initiatives. But, how do we both gain a better understanding the legislation that needs our support and how can we better understand the political process? Gaining knowledge of and participating in this legislative arena is soon to become more formal and very important. The announcement that House Resolution 230 sponsored by Rep. Mike Ross WD5DVR is now an element of the House Telecommunications Bill (HR5252) provides this opportunity. A section of this bill requires the FCC to investigate and report on interference on the HF and VHF frequencies. For some inexplicable reason, the BPL industry wants this item deleted from the bill! In support of Representative Ross, each Board member and officer was asked to write his or her House of Representatives member in support HRes 230. We achieved 100% participation and we believe our support helped foster its inclusion into HR5252. During the ARRL Board Meeting last January, I was asked to participate as a member of the Grassroots Legislative Action Committee. The charge to this committee is to oversee the development and enhancement of the legislative process including: 1) A user-friendly process that will enable ARRL Members to receive timely notification of pending legislation. 2) A structure within each ARRL Division and State to oversee the Grassroots process. 3) A Definition of training activities that increase the knowledge and participation of ARRL members in the political process. The recommendations of our committee will be presented to the full ARRL Board in July. As a part of this process, I am charged to identify and appoint politically astute members to serve as Northwestern Division Legislative Action Coordinator, State Legislative Action Coordinators, and State Legislative Action Assistants to fulfill this process. So, as an individual ARRL member, what does this mean to you? As noted earlier, hams cannot rely on others to maintain the privileges we currently enjoy. We must become active and communicate the need for an active, viable, and trained cadre of radio communicators to serve the United States during natural and man-made disasters or in times of crisis. Our ARRL founder, Hiram Percy Maxim, participated in this political process and we now must continue to follow in his footsteps. Our survival is partially dependent on the amount of effort we put into this activity. When a bill or activity requires our support (or criticism), we must respond. In the future, you will receive information requesting you to communicate with your legislators in support of bills that will directly or indirectly affect amateur radio. In addition, if you have an interest in serving as a division-level appointee in this exciting process, please contact me expressing your interest. Thanks in advance for your support and participation in this effort. Your participation can certainly result in continuing the lineage we had as new hams and insure our frequencies and ability to serve our fellow citizens is maintained well into the future. Note: A letter was sent to ARRL members in AK, WA, OR and MT on May 12 requesting you to write Senators serving on the Telecommunications Committee. We need their support to add language to S2686 similar to language in HR5252. This need surfaced while this letter to the Northwestern Division was being written. This is an example how things happen in "warp-speed" urgency as we deal with our elected officials. This legislation will have a profound effect on the amateur radio service. We must make our wishes known! In this manner, we can influence our destiny. I'll be in touch again soon. 73 Jim Fenstermaker K9JF Director ARRL Northwestern Division ----- ARRL Northwestern Division

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## Western Washington

In District 1, DEC Bill, W7ARC reports that he received no reports from Whatcom or Snohomish Counties this month. Snohomish County has a new EC, Eric Brownell, W2ZT. Island County reports Island County Amateur Radio Functional Exercise supporting the 2006 Whidbey Island Marathon using Mission Number 06-T-166 on 2 April 2006. Total of 18 ARES/RACES operators taking part with the Island County Amateur Radio Club supporting the Marathon with Communications. All stated Tasks completed. Skagit County reports Gloria Hoerschgen, KC7ZBK, XYL of Glenn KC7REJ became Silent Key. Quarterly TEAM ARES/RACES Meeting was held in Mount Vernon with good attendance. Hospital radio equipment has been received and awaiting installation at our three hospitals. In District 2, ADEC Russ, K7INA reports Clallam County: Clallam County ARES provided training on Chapters 1 and 3 of the ARRL Emergency Communications Handbook, packet radio and the use of FNpack in ARES/RACES activities, and of the CC-ARES Operations Manual ""Communications Plan"". Chuck Jones, N7BV, Clallam County EC and Bill Carter, W7WEC, AEC for Red Cross, met with members of the Port Angeles Red Cross Chapter Disaster Action Team to discuss Clallam County ARES communications capabilities. Chuck Jones, N7BV, Clallam County EC, Rich Golding, N7NCN, AEC for Sequim and Richard Edes, WA6CUE met with Sequim's new EMD, Merris Turner to discuss Clallam County ARES communications support and capabilities. Clallam County ARES held a surprise mini-drill on April 27th which concentrated on passing messages using the ICS213 message form. Twenty-one ARES members responded to the resources net to simulate Red Cross shelter communicators passing traffic to ARES members at Red Cross chapter headquarters. Voice messages were successfully passed on the 147.50 simplex frequency and on the Port Angeles 145.13 repeater. Packet users used the 145.63 packet frequency. Jefferson County: Jefferson County is in the process of implementing an automated notification/call-out system that utilizes telephone, cellular, paging, email, etc, to transmit the message. The ARES/RACES organization is being included Kitsap County supported of the MS Walk on April 1st with 11 members. This was a good event where volunteers provided public service and practiced field operations. On April 19th and 20th three members provided support for a large FEMA drill by acting as backup communications using the Kitsap County DEM communications vehicle. Also, the use of communications resources was monitored during the event and recommendations made to the lead served agency for operational procedure changes that would improve the efficiency of the use of the communications systems. Special recognition goes to ASEC Monte, K2MLS, for conducting an ongoing series of training sessions during our weekly nets In District 3, DEC Duane, WB7ROZ reports Several members enjoyed attending the 2006 Communications Academy this year. Lewis County provided Compass Training and demonstrated Radio Direction Finding for school students attending the Cispus Campground. Pacific County relocated a repeater, did repeater maintenance. Along with troubleshooting and testing the county's Command Vehicle ham radios. Thurston County supported the MS Walk; participated in the state Earthquake drill and the EOC drill; attended SAR Training; and had a table at the L&I Safety Show. In District 4, Clark County was honored by the county at our regular ARES/RACES meeting April 17 at the County EOC. Everyone received a certificate of appreciation for their participation assisting CRESA in 2005. John Wheeler, KD7EBB, of CRESA explained the EOC operation when an emergency occurs. We had a tour of the 9-1-1 facility and toured our new radio room. CRESA provided cake and coffee and we had over 50 in attendance. On April 18, ARES/RACES members check in to assist in a missing child situation that turned out to be a hoax after 4 1/2 hours of searching. On April 29th Wayne, AI9Q, and Rob, K7JAO, participated in the EOC to EOC exercise from the Clark County EOC. From District 5, DEC Mark, W7BBO, reports that team member supported Operation Tahoma Resilience, 2 day pandemic flu exercise, the Adre-anna Jackson 8 day evidence search mission, the MS Walk and Daffodil Parade. In District 6, DEC Kirk, N7UK reports on April 3rd the City of Federal Way PD called upon our ECRT team to assist in the search for evidence in the case of the little girl whose body was found in a wooded area near Lakewood. 7 team members responded and provided help in several areas, including security of the site and of any evidence found. During the recent EOC drill they trained 5 new Hams on the use

of the EOC equipment and the procedures in manning the EOC. They plan to swap EOC's in a future training exercise. Fire Dist. 40: Training was held will all 3 fire department shifts in what HAM radio can do for them, and how to operate HAM equipment in the fire stations on the fire engines. Sammamish: They 5 new technician class hams on April 13, 3 CERT members and 2 others, but now must get them on the rolls. North Bend: NBAT participated in EOC to EOC drill and also a drill for Eastside Fire and Rescue on 4/29/06. From District M, ASEC Marina, N7LSL reports that Communications Academy 2006 occurred April 1-2; with over 250 people in attendance. They had several exercises either conducted or planned, and several coming up in the next month. Lots of planning meetings goes into these exercises. SEC Ken, K7TAG would like to thank Marina, N7LSL and the team that again put together a great Communications Academy in Burien on April 1 & 2. This was the biggest and best one yet. For those of you who gave up your weekend to attend – Thanks!. I know that it was time well spent. For those of you who weren't able to make it, plan on attending next years event. I know it will be even better. 73, Ken

## **Pacific Division**

### **East Bay**

Please welcome Jack E Burris Jr, K6JEB, the Section Public Information Coordinator. Jack is working on updating the section web pages. A mighty big assignment. Any news pertaining to the section should be sent to him. k6jeb@arrl.net. Also welcome Charles D Harding, K6CKT as Public Information Officer. Charles will be working with Jack doing publicity. Please send all public service event information to this year should be sent to SEC David Harnish, AD6ME at ad6me@arrl.net as the . ARRL needs to know. The section managers from SJV, Sacramento Valley, San Francisco and East Bay met in Reno and a mutual aid agreement was worked out as to ARES response in neighboring sections. The process was initiated during Pacificon last October. SCV agreed at that time to assemble a ARES simplex frequency database Well it is time for Field Day if you or your club, group or organization is participating please send the specifics to me. Nj6t@arrl.org Join me in welcoming the following new licensees : Caroline A Dalton, KI6DMQ; Richard E Cochran, KI6DHV; Isaac Feriante, KI6DIL Topiltzin M Olguin, KI6DKH; Morgann R Menager, KI6DNF; Alan Deikman, KI6DLV Oleg Musteata, KI6DNJ; Randall L Schwartz, KI6DHW; Jessica A Rippee, KI6DME George A Metzger, KI6DMF; Michael S Shumate, KI6DNP; Kurt G Niznik, KI6DNK Richard M Canter, KI6DHA; John S McClain, KI6DMD; William F Cloud, KI6DGO Michael T O'leary, KI6DNL; Jose V Castro, KI6DMM; George S Korzen, KI6DNA Charles L Ostrofe, KI6DQD; Petr Kalab, KI6DMU; Holly A Krejter, KI6DNBV. Support your local club 73 Ti-Michelle Connelly, NJ6T Section Manager

### **Nevada**

Nevada Section News Summary See the Nevada Section website at <http://nv.arrl.org> for the complete, unedited stories. May 14, 2006 - ARES Monthly Report for April'06 - SEC Summary - Things have been busy as we prepare anxiously for EMCOMMWEST 2006, which will hit Reno on May 6 and 7. This year it will be at the Atlantis Hotel and Resort. The Reno Spring Swap will be held in conjunction with the convention, which will welcome Dave Patton, NN1N from ARRL HQ in Newington, CN. As usual our Pacific Division Director and Vice Directors will join us, and hams from several states will once again converge on Northern Nevada. One major highlight will be our banquet speaker this year, as we are honored to have Bill Pasternak from Amateur Radio Newsline join us. Bill is a wealth of information and has some wonderful ideas and stories to share. We will hold our Nevada Section cabinet meeting. This is for everyone who is a DEC and all cabinet level appointees, as chaired by our SM Dick Flanagan, K7VC. From what I know at this time, 2 out of 3 of the DEC's will attend, with Glenn from Southern being unable to make it this year. We will miss you Glenn! Not much else to report. Also there



is the possibility that State Senator Bob Beers, WB7EHN may attend and greet our members at opening ceremonies. Next month will be a biggie, since EMCOMMWEST will have come and gone at that point.

**73! SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORT:** Installation of Tonopah IRLP Node 3396 is complete, thanks to Pat, KE7GDS for housing the node; Bruce, K7LAF and Dave, KE7LC for assistance with installation. Coverage excellent around Tonopah and southward toward Goldfield. The frequency is 146.460 simplex, with PL of 123.0. Joe, W7LUZ from Flagstaff, AZ expresses interest in Red Cross Mutual Aid with Las Vegas area. Discussions underway with Skywarn in Las Vegas to coordinate during the next storm season. Thunderstorms have already developed over parts of Clark County, with reports being sent to NWS. It was a quiet month generally around Clark County, but support was given to the Baker-Vegas Challenge Cup Relay on April 1-2. Also support for the Community College of So. Nevada Technology Fair on April 7, and as ARRL representatives at the NAB Convention held in Las Vegas. Also slow month for South Nye County. Mobile command vehicle checked out and a grounding problem found for HF and repaired. It will now load on all bands for all modes.

**NORTHEAST DISTRICT REPORT:** Another fairly quiet month. VE Exams were on Saturday, April 20. Several new techs, 2 extra upgrades and several element credits issued. River levels are maintaining with some minor flooding in low lying areas adjacent to the flood plains. No evacuations report or road closures have been reported. Reports that Net level continues to maintain current levels. One Flagstaff, AZ station has been checking in on a regular basis to maintain support with Las Vegas Red Cross for the upcoming fire season. Propagation on 75 meters continues to be decreasing due to the earlier sunrise times.

**NORTHWEST DISTRICT REPORT:** Little to report this month, since EMCOMMWEST planning is eating up most of our time. There were 2 SAR callouts in Lyon County in April. Next month will yield more due to the upcoming convention. Still needing to fill several EC positions in this District.

May 11, 2006 - Please help with the fight to protect our frequencies from BPL interference - (from Bob Vallio W6RGG, ARRL Pacific Division Director) We need your help in our ongoing fight against Broadband over Power Line (BPL) interference. As you may have heard, the ARRL was successful in obtaining language in a U.S. House of Representatives bill, HR 5252, requiring that the FCC study and report on the interference potential of BPL systems. The bill was adopted by the House Commerce Committee and will be on its way to the House floor for a vote shortly. Now we must turn our attention to the Senate, where similar language is needed. Senator John Ensign is a member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, which is now holding hearings on telecommunications legislation. We need his support of language addressing the BPL interference issue when the Senate bill is marked up in his committee on June 8. Please write to him today. A sample letter can be seen here. Please personalize it as much as you can and send it, preferably by FAX to the number shown. Please also send a copy to the ARRL's Government Relations firm: Attention: Eric Heis, KI4NFC Chwat & Company, Inc. 625 Slaters Lane, Suite 103 Alexandria, VA 22314 Fax (703) 684-7594 [eric.heis@chwatco.com](mailto:eric.heis@chwatco.com)

Thank you for your assistance and support. If you want to email me in reply to this message, please use the email address shown below.

73, Bob Vallio, W6RGG Director, Pacific Division ARRL [w6rgg@arrl.org](mailto:w6rgg@arrl.org)

May 10, 2006 - Reno QRP Club 7QP results - The Reno QRP Club participated in the 7th Call Area QSO Party from Manzanita Park. They worked on 40m and 20m, CW and SSB for a total of 88 Q's and a final score of 7,967 points. WB6W is envious. Thanks to Ed, WD7Y, who compiled this summary and to Steve, NU7T who made it available.

May 8, 2006 - EmcommWest06 a great success! - Many thanks to all who attended EmcommWest'06 in Reno. The Emcommwest website, <http://emcommwest.org> has been updated to show several pictures taken at EmcommWest'06. EmcommWest'07 will be held on May 4-6, 2007 at the Atlantis in Reno. Planning has already started so that it will be even better than ever!

May 4, 2006 - New DXCC Card Checker in Las Vegas area - The ARRL DX Desk has appointed a new DXCC card checker for Southern Nevada. He is Elliott Bloch W7EB, 4240 W Arby Ave Las Vegas, NV 89118-5156 (702) 361-6500 [w7eb@aol.com](mailto:w7eb@aol.com). Elliott has also been appointed both HF and VHF Awards Manager for the Frontier Amateur Radio Society (FARS) which also makes him a WAS, 5BWAS and VUCC card checker. Congratulations and thanks to Elliott!

April 20, 2006 - SIERA meeting - SIERA heard from Mel Hogan WA6EYD on the subject of NVIS (Near Vertical Incidence Systems). He described design and

utilization of the NVIS antennas, including an 80-60-40 "maypole" antenna designed to be quickly and easily set up by one person and used without a tuner. Also, plans continue apace to support the Pony Express Reride in June. SIERA general meetings are held at 1900 hrs the third Thursday of each month (except January, July, and August) at the Carson Valley Methodist Church in Gardnerville, Nevada. -30-

## **Pacific**

Pacific SM Report for April 2006. Aloha to everyone. Thank you for allowing me to be your SM again. Please let me know of any concerns and needs. I frequently update the ARRL Pacific Section Webpage so please check it often especially any alerts. This report complements the webpage since I try not to duplicate information already on the webpage. My term officially started April 1. I visited the Kauai ARC informal breakfast group April 15. Thanks to Gerald W Hill, KH6HU for allowing me to stay overnight and for being my guide. I took a brief tour of the area where the dam broke and saw some of the result of the flooding. VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters) is now working on plans to help flood victims after the President declared Hawaii a disaster area. I plan to visit Maui and Oahu later this year. I also plan on attending Pacificon in October. I am in the process of updating appointments and sending certificates. I managed to check into the Guam ARES net via IRLP. (Anyway that works!) I regret to inform you that Al Pacheco, KH6IAA, passed away April 11. He is a long time member of BIARC and especially active in six meter work. Please let me know of any other SK so we can acknowledge their passing. Please join ARRL and your local radio club. The best deal for young people (under 50) is the life membership in ARRL. I was lucky and took out a life membership in my 20's. It has more than paid for itself. Carter Davis, KH6FV and Jackson Tsujimura, KH6DQ came to Hilo Saturday March 4th from Honolulu to set up and inspect a new HF/VHF ICOM 706MKIIG transceivers provided by a grant to the Healthcare Association of Hawaii to hospitals in the state. There were a total of 14 units sent out. Hilo Hospital administrator John Halloran and Hospital employee Robert Watson, NH7XZ along with BIARC members Harry Nishiyama, KH6FKG; Robert Oliver, NH6AH and Bob Schneider, AH6J spent the morning checking out the system for Hilo Hospital. We plan on having it at BIARC Field Day so more people can become familiar with the rig. Don't forget the Hawaii International Hamfest at Waimea on October 21. Let me know of other events. There are many write ups about BPL (Broadband over Power-lines) throughout the ARRL homepage. There is also an e-mail that was sent out to ARRL e-news subscribers telling about a push to have congress force compliance with existing laws about harmful interference. It appears the present executive branch leaders and FCC officials may have been sold a bill of goods about the benefits and not really told about the dark side of BPL. 73, Bob Schneider, AH6J

## **Sacramento Valley**

SECTION NEWS APRIL 2006 The weather this past week seems to indicate winter is over and the rains have stopped. Spring is a nice time of the year in our section, the weather is not too hot and things are still green, but that will change as the temperature creeps up to 100 degrees. Fire season will soon be with us and the ARES groups will be ready to go, with short notice. SEC, Dave K6SOJ and his DEC, EC and ARES groups will be trained and ready to go. If you do not belong to an ARES group, you should contact your County ARES Emergency Coordinator, or for information, contact k6soj@arrl.net. Dave publishes EMCOMM Monthly – by email – and it's free. CITRUS HEIGHTS: The city of CH is revising some of their Ordinances and one is for Amateur Radio Antennas. Several hams attended a meeting of the Planning Commission, and we seemed to make some progress, but that changed at a meeting with one of the city's employees. If you live in CH, you should contact Ed, WA6QYO, at esiegner@surewest.net, and offer your help in fighting this ordinance, especially if you know someone on the city council or upper level employee. AMADOR COUNTY ARC: The club held another Ham Cram course on April 29, this was smaller than usual. Instructor Ray ND6S said the Ham Cram does not teach people to be hams, but teaches how to pass the test. So far this year they have had a perfect record.

The club offers reduced membership dues and Elmer help to those new hams. Also Joy, KI6AJC passed the General exam and Lila, KG6YSR passed the General written exam. I was a guest at their annual dinner, which was held in Mokelumne Hill on May 6. Excellent dinner and socializing! They will participate in Field Day at Mt. Zion, east of Jackson on Hwy. 88. SWAP MEET: The North Hills ARC will hold their annual swap meet at the Bella Vista High School, in Fair Oaks – 8301 Madison Ave. – on Sunday May 21st, 7 am until Noon. Two spaces for \$10 for sellers, buyers free, Free parking, Food and drink available. Several clubs will be selling surplus equipment to raise funds. There will be an ARRL table, stop by and say hello. The club is also planning on a demonstration of all modes of amateur radio, at a public location, on a weekend. More information on that later. Hope to see you at the Swap Meet! SIERRA FOOTHILLS ARC: The club had an excellent, two part article on Coastal Marine Telegraph by Fred Jenkins, K6DGW. I consider Fred a good friend Except during the California QSO Party. He claims I conned him into taking it easy during the contest one year, and I was able to beat his score. (I said it was our anniversary and I would have to take the wife out to dinner – which I did). SFARC hopes to have their Field Day activities at Nyack, in the Sierras, at a mile above sea level. The club helped with communications for two MS Walks. RIVER CITY ARCS: Field Day will be held, again, at Madera Park in Citrus Heights. They are looking for volunteers to help erect the antennas, early Saturday morning and the breakdown on Sunday afternoon. A swap meet will be held later this year. Information on where and when will be available later. Their web site is [www.n6na.org](http://www.n6na.org). Email: [n6na@arrrl.net](mailto:n6na@arrrl.net). GOLDEN EMPIRE ARS: Gears has announced a Technician licensing class and a special test session, using the 2003 Question Pool (changes July 1st), the exam will be given before July and a few days after the end of the course. It lasts 8 weeks, Tuesday from 6 to 9 pm, beginning May 9th through June 27th. The course will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Paradise. Now You're Talking will be the text. For more information or to pre-register contact Randall Stone, K6RCS, at 530-521-1318 or to [k6rcs@randallstone.net](mailto:k6rcs@randallstone.net). The club members provided communications for the Wildflower and Mildflower Century bike rides. In September the club will have demonstrations of amateur radio at the 1st annual Chico Air Show. Their next VE exams will be on June 4th at the Butte County Library. For information contact Gene, WA6ZRT, at 530-345-3515. SHASTA CASCADE ARS: The club is still looking for help from other clubs for the possibility of holding a Sacramento Valley Section Convention. If several clubs worked together it could be a very successful affair. For more information contact Jim Bremer, KK6MM, at 530-222-8001 or [kk6mm@arrrl.net](mailto:kk6mm@arrrl.net). A special guest at the April meeting was Emily Clarke, N1DID, a board member of AMSAT, who has made over 6,000 Satellite contacts. Long time members John and Sue, WA6OZZ and W6SUE have demolished their home and are making room for a new home. SCARS and the Amateur Radio Club of Anderson will combine for field day at the Hat Creek Campground, near Lassen Park and Old Station. MOTHER LODGE DX & CC: Guest speaker at the May 20th meeting in Martell will be Kristen McIntyre, W6WX. The talk will explore the emerging field of Software Defined Radio (SDR), describing the speed and capability of digital signal processors that are rapidly changing. Their June meeting will have Ira Stoler, K2RD, on Identifying, Finding and Eliminating Power Line and other Man Made Noise Sources. A copy of the club's newsletter, The Nugget, by email, can be requested from the editor at [samoian@directcon.net](mailto:samoian@directcon.net). MCOMMWEST: The special ARRL convention was held in Reno and had a good turn-out. Emergency communications was the order of the day, and was discussed widely during the 2 day event. The Reno group has started plans for next years EMCOMMWEST convention. More information will be forthcoming. Check their web site for more information at, [www.emcommwest.org](http://www.emcommwest.org). FIRE: The late rains, and now the warm weather is excellent weather for growing tall weeds and brush. Fire season could start early this year and will be dangerous, due to the dry conditions after the wet winter and spring. Keep those ARES groups on their toes and ready to communicate. Contact your County EC, to help. GOALS: Clubs – increase your membership, interesting programs, promote ARRL membership. Members – promote your club and ARRL memberships, act as an Elmer for new hams, help finance the fight against BPL and the raid on frequencies that the amateur have now. That is about all for this month – later than usual. 73, Jettie, W6RFF

## **San Joaquin Valley**

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for the month of April 2006: 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. An Emergency Coordinator is needed in Merced County. Contact N6ZFN (n6zfn@bak.rr.com) or W6DPD (w6dpd@arrl.org) if you can help. Mark your calendars. The ARRL VHF QSO Party is June 10-12, 2006. Check the May issue of QST for information. Field Day is June 24-25, 2006. The California Historical Radio Society Merced Swap Meet is June 24, 2006 at 9 AM. Check [www.californiahistoricalradio.com/events.html](http://www.californiahistoricalradio.com/events.html) for information and directions. The 64th Fresno Hamfest will be August 5, 2006 at the Satellite Student Union on the CSUF Campus in Fresno. Check [www.w6to.com](http://www.w6to.com) for information. San Joaquin Valley ARS presents the Harvest HamConVention Sept 15-16 in Fresno. Check [www.sjvars.com](http://www.sjvars.com) for information. The 2006 California QSO Party is October 7-8. Check [www.cqp.org](http://www.cqp.org) for information. Pacificon 06 will be October 13-15, 2006 at the San Ramon Marriott. Check [www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org) for information. The International DX Convention is April 27-29, 2007 at Visalia. Check <http://www.dxconvention.org/> for information. 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](http://www.arrl.org) for exam information. You can also search for Amateur Radio Classes in your area. 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. The California Traffic Net meets daily on 3.906 MHZ and 6:30 PM local time. It is my sad duty to report that W9KUP, W6REM, W6YLS, and K6NWP are Silent Keys. They will be missed. On June 9-11, KF6JOQ, Larry, KG6ZBL, Mark and W6WTG, Terry will be going to Santa Cruz Island off the coast of Ventura for a DX Expedition. The island is IOTA NA-144. We will be operating 14.260, 50.130 and also 144.210 SSB during the ARRL VHF contest using the special call sign W6C. QSL Manager is N2OWL. For more information contact Terry, W6WTG at [w6wtg@arrl.net](mailto:w6wtg@arrl.net) or [www.islandchaser.com](http://www.islandchaser.com). Turlock ARC members and Merced Amateurs provided communications support when creeks overflowed their banks during spring rains and early snow melt. TCARES members provided back-up communications for the PAN-FLU exercise in Sonora. The Stockton-Delta ARC will celebrate its 75th anniversary in 2006. The club was formed in 1931. Sierra ARC demonstrated Amateur Radio at the Kern Area Boy Scout Camporall using K2BSA/6. SJV stations placed high in the ARRL 2005 Phone Sweepstakes. WC6H was first, N6EE was second, and WK6I was third. W6UA and K6XJ were on the winning foursome at the golf tournament at the International DX Convention. W6FRH, W6YEP, W6YDE, and W6TE won prizes at the convention. Ralph Saroyan, W6JPU, became a Silent Key on April 5, 2006, about one month after his 88th birthday. He was first licensed in 1933 at the age of 15. He was a 64-year member of ARRL and a Life Member since 1970. He built an adapter to receive SSB on the HRO 60 receiver. An article on the construction of the adapter was published in QST and CQ magazines. He built the first repeater in the Fresno area, on 2 meter AM. He built a solid-state receiver. He was a Life member of ARRL, a member of the A1-OP club and a member of QCWA Fresno Chapter 213. He served as Section Communications Manager for the San Joaquin Valley Section from 1955 to 1976. Ralph was my mentor, and chose me to succeed him as SCM in 1976. Rest in peace friend. Traffic for April: W6DPD 6, K6RAU 14, and N6SUZ 162; Total 182 PSHR K6RAU 62, N6SUZ 100.

## **Roanoke Division**

### **North Carolina**

MONTHLY SECTION NEWS I enjoyed meeting so many of you at the Morganton, Raleigh and

Rockingham County Hamfests and I appreciate the warm welcome I'm receiving from everyone. I look forward to visiting many clubs in the section over the next two years. I have an "ARRL Annual Report" presentation that I'm sharing, so let me know if you'd like me to attend your meeting. I also welcome feedback on what you'd like to see in this Monthly Section News. The email is distributed to over 2,000 ARRL members and I would be happy to publicize your major events.

**YOUTH PROFILE** The hair on the "average" ham may be receding and graying, but there are also outstanding young people involved in our hobby. I will be profiling these emerging leaders occasionally. Billy Pittman, KI4AHA, was first licensed at 14 thanks to the recruiting efforts of the Robeson County ARS. I think Billy is the youngest ARRL appointee in the section. Now 17 and a high school Junior, Billy is an Assistant EC for Robeson County, a Public Information Officer, and Assistant Net Manger for the SENCTN. Billy, like other young people I've met, enjoys EchoLink because it involves both computers and ham radio. He's also active in public service and EMCOMM work and has completed all three ARECC courses. "I really like Field Day because as a Tech it's the only time I can talk a long distance". Billy also enjoys hamfests: "The same group of us 3 guys goes off to hamfests to all the time. We've gone to Raleigh, Fayetteville, Shelby, and Benson. It's always fun.....because you can meet some people you have talked to on the radio and buy some stuff you don't need!" Want to know how to get more young people involved in our hobby? Ask someone like Billy!

**DISCOVERY PLACE NC4DP**, the Amateur Radio Education Center at Discovery Place is a wonderful asset to our hobby. Located in downtown Charlotte, volunteers at the station share the magic of ham radio with dozens of visitors every day. NC4DP has been featured several times in the Charlotte Observer. The Center offers special classes and demonstrations to school children and is active during contests and special events. The well equipped station has worked everyone from King Hussein to astronauts on the space shuttle and International Space Station. I've worked a monthly shift at Discovery Place for years and enjoy the small pileups that start when other hams hear I'm at a museum station. John White, WB2NHQ is station manager and Mac Wood, W4PVT coordinates volunteers. They have openings for operators during the week and on weekends. You can also volunteer to be a fill-in operator, or just come down and have fun for a few hours (bring a copy of your license). Contact [wb4nhq@w4bfb.org](mailto:wb4nhq@w4bfb.org) or [nc4dp@discoveryplace.org](mailto:nc4dp@discoveryplace.org).

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE** Our section Public Information Coordinator, Bill Morine, N2COP and former Wilmington mayor, Ham Hicks, KB4BR continue their efforts to have a PRB-1 bill introduced in the NC legislature. Sen. Julia Boseman has been particularly supportive. In the meantime, Bill's request to have Field Day Week declared "Amateur Radio Appreciation Week" was denied by the governor's office. They have ham radio classified as a "career enhancement" organization and as such, we don't qualify for a proclamation. Bill is working to educate the governor's proclamation committee on amateur radio's role as an important public resource. Thanks to Bill and Ham for their efforts.

**EMCOMM TRAINING** Most of you have heard that the Department of Homeland Security now requires all volunteers, including amateur radio operators, to be certified on the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Courses are available online and free of charge at <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/crslist.asp>. All ARES/RACES members need to take IS-100, IS-100, and IS-700 no later than October 1, 2006. When you complete a course, you will receive a certificate in the mail. Send a copy of all three certificates to your county EC. You can scan these and email them to your EC if you prefer. It's also a good idea to keep copies of your certificates in your vehicle or "go-kit".

**UPCOMING HAMFESTS** DurHAMfest – May 27, [www.dfma.org](http://www.dfma.org); Winston-Salem Hamfest – June 10, [www.w4nc.org](http://www.w4nc.org); Firecracker Hamfest, Salisbury – July 8, [www.w4exu.net](http://www.w4exu.net); Cary Swapfest – July 15, [www.qsl.net/n4nc/](http://www.qsl.net/n4nc/).

**APRIL TRAFFIC** W0UCE 870 (BPL), W4EAT 818 (BPL), K4IWW 194, KI4YV 160, W4UEF 139, AD4XV 135, KE4JHJ 102, W2EAG 99, W4FAL 95, W4DNA 74, WA4OBR 66, KG4YNM 39, KE4AHC 32, NC8D 32, W3HL 30, W4NCD 27, K4RLD 24, KI4AHA 23, W4TTO 21, W4EHF 18, W4LN 6, W4CC 5.

**APRIL PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL** K4RLD 220, W4DNA 210, W4NCD 187, KI4AHA 138, W4EAT 130, W4FAL 130, K4IWW 120, W0UCE 120, NC8D 113, KE4JFJ 110, NC8D 99, KG4YNM 94, W2EAG 90, KI4YV 90, W4TTO 71, W4LN 71.

Greetings to all Amateur Radio Operators. This is Dr. Jim, N2ZZ with the May 2006 South Carolina Section Manager's Report! Please remember that the SC Section website can be found at: [www.arrl-sc.org/](http://www.arrl-sc.org/) where my full SM report will be listed as well as up-to-the-date information on Amateur Radio in South Carolina! I'm happy to report that the HF antennas on the roof of the South Carolina State EOC were successfully replaced on April 18th. Marc Tarplee, N4UFP, TC led the antenna replacement team of Tony Sealy N4ADM, TS; Ron Twining W4RET, EC; and Charlie Miller AE4UX, SEC. Early in the afternoon they were joined by Phil Shreves, N7GZT. After much difficulty, they were able to complete the installation of the new NVIS antennas. Testing showed that the antennas performed well and allowed the team to make contact with stations in the Southeastern US on both 80 and 40 meters. All attempts to make contact with stations heard were successful. Stations in North Carolina, Florida, and South Carolina were contacted on both 80 and 40 meters. Signal reports of 57, 58, and 59 were received. Thanks to all involved in the project! From Jack W4EFZ: The 10th Annual Southeastern VHF Society was held this past weekend (April 27,28, 29) in Greenville, SC at The Embassy Suites Hotel. There were 114 registered attendees from 18 states in attendance. This 3 day event was jam-packed with activities for the 50 MHz thru 47 GHz enthusiast! ARRL President Joel Harrison, N5ZN, opened the conference at noon Friday by welcoming the attendees and speaking for a few minutes about the League's latest efforts concerning BPL. Earlier Friday, attendees went out to the antenna range set up in the hotel parking lot to measure the performance of their commercial or homebrew antennas. The range was set up to measure antennas from 50 MHz thru 2304 MHz. Many participants were able to optimize the performance of that HB antenna! At the same time inside the hotel, measurements were made on HB or commercial pre-amps and RX converters. This year we were able to measure noise figures on pre-amps up thru 24 GHz with the latest Agilent Technologies test instruments. In addition, over 14 hams were on hand to make presentations on a variety of subjects from Microwave Rain Scatter to the latest 903 MHz transverter design. AMSAT was present in force and demonstrated the new Eagle SDX (Software Defined Transponder) which will likely be the basis for most future satellites carrying amateur radio. Flex-Radio was present to update attendees on their wildly successful SDR-1000 Software Defined Radio. Homebrew transverters for 10 GHz, 24 GHz, and 47 GHz were displayed and demonstrated! On Saturday night our annual banquet was held. This year's speaker was Joe Taylor, K1JT. Joe is the author of the phenomenal software WSJT which has revolutionized weak signal work for EME and meteor scatter. Joe was the winner of a Nobel Prize in 1993 for his proof of the existence of Double Pulsars. It was a great honor to have this gentleman in SC and at our conference! There were a large number of SC hams at this year's event. Ben Bailey, W4SC, of Lexington was announced as the winner of the 2006 MiniCircuits RF Design Award! He took home a \$1000.00 cash prize for his efforts. Bruce Randall, WD4JQV, of Rock Hill took 2nd place and a \$250.00 cash prize! The SC hams did very well in the Door Prize department as well with one SC ham taking home an RF Space SDR-14 Software Defined Receiver worth \$1199.00! If you missed this year's event the date has been set for next year, 2007! Look for us in Atlanta, GA, the last weekend in April. Please check our website [www.svhfs.org](http://www.svhfs.org) for the very latest news. The site has already been updated with the latest VHF/UHF/Microwave news for the Southeast. Some pictures of this year's conference can be seen at these links: <http://campus.pari.edu/svhfs/2006/> <http://www.w4dex.com/gallery/SVHFS-Southeastern-VHF-Society-Conference-2006> The Upstate Hamfest was held on May 6th at the Piedmont Interstate Fairgrounds of Spartanburg, SC, sponsored by the Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Society. The weather was excellent, with a number of inside vendors as well as many outside tailgaters. The ARRL forum was held in a round table fashion by Les K4NK, Vice Director Roanoke Division and myself. Many topics were covered, but primarily the discussion centered on the proposed hospital linking system for South Carolina. Many ideas and concerns were voiced. All agreed that a strong groundwork for the system was necessary, and the ARRL-SC team is now working towards that goal. I wish to congratulate Johnnie WA4UGD for winning the South Carolina Sidebender of the Year Award, presented by Jim WB4DLD, Net Manager! It had been a while since the last SC hamfest, and I was happy to see everyone in attendance! This weekend will host the Dayton Hamvention, in Dayton, Ohio! The hamfest will be held on May 19th, 20th and 21st, and details are available at [www.hamvention.org](http://www.hamvention.org). The ARRL will be holding an EXPO

again this year, which was very successful last year. I am planning to attend again this year, and I hope to see a number of South Carolinians at the Hamvention! That's it for this month! See you next month!

**APRIL 2006 NTS REPORT FOR SOUTH CAROLINA** by Mac Heaton N4MEH, STM: NET REPORTS: Net Name/Check Ins/Traffic/Sessions/Reported By Anderson Radio Club 2M Net/872/29/30/N4MEH BRARS 2 Meter Net/2068/65/30/K4SUG Carolina's Net/320/123/60/K4IWW Carolina Slow Net/184/36/30/W4EAT Grand Strand ARC 2M Net/270/25/16/N4XML Greater Pee Dee 2 Meter Net/898/32/30/K4DTT Greenwood ARC 2 Meter Net/83/4/4/W4DEW Greenwood Friendly Net/484/30/30/W4JAK Lancaster County 2 Meter Net/101/14/11/N4WMB Oconee County 2 Meter Net/235/16/12/KE40GG PALS Net/775/122/31/KG4KOE SC Single Sideband Net/1701/91/30/WB4DLD STATION ACTIVITY REPORTS: Station/Sent/Received/Delivered/Originated/Total KA4LRM/4/18/4/0/26 KA4UIV/32/39/10/0/81 N4MEH/7/37/2/0/46 WA4BUO/2/1/1/0/4 WB4DLD/3/30/1/3/37 PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL: Station/Cat 1/Cat 2/Cat 3/Cat 4/Cat 5/Cat 6/Total KA4LRM/40/26/20/0/0/0/86 KA4UIV/20/40/0/0/0/0/60 N4MEH/40/40/20/0/0/0/100 Have a great month! '73 de Dr. Jim N2ZZ

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## Virginia

Section Report- Virginia Section April, 2006 Glen Sage, W4GHS Virginia Section Manger As Virginia Section Manager, I have continued with my efforts to visit clubs across the section. I had reported on my visits to the Virginia Mountain ARC, and the Franklin County ARC in the March report (the visits took place in April). I visited the Roanoke Valley Amateur Radio Club, the Briarpatch ARC, and a combined meeting with the Massanutten Amateur Radio Club along with the Valley Amateur Radio Association. Interest was excellent at each of these visits with packed meeting rooms and lots of questions about future plans for the section. We discussed the ARES program, traffic handling, mentoring, special event stations and an assortment of other interest items. I want to thank the Massanutten and Valley clubs for combining their meeting and allowing my travel to be more fruitful. The section is over 609 highway miles from Cumberland Gap, Virginia to the Eastern Shore. In the future, it would be helpful to meet with multi-clubs to conserve on cost and time involved in travel. With this combined meeting we had between 60 and 70 hams present Renewed interest in traffic and messages handling has grown from these meetings. I have received a message from one EC following a meeting and he plans to focus on traffic handling in future ARES nets. To arrive on site at a disaster and not have a level of comfort in traffic handling and message passing is a real problem. To be a licensed Amateur Radio Operators is not all the qualifications needed to assist in emergencies. I have heard people say, "If we ever have a disaster here, we will have plenty of help, people will be coming out of the woodwork to help out." Warm bodies that are untrained can be part of the problem rather than part of the solution. One major project that is to be a yearlong event is special event stations for the 400th Anniversary of the settlement of Virginia. It is our hope that we can have a special event station at historical sites across the commonwealth throughout 2007. A special event has been planned for Jamestown and Poplar Forest, the second home of Thomas Jefferson. We have enough sites of historical importance that we could operate from a different site every weekend of the year. Our Assistant Section Manager, Woody Thompson, W4TU is coordinating these events. You may contact Woody at 540-254-2770, or [Woodyw4tu@ntelos.net](mailto:Woodyw4tu@ntelos.net) if your club or special interest group has an interest in operating. The section is planning to have certificates for a certain number of sites worked in addition to the QSL or certificates offered by those sponsoring the event. This operation will give Amateur Radio some excellent coverage and will showcase Virginia. Field Day 2006, June 24-25 This event is one of the most popular in Amateur Radio in the US. It affords us the opportunity to test our ability to setup quickly for an emergency operation. This is an ideal time to insure that our generators, solar panels, batteries and emergency equipment are in good operating order. Field Day provides an opportunity for public awareness through news media coverage and setting up in a public location. Invite a public official to visit your site this year. This provides great exposure for ARES as a working partner in emergency

communication with your local agencies. I hope to hear many of you on the air on Field Day! Virginia Section Traffic Manager Report for April NTS Net Activity: Net Name Messages Check Ins Sessions VIRGINIA SIDEBAND NET (VSBN) 62 212 30 VIRGINIA NET EARLY (VNE) 41 109 24 VIRGINIA LATE NET (VLN) 23 34 4 VIRGINIA DIGITAL NET (VDN) 101 12 27 OLD DOMINION EMERGENCY NET (ODEN) 2 0 36 Station Activity Totals: ORS PSHR --- ---- N4ABM 138 90 KV4AN 98 106 AA4AT 81 100 W4CAC 20 85 KB4CAU 14 K4DND 34 88 K0IBS 50 165 K4JM 8 KI4JQB 13 KD4QNA 86 80 K4RCK 29 134 W4TY 11 WB4UHC 12 70 K2VX 216 100 W4YE 17 Monthly Section Emergency Coordinator Report to ARRL Headquarters

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AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE® Total number of Virginia ARES® members: 1029 ARES® Membership change since last month: +13 Number of DEC/ECs Reporting: 59 ARES® NETS Active: 242 NETS with NTS Liaison: 27 Callsigns of Reporting ARES® Leadership KW4USA, WD5DBC, K7BC, KC1AD, WB3AKD, KG4LUO, WA4RTS, N4TIU, KA4YNO, KD4EMU, KS4LB, KG4YXP, W4FEG, WA4KD, WD4KHP, K4GYT, KB6VAA, N4SFG, AF4D, AI4LI, WA2EIN, KS4XO, KC5EJR, K4CES, WA4PGI, KD4CCO, KD4CZE, W4RDX, KM4X, K4BW, KB4MCP, K2DFZ, K4SDC, AC4MB, W4WGT, WW4GW, N3GQ, KD4QNA, KE4BWD, K9SP, KO4WK, W4LLK, KD4KNR, WD0FYV, KC4F, KG4TAX, K4JJS, WB4UHC, N3DFS, KA8TNF, WA4TCJ, KG4PWC, N2NMH, K5SFM, AA4HQ, KD4QIT, KD4OUZ, N5SMQ, AD6JV, K4RMY, AG4DN Number of drills, tests, and training sessions: 82 (1068hrs) Number of public service events: 23 (824hrs) Number of emergency operations: 3 (180hrs) Total number of ARES® operations: 108 (2072hrs) Brad Taylor, KW4USA Virginia SEC Remember, You are the ARRL Glen Sage, W4GHS-Virginia Section Manager

## **Southeastern Division**

### **Southern Florida**

Hello everyone, Most of you are making plans for Field Day. Don't forget two other opportunities to showcase ham radio in June – Kid's Day and Take Your HT to Work Day. The Hello brochures are perfect for all of these events. And speaking of the Hello brochures, take them to Skywarn training events and disaster preparedness expos. We are a community of hams. We teach newcomers, we attend club meetings and address each other on a first name basis. We mourn when one of our own becomes a silent key. Continue to be part of the ham community and attend memorial services for silent keys. Wear club shirts and call sign tags and show the family and friends that we care about our ham radio brothers and sisters. Many of us have never met each other's families – don't leave them wondering who the unknown attendees were. Hams are part of their communities and one place in our section makes that very evident. In Miami-Dade the local hams clean up the Value Jet Crash Memorial at least once a year. Recently, they made a special effort to remove weeds, tall grass and litter from the site in time for the gathering of the victims' families on the anniversary of the crash. Hats Off to those hams who battled heat and bugs to get the job done. SOAPBOX The ARRL is more than just QST and other publications, an affordable way to exchange foreign QSL cards, and this monthly e-mail. It is a national organization that lobbies Congress, assists amateurs with technical and regulatory problems, and a network of Field Organization volunteers that work hard to make your ham radio experience a great one. These Field Organization volunteers are appointed by the Section Managers and the ARRL Board of Directors and they have willingly offered their time and talents to assist you and other radio amateurs. The appointees serve under the direction of the Section Manager and the ARRL Board, not by vote of the local club. What do the appointees do? The Public Information Officers and Official Bulletin Stations keep you abreast of rules changes and events that are important to you. Official Emergency stations assist the county Emergency Coordinators with training and communications needs. Local Government Liaisons



work with local government officials and keep you informed of pending changes that might affect your ability to have an outside antenna. Official Observers assist you with the quality of your signal, remind you of rules, and even issue good operator reports. Technical Specialists assist with RFI problems or equipment and antenna issues. These are only some of the appointments and some of the duties that these hard-working folks spend many hours doing on your behalf. Next time you see them wearing an ARRL badge at a hamfest or you meet them at the local club meeting tell them thank you and ask how you can help. You can obtain information about ARRL appointments at the following web link:

<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/REPORTS> SFL SAR Reports for April 2006 KA4FZI 617, K4FQU 177, KE4UOF 117, WA4EIC 106, AI4GE 61, WA2YL 41, N3OZP 40, AA4BN 37, K9GZT 12, W4WYR 9, KI4KQQ 8, AF4NR 8, K4OVC 5, K3QC 3

===== SFL PSHR Reports for April 2006 K4FQU 125, KA4FZI 120, KE4UOF 120, WA4YL 110, WA4EIC 100, AA4BN 81, AI4GE 80, N3OZP 80, W4DKB 23

===== Bulletin Report from David Smith KE4UEI: Recd 19, Sent 5, Total 24 =====

SFL Net Reports for April 2006 Florida Amateur Sideband Traffic Net FAST 30 196 40 KC4ZHF/K4SCL Florida Medium Speed Net FMSN 30 212 47 AG4RJ/AB4XK Jupiter-Tequesta Repeater Group JTRG 4 60 16 KF4NJB Martin County Amateur Radio Association MCARA 4 26 5 KE4UEI Palm Beach County ARES Net PBCAN 4 71 15 KG4PFY Saint Lucie Repeater Association SLRA 5 31 5 KE4UEI Southern Florida ARES Net SFAN 3 25 1 AF4NR Southeast Florida Traffic Net SEFTN 60 663 105 AG4RJ/AI4GE Southwest Florida Traffic Net SWFTN 25 351 115 K4FQU Anyone can do it. Somebody should do it. Often Nobody does it. Be Anyone and Somebody and just do it. Sign up for bulletins and newsletters from ARRL. Post this and other items from ARRL on club reflectors. Take news items from the ARRL web pages to the local meetings or the local nets and discuss them. Remember everyone does not have online access on a daily basis. We are busy people in this century and if Somebody brings an item of interest to you that you missed in your busy day perhaps you can be the Anyone who reciprocates next week. Stay safe and stay prepared. It is wildfire season and tropical storm season begins in a few weeks. 73, Sherri, W4STB

## **Southwestern Division**

### **Arizona**

ARIZONA SECTION NEWS May 2006 CLUBS We have a new club in the state, the City of Glendale Radio Club, KD7HJN. They are looking for volunteers to assist the City of Glendale in providing emergency communications. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Rick Aldom W7STS Section Emergency Coordinator has wanted a secure emergency communications webpage. Our old website from qsl.net was getting really slow and it did not have secure folders. Rick worked with Jim Hoff N7XXX and they found a website that was faster and had secure folders. Check out the new website at <http://www.az-arrl.org/> Rick will be announcing the details shortly. I want to thank Luis Martinez KD7GMK for maintaining the previous website. SILENT KEYS Mark Miner, N3BU passed away on Thursday April 13th. I had just been over to his house the Sunday before to help him with an interference problem on HF. Mark was a member of the ARRL, Motorola and Catalina Radio Club. He had been active as a volunteer examiner. Mark also sang lead and baritone and played rhythm guitar for the BluegrAz Express band. Richard Scheier Sr, KC7AV Tucson Arizona passed away March 24th. Robert "Larry" Warren KF7TJ passed away Friday, April 28. Larry had been the Chief of Army MARS. Larry has served as both Vice President and Material Director for Cochise Amateur Radio Association, CARA, and was also an active member of both MARS and RACES. NEW HAMS The following hams just received their FCC license, Congratulations! Johnne Ables KE7HGL, Darrel Anthony AD7ID, Pasquale Benedetto KE7GVY, Richard Bohman KE7GWF, Jay Bonzani KE7GSC, Tel Brogdon KE7GRT, Bruce Byram KE7GWG, Frank Cadell KE7GUS, Scott Compton KE7GRZ, Sherman Crawford KE7HER, Henry Cribbs Iii KE7HFL, Deryl Dunn KE7GRX, Norman Evans KE7HGK, Robert N French KE7GRY, Craig Gardner KE7GUJ, Raymond Hall KE7HET, Kristina Hall KE7GVW,

Clark Halls KE7GVB, Kenneth Henson KE7GVX, Robert Hilderbrand KE7GTN, Gerald Jacques KE7GYM, Surani Joshua KE7HGI, Andrew Kimmerly KE7GSR, Leland Lehr KE7GUM, Richard Lubin KE7GRW, Peter Maireder KE7HBU, Kurt Markkola KE7HEV, Alfred Mayor KE7GYN, David McCormick Ii KE7GSF, Norlis Mckay KE7HCD, Jennifer Mcneil KE7GWE, Michael Mcneill AD7HZ, Evelyn Mitchell KE7GUT, David Moore KE7GWD, Tip Moses KE7GYO, Mary Ann Moses KE7GYP, Jeffrey Nicholson KE7GUL, Thomas Robinson KE7HGJ, James Ryan KE7GRV, Channing Schoneberger KE7HES, Ryan Stinnitzke KE7HEU, Michael Stouffer Ii KE7HCE, Alan Thibodeau KE7GTO, Mike Thomas KE7HFE, Kerry Thurber KE7GUK, Douglas Todd KE7GYQ, Steven Vanosdall KE7GSA, George Vasquez Jr KE7GUR, Monica Voorhees KE7GUQ, Damien Watkins KE7GRS, Reece Watkins KE7GRU, Joseph Wetherington KE7GUI, David Wolf KE7GVZ and Christa Worden KE7GRR HAMFESTS DeVry Hamfest April 8, 2006 was a great hamfest. What a turnout. I think everyone that missed the soggy Scottsdale Hamfest went to the DeVry Hamfest. It was good to see everyone there. Sierra Vista Hamfest May 6, 2006 sponsored by the Cochise Amateur Radio Association. Talk-In: 146.76 (PL 162.2), Contact: Pat Thies, KD7HAB 520 227-0142 Email: patkd7hab@aol.com <http://www.arca-az.org/arca/main/CARA%20Fest.htm>. ARCA meeting is at 11am. See you there. White Mountain Hamfest June 3 2006 hosted by the Kachina Amateur Radio Club Show Low Intermediate School, Old Linden Rd, Show Low, AZ. <http://www.whitemountainhamfest.com> Arizona State Convention July 7-9, 2006 sponsored by ARCA in Williams Arizona. The ARCA staff have listened to all of your suggestions and they have come thru with many improvements for the hamfest. They have fully graveled the RV lots, installed a new canopy over the rodeo grandstand, and added more RV spaces. There is now free wireless internet access, shuttle service and improved parking. For more information go to [http://www.arca-az.org/arca/SPECIAL\\_EVENTS](http://www.arca-az.org/arca/SPECIAL_EVENTS) First Annual 7th Area QSO Party, to be held May 6-7, 2006 <http://www.codxc.com/new/Page.asp?Content=dryland7s> Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about ARRL. If your club or group has an activity or event that would be of interest to other hams throughout our section please email me with the specifics. 73, Tom Fagan WB7NXH ARRL Section Manager Arizona Tucson Arizona 520 574-1129 wb7nxh@arrl.org <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=AZ> <http://www.az-arrl.org/>

## **West Gulf Division**

### **Oklahoma**

Topics OKC Memorial Marathon Salute Message from OK Section Emergency Coordinator Mike-N5KEY Woodward, Guymon, Durant, McCurtain County and Norman K5LIL SK Traffic Report Upcoming Events OKC Memorial Marathon Salute Many thanks to all who gave to support to this April 30 event. Out of sight in relation to Amateur Radio performance, public service and positive feedback from event organizers. Greetings from Mike Key-N5KEY OK Section Emergency Coordinator HELLO TO ALL! : I WILL TAKE JUST A COUPLE OF LINES TO INTRODUCE MYSELF. I AM MIKE KEY -N5KEY, THE NEW SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR FOR OKLAHOMA. I AM AN EXTRA CLASS, AND HAVE BEEN LICENSED SINCE 1971. WE ARE GOING TO TRY SOME NEW STRUCTURING IN THE ORGANIZATION OF ARES IN OKLAHOMA. WE ARE APPOINTING SIX NEW ASSISTANT SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATORS, WHICH WILL BE KNOWN AS ZONE EMERGENCY COORDINATORS. THEY WILL BE ASSIGNED ZONES IN NW , SW, NE, AND SE OKLAHOMA, AS WELL AS ONE IN THE GREATER OKLAHOMA CITY METRO AREA AND THE GREATER TULSA AREA. INTERSTATE 35 AND INTERSTATE 40 WILL DEFINE THE ZONES BORDERS, ROUGHLY. MY CONTACT INFORMATION IS KEY@OUTDRS.NET OR N5KEY@ARRL.NET. HOME, 580-223-5647. ADDRESS IS P.O. BOX 38 OVERBROOK, OKLAHOMA 73453. Woodward, Guymon, Durant McCurtain County and Norman Goodness what geographical spread! But what great people and places these are that grace our state and perform tremendous public service via Amateur Radio. What a blessing to have these fine folk in the Oklahoma Section. Sure enjoyed the Tri-State ARG Hamfest in Woodward with good presentations,

interactions, and fun. Thanks to N5KEY and N0IRW, Section Emergency Coordinator and Public Information Coordinator, respectively for attending and discussing their areas with the attendees. A recent trip to Guymon resulted in a great meeting with the newly League affiliated Dustbowl ARC. Many thanks to Austin-KB5IIM and George-KY5C for their facilitation and hosting. Austin was presented his public information officer League appointment certificate which was initiated by Kevin-N0IRW. A wonderful around the horn discussion of the strengths and challenges of Amateur Radio was held. Being true hams, the gathering deferred to a local diner for continued conversation. Good things are a happening in Durant, as well! The Durant Amateur Repeater Association (DARA) has recently completed an application to become a League affiliated club. Looks like a celebration will be here soon for this accomplishment! Recognition to the club for their public service and move to affiliation. It does matter...we are stronger when represented by a common bond to our National Association. The following from Joe-K5BQG, k5bqg@arrl.net Phone (580) 924-3348 The Durant Amateur Repeater Association will again participate in the Magnolia Festival of Oklahoma. The festival starts June 2nd and continues thru June 3rd 2006. Activities include Antiques, Quilt displays, Food, Beauty Pageants, Children programs, Stage Entertainment, The Choctaw Fancy Dancers and Amateur Radio Display. The DARA will provide radiogram traffic into and out of the festival along with a demonstration of Echolink operation. In conjunction with the Durant Office of Emergency Management, the DARA will help with communication in and around the festival. This is for the whole family so feel free to come on over to Durant and enjoy the festival. Yes, kudos to our amigos in SE Oklahoma including McCurtain County for extending and performing needed Amateur Radio activities in their communities. It was enjoyable to meet Harold-W5HLB and his wife Mildred-KD5SAS at the Green Country Hamfest 2006. Great couple who care about the ARRL and their role in Amateur Radio to include the McCurtain County Amateur Radio club. You guessed it...their club is also completing paper work to get League connected! Power in numbers? You bet your operating capabilities it is! The South Canadian Amateur Radio Society (SCARS) in Norman was presented their Special Service Club certificate on May 13. Holy smoke (the meeting was in a fire station) is that a robust energetic group! If SCARS does not write the book on public service, they pen a chapter or two. Very enjoyable time and thanks to Coy-N5OK for joining in the festivities. Credit to Bill-KD5DOB for prompting the meeting and being a good steward of the agenda. Ed- K5LIL SK We recently lost a good friend in K5LIL. Coy-N5OK, West Gulf Director, respectfully writes the following about Ed: I've known Ed since the early 1960's when we used to bump heads in DX pile-ups. He was an avid DXer having been licensed in 1956, the best I can recall. In the 70's he had reached the top of the honor roll. I would see Ed from time to time at some of the DX meetings around OKC. When I asked him how he was doing he always said that he was waiting on another new one so that he would have something to chase. Ed was one of the first members of the Oklahoma DX Association and was a strong supporter. He was a great example of what could be done from a standard city lot. It was his operating skill, not his great antennas that got him to the top. In his later years he wasn't able to maintain a tower and beam, so he settled for a Oklahoma Traffic Report by Arlyn-KK5GY April 2006 Public Service Honor Roll O.C.- WA5OUV, Arlyn-KK5GY and Sam-W5CU Station Activity Reports Cecil-KI5LQ O.C.-WA5OUV Arley-WB5NKC Pat-WB5NKD Arlyn-KK5GY, Sam-W5CU January - April Totals Sessions-889 Stations-9654 Traffic-4222 Nice totals for the first four months of 2006. Keep up the great effort! Kindly send your reports to kk5gy@arrl.net Upcoming Events \*West Gulf Convention-Ham Comm 2006 June 9-10 Plano, TX [www.hamcom.org](http://www.hamcom.org) \*ARRL Field Day -- 1800Z Jun 24 to 2100Z Jun 25 (see May QST, p 105). \*Oklahoma State Convention July 14-15 Oklahoma City Contact ne5s@arrl.net Oklahoma City, OK Oklahoma Expo Hall Oklahoma State Fairgrounds <http://www.hamholiday.org/> \*League sanctioned event God loves you.. 73, John

## **South Texas**

When you read this Dayton will be over. We should hear a lot of new rigs on the air. I understand the new equipment display tables have all been sold out for Hamcom. We should hear a lot of new rigs on

the air this year. I have talked with several groups that have purchased new equipment for jump kits to be used for the upcoming Hurricane season. I'm so glad to see the interest in public service. Last year changed a lot of hams thinking about public service. There is one thing that we can hope is that this season won't be as bad as last year. The weather prediction is that it will be worse. One thing is the fact that we had no winter and the Gulf waters didn't have a chance to cool down. One thing they did say that the East Coast would have a bad season which we have already seen some heavy flooding in the East. I hope to see some of you at the 7290 and Texas Traffic net picnic May 27. I will be speaking at 12:30 on the ARRL today. Have a great month. God Bless our Troops and America. Ray N5NAV

# Section News for May 2006

## Atlantic Division

### Southern New Jersey

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY NEWSLETTER FOR JUNE 2006 SECTION MANAGER, JEAN PRIESTLEY, KA2YKN This week we celebrated Flag Day. I want to thank Betsy Ross and all those back in the day for giving us a wonderful symbol of our love of a great nation. Whether we call our flag "Old Glory", "Stars and Stripes" or "Grand Ole Flag", we experience a sense of pride when we see it or a lump in the throat when a patriot song starts. We have a great group of folks fighting for our freedom and this fact has come home with the knowledge that our nephew, Robert, will be going to Iraq in September. Until you personally know someone, it does not have the same impact as when you hear the news that "Robert is going in September". I want to say thanks to all the families and military folk who put their lives on the line to keep us free. The Battleship was recently visited by Bill Edgar, the Atlantic Division Director and he was also able to spend some time in the BNJARS radio room. He was quite impressed by the little tidbit facts that went into the building and workings of the shack. He did not leave without taking many pictures. After leaving the shack, Bill went on one of the tours of the Battleship New Jersey. The Battleship is still going through the setting up of displays. The most recent one I have heard about is the Bob Hope display of the years Bob spent time on her boosting the moral of military personnel. Bob's love of and dedication to the military was beyond our imagination and this display will honor that dedication to a giant of a man. Bob was always about helping people and in addition to all his trips to visit our boys overseas, he was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, a lodge that raised money for several charities. Bob was always there to do a show to raise money. The Museum Ships weekend event report is very impressive. There were 21 BNJARS members who participated over a 2-day period and the stations logged a total of about 470 contacts on HF and VHF. We logged 43 states and 11 countries and made contact with 15 others ships. This is a once a year activity. It is a lot of fun and especially for those who may have served on one of the ships. QST Contributing Editor John Dilks, K2TQN, wins VWOA Award. He received the Marconi Memorial Award from the Veteran Wireless Operators Assn "for his persevering efforts over the past 15 years in collecting, restoring, displaying and demonstrating the operation of vintage radio equipment" the award plaque reads. His published writings of radio history preserve the memories of all radio and wireless pioneers." Congratulations John. This is my last chance to remind you that this coming weekend is Field Day. It is a big day for Amateur Radio. If you can't get on at a Field Day site, get on at home. If you work days, get on at night for an hour. Field Day is 24 hours around the clock. If you can work it on the radio, help you club set on Friday or Saturday morning. You could be the guy or girl who works on the PR for you club. Whatever you are able to do will be appreciated. If you are planning to work the 2006 MS-150 City to Shore Bike Tour now is the time to sign. Signing up early will help insure you first choice of location. It will also let the people running the event know where they are at for people working the event. For more information, contact Charlie, W3WF at w3wf@aol.com or at 610-970-4667. In August the 47th Annual New Jersey QSO Party will be on Aug 19 thru August 20. For more information please the Englewood Amateur Radio Assn at Box 528, Englewood NJ 07631-0528. Stations planning active participation in New Jersey are requested to advise EARA by Aug 1 of you intentions so that we may plan for full coverage from all counties. Portable and mobile operation is encouraged. If Hamfests are what you are looking for, look no further than New Jersey. The East Coast Long Wire Association will start the season with a hamfest in North Wildwood on August 27. It is indoors and outdoors. For info contact Duke, KC2DUX or check QST. In September mark Sept 17 on your calendar for the Gloucester County Hamfest in Mullica Hill. Tailgating is FREE and the Pavilion spots are \$10 each and entrance fee is again \$6. DXCC/VUCC/WAS card will be checked and VEC Testing will be available. In October in West Windsor, NJ, Delaware Valley Radio Association will

hold the second Hamfest on October 8. Me friends and find those long looked for items. Section Traffic report for May Traffic manager, K2UL, Dan Ostroy SNJ/NNJ Section Net Reports QNI reports NJM 74 N2GJ NJPN 173 W2CC NJSN 162 K2PB NJN(E) 214 AG2R NJN(L) 157 AG2R (the above nets are dual section nets of both SNJ and NNJ. Liaisons with 2RN) SNJ Local Net Reports JSARS 205 W2HOG SJTN 41 KB2RTZ SJVN 161 WB2UVB Station Activity Reports (SAR) WB2UVB 68 K2GW 47 K2UL 30 AA2SV 19 WA2CUW 18 W2QOB 13 K2RET 1 Public Service Honor Roll (PSHR) WB2UVB 280 K2UL 110 K2GW 013 N2HQL 87 KA2YKN 73 The next time you see a military person in uniform, stop and think, "he is someone's son or Daddy" Take a moment the go up to him and thank him or her for the contribution they make to insure our freedom. Take another moment to reflect on what he may have gone thru for you and he don't even know you or me. Now, take another moment out of your busy day to do the same for a Vet. What war did he service in? What is his life like now? What did he give and may still be giving for the future of you children or grandchildren? Lou and I recently went to a reunion for those who had served on the carrier MIDWAY which is now a museum ship. There were more than 50 guys who were in his division and it was very good to see them again but it was also enlightening to see how their lives are now. A few are now deceased or very ill. They were all vets with a story to tell. If you get the opportunity, sit down and listen to some of those stories. You will be amazed but more important they will have had a chance to tell someone of their feelings and concerns. Every story is important and unique.

## **Central Division**

### **Illinois**

The Metro Amateur Radio Club provided communications for the the 21st annual Leaning Tower YMCA Tower Triathlon and it was a rousing success, with over 200 participants. Club members Army Borensten, W9FO, Gilbert Books, N9WCR, Scott Irwin, W8UFO, Phil Lejman, K9FH, and Gary Schneider, KA9OBZ along with fellow amateur Bill Prize, KB9YEK, provided communications along the 1/4 mile swim, 18K bicycle ride and 5K run. The amateurs were the eyes on the course for the YMCA, providing information regarding items lost on the course, volunteers needing transportation back to the YMCA, and problems with participants on the course. They also provided timing support by letting net control know when they saw the first cyclist, the last cyclist, the first runner, and the last runner on the course. Timing officials also used the amateurs to gauge race progress by how many participants were going by their locations. Congratulations goes to Western Illinois ARC member Donald Owens, KB9WFC, for being awarded a scholarship from the Adams County Home Extension. Donald has just finished JWCC and will be going to SIU at Edwardsville this fall. Donald also upgraded to General last spring. It is with deep regret that I report the passing of a long-time STARS member. Tom Jesso, WB9EIL, has become a SK. At his request there was no visitation. On May 25th Governor Rod Blagojevich proclaimed June 2006 as AMATEUR RADIO MONTH in Illinois, and encouraged all citizens to recognize the services this state's amateur radio operators provide in keeping our communities safe. Done at the Capatol in Springfield and signed by both the Governor and Secretary of State, Jesse White, this proclamation, numbered 188, was received by Pat Ryan, KC6VVT, Illinois Section Emergency Coordinator. Pat received this proclamation on behalf of the more than 22,000 amateur radio operators residing in Illinois, and its many emergency communications teams. The Starved Rock Radio Club will exhibit a copy of this proclamation at their annual Field Day event at Shabbona Park, and later at its facilities in Leonore. The original proclamation is in the hands of Division Director, Dick Isely, W9GIG. I mentioned Field day--yes it is coming. This is an exercise to test operators' abilities to set up and operate portable stations under emergency conditions such as the loss of electricity. This exercise is a serious test of skill, but it is also a contest for fun and the largest "on-air" operating event each year. I hope that everyone can get to their local Field Day site and operate for a short time to help build your skill This is my last Section News Summary--next month Tom Ciciora, KA9QPN, will be writing the summary. Congratulations to Tom on winning the SM election.

Thanks to Ron Morgan, KB9NW for running also, and being willing to serve. I would like to thank my Section cabinet who have worked to forward ARRL in the section for the last four years--the ASM's, KB9NW, W9FX, and KB9ZGZ (youth); ACC, K9KQB, SEC, KC6VVT, SGL, K9DUE, STM, K9CNP, Pic, KB9WPT, TC, WA9IL, and OOC, KB9FBI. You all have made my job easier. Also thanks to the many DEC's and EC's who have signed on to help with emergency communications. Thanks to those of you who sent in the traffic reports each month on time. Thanks also to W9GIG and K9KM for being the kind of director and vice-director you are. I have had a great time as SM going to hamfests and club meetings and the highlight of my job has been meeting all of the people throughout the state. That is the very best. Good luck to Tom as he takes over on July 1, and be sure to greet him at the upcoming hamfests: July 9th, FRRL Hamfest at Aurora Central High School. Contact person: Dean Holste, KC9EOQ. Email: hamfest@frrl.org. July 16 Karsfest, Kankakee Area Radio Society, Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone IL. Contact person: John Arrington, WD9AYI. Email: bhn22d@ameritech.net May traffic: WB9TVD-10; KA9IMX-12; W5DTR-21-PSHR 71. II Phone Net-QNI-161, QTC-18, SESSIONS 27. II Emergency Net-QNI-43, QTC-4, SESSIONS-4. North Central Phone Net-QNI-195, QTC-18, 324 minutes in 23 SESSIONS.

## Indiana

Condolances to the Family and Friends of these individuals who became a Silent Key during the month of May: Gordon Kohler K9QKE, Chesterton, May 14; Ronald A. Zimmerman KB9AIW, Connersville May 17. Ron lost his life while traveling in a military convoy in Afghanistan. He was on duty helping train police officers there. Ron was a Sergeant on the Connersville Police Department. These individuals will be missed. Jim McDonald KB9LEI Public Information Officer in Muncie reports that the MAARC started a technician radio class with 19 students. Several other individuals are studying independently due to school conflicts. Carl Zager KB9RVB, EC for Monroe County (Bloomington) reports a Public Service event. May 20th for the National Science Olympiad at Indiana University. 23 amateurs participated. Major participants were KC9EVU, KB9RVB, WA9CWT, KB9UVW and KC9AXA. A total of 906.8 person-hours of activity was reported. Also, on May 20th, members of the Wabash Valley ARA provided communications support for the Terre Haute Triathlon. Total person hours reported 84. Major participants were N9FMD, N9YNF, KC9BZG, KC9DRS, KB9NLJ, WB9WVG, K9GBO, KB9RUP, KG9GS, PB9PIE, AB9GI, and KC9GWT. The total number of public service events reported during May was 18, with a total person-hours of 1067.84! On July 8th, at the Indianapolis Hamfest at Camp Sertoma, there will be a forum on Emergency Communications(see the hamfest flyer for times). The forum is open to all who are interested in Emergency Communications. Section Emergency Coordinator Dave Pifer N9YNF will be the host for this forum. Field Day will be coming up over the weekend of June 24-25. Here is your opportunity to work with you club/ARES group to try our emergency communications techniques. I hope you will participate in some way. The following ECs reported much activity during May: KB9RVB(Monroe County); KB9OLZ(Starke County); N9JPX (Morgan County); N9RKY(LaPorte County); KC9EGN(Vigo County); KB9BBI(Elkhart County); KC9HZJ(Warrick County); WB9EFH(Vanderburgh County). If your EC is not mentioned here, then he/she needs to send a report to our SEC David Pifer N9YNF n9ynf@arrl.net. For the complete run-down on activities, check out the SEC report on the Indiana ARRL website under "Monthly SEC Report" [www.inarrl.org/inarec\\_monthly\\_report.html](http://www.inarrl.org/inarec_monthly_report.html) How are your CW traffic handling skills?? Remember that the Indiana Section CW traffic net meets daily at 1330 and 2300Z (09:30am and 7:00 pm local time) on 3656 KHz. The NCSs are very patient with new CW traffic handlers. Stop by and listen, or better yet, Check-In. The use of "Q" signals is not difficult and is encouraged. The QIN net co-managers are Newt KJ9J, and Dick K9PUI. The following VHF/UHF Net Managers reported their net's activity during May: KC9BHI, N9HJJ, KE9WI, WD9HTN(2), KB9UAG, WA9PSV, KF9EX, WB9RVN, KB9NTG, WD9BKA, WB9NCE, KA4HWW, W9THD, KC9EGN, and KA9QWC.. If you do not see your VHF/UHF Net Manager's callsign here, than no report of your net's activity was sent to our Indiana Section VHF/UHF Net Manager, John Kinley KC9BHI <kc9bhj@arrl.net>. Many thanks

to all those who sent reports of activities and local happenings in their areas. If you have news of interest, get the information to me by the 10th of the month following the event. I'll see you at Camp Sertoma on July 8th. May Section Net Activity: NET FREQ DAILY TIMES (UTC) QNI QTC QTR SESS ITN 3910 KHZ 1230/2030 2473 91 1168 59 QIN 3656 KHZ 1330/2300 246 87 989 52 ARES 3910 KHZ 4TH SUN/MO @ 1200Z 10 0 8 1 HOOSIER VHF NETS 16 REPORTING 1111 15 1932 84 HOOSIER DIGITAL NETS (?) 37 0 - - 92 May ORS Traffic Reports: KJ9J 89, K9PUI 64, WA9JWL 53, K9GBR 41, AB9AA 22, N9HM 17, WB9NCE 7. May Public Service Honor Roll Reports CALLSIGN 1 2 3 4 5 6 TOTAL WA9JWL 40 40 10 20 15 0 125 James S. Sellers K9ZBM Indiana Section Manager

## Wisconsin

WISCONSIN: SM: Don Michalski, W9IXG, SEC: KB9ENO, STM: K9LGU, SGL: AD9X, OOC: N9VE, PIC: KB9NUM, TC: K9GDF, BM: WB9NRK, ACC: N9LVS ASM: K9UTQ, W9DGI, N9VE. \*\* With regret, I am notifying you of the passing of this Amateur: -- George Toppe, W9QFL, 96. George was an amateur since 1927 and a member of Rock River Radio Club. \*\* Field Day is approaching! We are looking forward to receiving your messages. Remember, a formal NTS message sent to me or SEC, KB9ENO, is good for 100 points! Also, if you wish to have a pdf or jpg copy of the Governor's Proclamation designating Field Day weekend as Amateur Radio Operator Recognition Days, let me know which format you want. I recommend every club put it on public display at your FD site. Requests must be made before June 17. FD rules can be found on this site: <http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/06-fd-Rules.pdf> \*\* KIDS DAY... The next ARRL Kid's Day event is June 17th. Kid's Day is intended to encourage young people (licensed or not) to enjoy Amateur Radio. It can give young people hands-on on-the-air experience so they might develop an interest in pursuing a license in the future. It is intended to give hams a chance to share their station with their children. The hours are 1800 to 2400Z. The suggested exchange is: Name, age, location and favorite color. You are encouraged to work the same station again if an operator has changed. Call "CQ Kid's Day." Suggested Frequencies are 28350 to 28400 kHz, 21380 to 21400, 14270 to 14300 kHz and 2-meter repeater frequencies with permission from your area repeater sponsor. Observe third party traffic restrictions when making DX QSOs. Full rules available at this site: <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/kd-rules.html> \*\* Our thanks to all the Wisconsin Amateurs who participated in the 2006 Great Midwest Relay foot race from Madison to Chicago by way of Milwaukee. A special thanks to the all the organizations who were contacted and gave permission to use their repeaters. It was appreciated. The voice and Winlink digital traffic was invaluable. The feedback from the participants was positive and grateful for the safety net provided to them. \*\* The West Allis Radio Amateur Club held The Radio Merit Badge class on Saturday, May 13th, was a big success. Twenty-three Scouts attended the class and all of them passed the test. Thanks to Tom, K9BTQ, Lynn, K9KR, Dick, W9JBE, Phil, W9NAW, Ron, KA9JCP, and Tom, WI9TOM for making this event happen. And a special thank you to Gerry Kendzior, W9AR, who brought up this opportunity and did most of the organizing. \*\* Wisconsin Section STM Report May 2006 FAQ # 56 Anything special about Field Day traffic I should know? There are two good ways to earn bonus points with traffic on Field Day. Rule 7.3.5. allows for 100 bonus points for originating a message to the Section Manager (W9IXG) or Section Emergency Coordinator (KB9ENO). The message should be in National Traffic System (NTS) style. It should include the club name, number of participants, Field Day location, and number of ARES operators involved with your station. The message must be transmitted during the Field Day period and a fully serviced copy of it, in standard ARRL NTS format, must be included in your submission,. Not only that! If your FD station handles a FD message during the event, you can add 10 bonus point for each message you relay up to 100 points. That means handling a message is equal to working ten more stations! Copies of those messages should be included with your log as well. Obviously, trained traffic handlers will do this more easily, but it could be an excellent learning opportunity - especially for newer Hams. I hope to hear lots of traffic being handled on Field Day. After all, one of the main objects is to operate in abnormal situations in less



than optimal conditions with an emphasis on developing skills to meet the challenges of emergency preparedness. 73 - K9LGU/ STM - WI WISCONSIN SECTION MONTHLY NET ACTIVITY SUMMARY May 2006 NET QNI QTC QTR SSNS NM BWN 2009 2529 5165 31 W9IXG BEN 500 24 840 30 KE9VU WSBN 712 68 1100 31 K9FHI WNN 150 14 264 24 KB9ROB WSSN 157 20 299 28 N9JIY WIN/E 136 27 272 30 WB9ICH WIN/L 149 38 301 31 W9UW WRACES 84 1 159 4 N9VAO TOTALS 3897 2721 8400 209 \*\* Next month, I hope to have the results of the WIQP for you! 73, Don, W9IXG

## Dakota Division

### Minnesota

ARRL MINNESOTA SECTION REPORT MAY 2006 SUMMARY FROM SM ++ The MN section ARES and Traffic summaries are enclosed below. ++ See the ARRL Section web site for up-to-date information and bulletins. ++ Have a great field day and stay safe. Go to the section webpage for a link to the ARRL Field Day Bulletin Schedule. Remember to follow the rules for generating bonus point traffic to the SM or the SEC. These rules are posted also on the MN section webpage. ++ I am looking for authors for articles of regional or club interest to include in the section news. Please contact your SM if you want to contribute your writings and / or your opinions. ++ Support your local hamfests. Check the ARRL site for details. ++ We are always looking for ARES volunteers for members and EC positions. Respectfully submitted by Skip Jackson, ks0j, MN SM MN SEC REPORT FOR MAY 2006 Total number of ARES members reported: 223 Change since last month: County EC's reporting: Cook (KBØBDN), Dakota (ABØXE), Itasca (KGØFD), Lac Qui Parle (KCØQED), Lincoln (WDØBZU), Lyon (WDØBZU), Redwood (KAØISD), Scott (NØBHC), St. Louis-North (WDØGUF), St. Louis-South (KBØLC), Wadena (KØJO), Washington (KCØOIO) Local Net Names: CCART, River Valley, SEMARC, Scott County, Chisago County, Carver County, Washington County, Forx Valley Monday Night Net, Mankato Area Radio Club Emergency Services Net, Marshall Emergency Net, Redwood County, Wadena Area Hamnet, Northern Lakes Radio, NE MN Public Service, SE St. Louis Emergency Service, Dakota County ARES Total sessions: 140 NTS liaison is maintained with the MN Section, Tenth Region, and NTSD Traffic Nets by NØUC Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month: 7 Person hours: 131 Number of public service events this month: 8 Person hours: 62 Number of emergency operations this month: 7 Person hours: 150 Total number of ARES operations this month: 22 Total Person hours: 343 District 6: A test performed for the Minnesota Department of Health was organized and conducted by Dick Roberts, NØUC, District 6 DEC. The purpose of the test was to determine the ability of amateur radio to send and receive messages between the State's emergency operations center and two outlying Department of Public Health offices and certain hospitals. The test showed that Amateur Radio was able to deliver and respond to most of the messages via prearranged voice channels. The test demonstrated the need for more planning between the department and ARES. Respectfully submitted by: Frank Karnauskas N1UW, MN SEC MN STM REPORT FOR MAY 2006 NET FREQ TIME QNI/QTC/SESS MGR ~~~ ~~~~ ~~~~ ~~~~ ~~~~ MSPN/E 3860 5:30 P WOØA MSPN/N 3860 12 P WAØTFC MSSN 3710 6 P N/A VACANT MSN/1 3605 6:30 P KØWPK MSN/2 3605 9:50 P kØwpk PAW 3925 9A-5P KAØIZA/ waØtfc MONTHLY STATION ACTIVITY REPORTS (SAR) STATION ORIG. REC'D. SENT DLVD. TOTAL BPL NO.OPS. ~~~~~ ~~~~~ ~~~~~ ~~~~~ ~~~~~ WAØTFC 0 91 46 0 137 WØLAW 0 46 67 3 116 KAØRMP 1 17 45 5 68 KØWPK 0 56 10 1 67 W3FAF 0 22 32 2 57 KBØAI 0 16 28 0 44 WØHPD 0 10 22 1 34 KØPSH 0 0 32 0 32 NØYR 0 6 24 2 32 KBØAIJ 0 15 15 0 30 KAØIZA 0 20 6 0 26 WDØGUF 0 6 10 0 16 NTØB 0 4 9 2 15 KEØG 2 1 0 1 4 NØJP 0 0 3 0 3 PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL (PSHR) STATION 1 2 3 4 5 6 TOTAL ~~~~~ ~~~~~ ~~~~~ NØYR 40 40 00 30 110 WØLAW 40 40 20 10 110 WAØTFC 40 40 20 100 WDØGUF 40 16 30 86 SECTION TRAFFIC MANAGER MONTHLY REPORT NET ABBR. SESS. TFC. NMCALL NTS LIASON ~~~ ~~~~~ ~~~~~ ~~~~~ ~~~~~ ~~~~~ MINNESOTA SECTION MSPN/E WOØA MSPN/E PHONE NET/EVENING 1266 31

57 MINNESOTA SECTION MSPN/N WA0TFC PHONE NET/NOON 577 31 70 MINNESOTA SECTION MSN/1 k0wpk RN-10, C4 NET (CW) 6:30P 183 31 58 MINNESOTA SECTION MSN/2 k0wpk RN-10, C4 NET (CW) 10:00P 125 30 18 PICONET ALLDAY PAW HRS KA0IZA ALL DAY WATCH 2,484 82 73 Respectfully submitted: Robert Meyer, W0LAW, MN STM

## **North Dakota**

NORTH DAKOTA: SM, Kent Olson, KA0LDG - Field Day - lots of memories come to mind this time of year. I still remember my first Field Day, and the great time that I had. I hope all of your Field Day activities are fun and safe. Spend time with the newer hams to show them the skills and tricks you have gained over time. I forgot to mention that Rod Klug, KE0A, was presented the coveted VECC award from Jay Bellows, K0QB, at the recent Fargo hamfest. Rod has helped give over 100 VE exams since becoming a VE. Great job Rod! The packet system in Fargo is officially off the air. Once a hub of activity and traffic, the system was shut off due to lack of use. The Fargo club also provided communications support for a FAA exercise at Hector Field. The Hawksnest Repeater Association, (Carrington), was recently involved in a two county exercise. Thanks to all those who helped out with this. Keep those batteries charged and ready for severe weather watching. Peace Gardens hamfest right around the corner - July 6th - 9th. Yes, I'm still looking for volunteers for Section positions, so if you're interested, please let me know. Section's web site: <http://home.earthlink.net/~qtipf16/>. HF NM K0JIM net reports for May: Goose River Net, 4/32/1; WX Net 31/462/5; Data Net 30/623/7.

## **South Dakota**

Dakota Chapter 102, QCWA The Dakota Chapter 102, QCWA will have a get together and dinner in Mobridge, SD on Saturday, August 26, 2006. We will meet and have dinner at the Wrangler Motor Inn's Windjammers lounge and restaurant. Don't forget wives are invited along with any other persons who are interested in Ham Radio and QCWA. For those who come early, Cory said we could meet at his house. Time: 5 PM for social hour and 6 PM for dinner. Cory-W0YMB has arranged for the meeting place. We will also have a short meeting before dinner and try to get a group picture of those who attend. For those who will be spending the night, the Wrangler Motor Inn's toll free reservation number is 1-888-884-3641. Please let me know if you plan to attend so we can get the number of persons attending dinner, this information will tell them how many places to setup. We will be ordering off the menus and each individual will be responsible for paying their own bill. 73 Frank-NU0F President Dakota Chapter 102 Brookings Radio Research Club The Brookings Radio Research Club just got done with a 26 mile marathon through the city of Brookings. We have a join club activity up at Lake Poinsett where they are having a triathlon. Brookings, Watertown, and Clear Lake will be offering help this year again. The BRRC ran the command post last year and will this year also. Watertown supplies us with two trailers set up with crossband setups the we use as a temporary repeater for communication for the race. All three clubs have members there helping out. Hope to see some of you there. Over the summer we are looking at fox hunts and many antenna projects for the club station. Thanks Kurt Deuel County Amateur Radio Club The DCARC is busy again this summer along with the other area clubs providing communications for numerous events around the area. Field Day preparations are shaping up, looks to be a lot of fun in Brookings this year. All are welcome to the DCARC hamfest July 29 and 30. Storm season is here, is your "jump kit" ready? Submitted by the club president Robert Schmidt N0TAW Deuel County ARES We had 11 operators for a total of 70.5 man hours Saturday May 13th in Brookings for the 26 mile Marathon. It ran throughout the whole town. Started at Pioneer Park and went up through the north side of town by SDSU and wound it ways south through the heart of town down by 3M and ball parks up on the west side and ending back at Pioneer Park. We had a control station at Pioneer Park. The rest did check for along the course and/or help with traffic control at the intersections. Kurt Narveson - N0VEK Brookings / Deuel County DEC <http://www.w0gc.org/dcarchamfest.html> You are all welcome to join in the fun this year with the members of the Deuel County Amateur Radio Club

( W0GC). Enjoy the great outdoors and home cooking. Lots of entertainment. Flea market, demonstrations, and Testing both days. There is camping on site that starts as early as Wednesday. Make a camp out with your family or a mini vacation. Starts Saturday at 1130am with a golf tourney. Testing at 4pm and a grilled meal around 6pm. The main event is Sunday with breakfast for those in the morning. Testing at 10am followed by the flea market. We would like to see lots of people bring their stuff. It is just sitting around doing nothing and see if you can make some ham day by passing it along to them. Good time to clean out the basement. Tables provided for you. Please let us know in advance so we can have everything there for you to hold your goodies. Hope you see you all there. Kurt Narveson - N0VEK Club Tres/ Webmaster Black Hills Amateur Radio Club The summer auction will be Saturday, July 8th at the clubhouse (NOT July 18 as reported). Pierre Amateur Radio Club Activities: Rich and Jim lead discussion on the upcoming Field Day event to be conducted at Jim's property, just north east of Pierre. Discussion included that as many as 4 RVs may be accommodated at the site – discussed a number of antenna ideas – that AC would be available at the site. It was never finally resolved how many radios would be operated or what operating class the club would be in. Rich will be working with Jim to setup a logging network. ARES: Greg Hall officially appointed Jim Ward as liaison with Hughes County. Greg also discussed a presentation that he and Jim Z intended to make at the high school involving the use of ham radio in weather spotting. Technical: Jim reported that the 440 repeater is now at Snake Butte, but that it has a hum and will require some work. Jim also indicated that a new antenna for ATV will be necessary and that the 6 volt batteries are now available. IRLP is also ready to go. Northern Hills Amateur Radio Club ARES: · Gene McPherson, N0MHJ, reported that an equipment list for packet will be presented in the near future. · The Northern Hills Emergency Preparedness Fair will be held June 3rd at the Sturgis Community Center from 1000 to 1400pm. · The next Hermosa meeting will be September 10th, 2006 at 1330. · Amateur radio equipment will be re-installed in the Deadwood EOC. · The 76 antenna will be repaired sometime this summer... Respectfully submitted, Doug Aldrich, W0WSP Secretary

## **Delta Division**

### **Arkansas**

Super Session of Ham Radio Classes June 24 and July 1 at these following hospitals around the state: White River Medical Center, Saline Memorial Hospital, Sparks Regional Medical Center, Booneville Community Hospital, Randolph County Medical Center (Pocahontas), St. Bernards Medical Center, White County Medical Center Levi Hospital, Cross Ridge Community Hospital. In Little Rock this will be at St. Vincent's Hospital, in the 'Vincent de Paul' Room. The dates and times are Saturday June 24th 8AM to 5PM and Saturday July 1st 8AM to 3PM with VE Exam session from 3 to 5PM (VE's note, this session will require the 1 July 2006 question pool release.) There will be time for breaks and lunch, and the Hospital Cafeteria is located right next to the classroom. This class will also be provided via microwave video link at other hospital locations around the state, and a list of those locations will be made available as soon as possible. Based on early responses, this could possibly become one of the largest Licensing classes and VE sessions ever held. Feel free to distribute this information as you see fit. Persons requiring additional information may contact me as listed: John Nordlund email: jnordlund@earthlink.net (501) 888-3365 Evenings Full US House Okays Telecoms Bill with BPL Study Language Intact. On a 321 to 101 vote, the US House of Representatives on June 8 passed the Communications Opportunity, Promotion and Enhancement (COPE) Act of 2006. The House-passed bill, HR 5252, leaves intact language that required the FCC to study the interference potential of BPL systems. US Rep Mike Ross, WD5DVR (D-AR), one of two radio amateurs in Congress, sponsored the BPL study requirement, "Study of Interference Potential of Broadband over Power Line Systems". HR 5252 now goes to the US Senate, where a separate and very different telecoms bill, the Communications, Consumer's Choice, and Broadband Deployment Act of 2006 (S 2686) is still in committee. The ARRL has e-mailed members in the 22 states with Senators on the committee, urging

them to write seeking support to include similar BPL study language in the Senate bill. Ed. Note W5ZN, W5OK, K5UZ with W1MMH and K5BOG from HQ were at Dallas Ham Com getting folks to write TX Senator Hutchison on this proposal. This is where your dues go! Section Youth News Skot Covert KE5EJQ is handing off his NCS duties to Andrew Austin AD5UT. Andrew is an extra class licensee that lives in Fort Smith, so he will be coming in through the Clarksville 147.285. KE5RJQ will remain as a substitute and back up NCS when available for Jon, KE5DKR and Andrew. I'm sure Andrew will make a great NCS! Andrews email address is ke5aqg@hotmail.com. The net meets Monday nights on the CAREN Skywarn system and The CAUHF system on Monday nights, 6:00PM local. Please check in!! Summer is the time to get that upgrade!!! 73 ES GL White River Canoe Race {Batesville ARC News} George Latus, the scoutmaster for one of our local troops, asked me this morning if we would be interested in providing communications for the BSA White River Canoe Race in late July. George is organizing this year's event and he says the FD's and SO's could not provide reliable commo from check point to check point due to the topography of the White River Valley and the UHF propagation. I told him we would look in to doing this, but it would probably require both VHF/UHF and HF to pull it off along with a multi club/ county ARES effort. The Race starts at Bull Shoals and ends in Batesville so this would be a great public service event for the Batesville, Stone Co. and Mt Home clubs/ARES groups. Summit, Mt Home, Calico Rock, Mtn View and Batesville repeaters may give us enough coverage to get most of the race. Areas not covered could be worked via HF or VHF/UHF relayed to HF. I'm thinking perhaps leapfrogged HF/VHF/UHF camp/check point stations (with winlink) and VHF/UHF(possibly HF) equipped "patrol boats" on the river to relay positions and emergency traffic. This could be a good opportunity for us to work with the scouts on an annual basis and get some younger hams in to the hobby not to mention the public service hours earned. ARKAN News This is a busy time of year for the club and for me personally. KD5NFX has stepped down from the newsletter, and I would like to thank him for all the newsletters he published. I have taken over the newsletter, and want to apologize for getting it out so late. I'll do better in June. We had a fox hunt for the second Saturday in May. The Team of Delford, KC5ZKH and Joe KD5TLH found the fox first. We also had a visitor, KD5OYI Brett, who took part in his first fox hunt. We have a busy June coming up. AirFest, Field Day and the Arkansas statehood special event. They will be discussed during the club meeting. We had 3 people test after the last meeting. All three passed. ARVARF News- FIELD DAY THE DATE IS JUNE 24 & 25 AT CAUDLE OVERLOOK IN OLD POST ROAD PARK. We're looking for a big turnout at Field Day this year. Come on out and enjoy the Food, Fellowship, Fun and Radio contacts. You can bring stuff to the site Friday, but set-up begins at 0800 Saturday morning. ARES/RACES by Dennis Schaefer, W5RZ Pope County RACES Officer/ARES EC Thanks to Aulton, N4OWB, for researching how to take the FEMA courses online. At some point, all RACES members will be required to take several of the FEMA courses. Justin Drittler of OEM has the equipment to make ID cards for RACES members. We will probably wait and make them in September since attendance at meetings is usually down in the summer. There will not be a RACES/ARES meeting in June. Field Day, the ultimate emergency preparedness exercise, is June 24 and 25 and I urge everyone to take part. Our training topic at the May ARES/RACES meeting was part 2 of message handling from the ARRL's Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course. Don't speculate on anything on the air during an emergency. Other amateurs and the general public are listening and any incorrect information could cause problems for those coping with the disaster. If you must give someone information on damage, etc, make sure you make it clear whether your information is confirmed or an estimate. Messages must be passed exactly as written. It is best to check with the author if you think the message is not clear or is incorrect. However, the message content is the responsibility of the author. Ham radio is not a secure means of communication and this should be kept in mind by the served agencies. For example, death notifications are generally never sent by amateur radio. ARRL numbered radiograms are a standardized list of often used phrases. Each phrase on the list is assigned a number and identified by the letters ARL. For example, ARL SIX means "will contact you as soon as possible". These ARL standard texts are included in the text of messages and make transmission time much quicker. The list can be found on [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) Logging is very important in a disaster operation. The net control should keep a log of

stations on the net and traffic handled. Each station on the net should keep an "event log" of important tactical messages handled, operator changes, and other events. A copy should be kept of all formal traffic. ARKANSAS SECTION TRAFFIC REPORT for MAY 06; by TERRY R. BREWER, WB5HIL  
ARKANSAS PHONE NET ARKANSAS MOCKINGBIRD NET ARKANSAS RAZORBACK NET  
SESSIONS 27 SESSIONS 23 SESSIONS 31 QNI 520 QNI 665 QNI 2064 QTC 28 QTC 19 QTC 73  
TIME 785 TIME 483 TIME 757 NET MGR. W5SXV NET MGR. WB5YLI NET MGR. K5BOC  
ARKANSAS OZK CW NET ARKANSAS SECTION NET ARKANSAS STATION ACTIVITY  
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## Louisiana

LOUISIANA SECTION NEWS – MAY 2006 The ARRL Foundation has selected KD5UYP to be the second recipient of the LA Memorial Scholarship (\$500). Arthessius, who has been licensed since January 2003, reports that this is his first scholarship award and is very thankful to all the clubs that contributed to the scholarship fund. The LA Section extends a warm welcome to the following new hams: Kelly KE5HNG, Ronald KE5HNW, Vickie KE5HNX, Mark KE5HOY, Claude KE5HOZ, Lenora KE5HPG, Darla KE5HPH, Joshua KE5HPI, Tonnies KE5HPJ, Charles KE5HPK, George KE5HPL, Ryan KE5HPM, Bradley KE5HPN, Willie KE5HTG, Amy KE5HXO, William KE5IJD, Rose KE5IJE, Sarah KE5IKA, Meghan KE5IKB, Harry KE5IKD, Leslie KE5ILT, Joe KE5ILU, Donald KE5ILV, Adam KE5ILW, Jimmie KE5ILX, Todd KE5IMA, Alma KE5IMB, Gwen KE5IRR, Michael KE5IRS, Carli KE5IRT, Donald KE5IRU, and Carolyn KE5IRV. In addition to those identified in the October, March, and April monthly reports, the following amateurs from SW LA earned Emergency Communications Commendation certificates for their work during the 2005 hurricane season: WB5OZJ, WB5OZA, KE5ABA, W5ZWN, N5XKF, KE5CYQ, KB5RXS, KD5KSR, KE5COW, KM5QB, KA5NXT, AF5AA, KC5FGO, KA5QLT, WA5VDM, KC5RGW, WB5TUG, KC5NAD, W5JFW, KA5SUR, KG4MJK, KC5AHA, and WA5LQZ. Although the LA Section has recognized just over 200 amateurs in all for their service during Katrina and Rita, it is likely that a few of the deserving have still been overlooked. WA5LQZ is now an Assistant Section Manager in addition to his SW LA DEC duties. As one of our two ASMs, Alan will focus his efforts on assisting K5GLS (LA SEC) with ARES issues. Our other ASM, W5PY, has agreed to be the new LA Traffic Net (LTN) Manager starting July 1. N5KWB has been the interim manager since Katrina forced NF5B to move to TN; Tom will continue as the LA Slow Net (LSN) Manager. By the way, LSN has recently added a second session every Monday at 6:45 pm on 3680 kHz. The LA Section ARES Emergency Operations Plan - June 2006 is now posted on the section web site under the LA Section ARES page [www.laarrrl.org/laares.htm](http://www.laarrrl.org/laares.htm) The updated plan includes a new section on digital messaging, along with copies of our two MOUs with our neighbors in AR, MS, STX, and TN. All ARES members, traffic handlers, and anyone else interested in emergency communications (emcomm) should familiarize themselves with the plan and keep a hard copy handy. I want to thank AE5V and WA5LQZ for assisting K5GLS with the revised plan. The latest issue of the LA Section Net Newsletter is now available at [www.laarrrl.org/netnews.html](http://www.laarrrl.org/netnews.html) The ability to send and receive formal written messages via one or more modes is a fundamental skill that every emcomm minded amateur should possess. Although you can learn much by reading about the subject, you have to do it on a reasonably regular basis to be a competent traffic handler. As pointed out in the ARRL's Public Service Communications Manual, a primary objective of the National Traffic System (NTS) in general, and our section's traffic nets in particular, is training amateur operators to handle written traffic and participate in directed nets. At the risk of belaboring the importance of traffic handling, I want to quote from another League publication, The Radio Amateur's Operating Manual: "...Although message handling is as old an art as amateur radio itself, there are still many amateurs who do not know how to handle a message and have never done so. Thorough familiarity with traffic handling is the mark of an all-around operator, even though he may devote most of his time to other amateur pursuits. No amateur's operating education is complete unless he is a capable traffic handler. Traffic work need not be a

complicated or time-consuming activity for the casual or occasional message handler. Amateurs may participate in traffic work to whatever extent they wish. The basics of traffic handling are simple and easy for any operator to conquer." Even though these words were written over 35 years ago, they are still relevant today. I am very sorry to report that KB5RKO, K5HFE, and WD5FDD are now Silent Keys. Upcoming hamfests include the Piney Hills ARA Hamfest on July 22 in Ruston, the West Central LA ARC Hamfest on August 12 in Leesville, the Southwest LA Amateur Repeater Club Hamfest in Lake Charles on September 16, the Central LA ARC Hamfest on October 14 in Pineville, and the Twin City Ham Club Hamfest/LA State Convention on November 11 in Monroe. Traffic totals: K5MC 103, W4DLZ 78, WA5LQZ 48, AE5V 26, W5PY 20, N5KWB 16, WC5M 5. Public Service Honor Roll: W5PY 165, K5ER 119, K5MC 110, N5KWB 91, W4DLZ 90, AE5V 85, N5MEL 83, W5HUD 78, N5HMH 52, KB5UHH 33. Section net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Louisiana Traffic Net: 28/339/35. Louisiana CW Net: 62/276/72. Louisiana ARES Net: 4/83. Local/district net reports: sessions/check-ins. Cameron Parish ARES Net: 4/10. Claiborne Parish ARES Net: 1/10. Desota Parish ARES Net: 3/17. Franklin Parish ARES Net: 1/12. Lafayette Parish ARES Net: 5/30. Rapides Parish ARES Net: 2/10. Richland Parish ARES Net: 7/82. St. Mary Parish ARES Net: 2/5. St. Tammany Parish ARES Net: 5/21. Tangipahoa Parish ARES Net: 5/102. Union Parish ARES Net: 4/33. Vernon Parish ARES Net: 2/15. ARES reports: parish/EC. Allen/KA5NXT, Avoyelles/KD5IGG, Caddo/Bossier/NZ5S, Calcasieu/KC5FGO, Cameron/WA5LQZ, Claiborne/KD5JJP, Desota/AA5HY, East Baton Rouge/N5ULA, Franklin/N5ASA, Jefferson Davis/WA5LQZ, Lafourche/N5PZJ, Morehouse/KB5SAR, Ouachita/K5ER, Red River/KD5IUZ, Richland/N5MEL, St. Mary/KA5LMZ, St. Tammany/KC5EAK, Tangipahoa/KD5PKS, Union/KA5JNL, Vernon/WB5JZQ, Washington/AI5B, Winn/KC5EWJ. 73, Mickey Cox K5MC LA Section Manager Email: k5mc@arrl.org LA Section Website: [www.laarrl.org/](http://www.laarrl.org/)

## Mississippi

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Further, by not having the SET on a national single date the National Traffic System for all practical purposes is cut out of the participation loop because it cannot be brought up in extended session to accommodate each section SET date. In the past eight years, two of the scheduled Mississippi SETs have had to be moved because of hurricanes and last year the SET was cancelled all together due to Katrina. One apparent solution is to have the SET in the late spring on a single date well after tornado season. This concept has been proposed to ARRL Headquarters. Let's standby and see what happens. As noted in an earlier Monthly Section report, Mississippi has entered into an MOU with Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi to handle tactical communications during wide area storm events. In addition, the managers of the Magnolia Section Net (AD5J) and the Mississippi Section Phone Net (K5NRK) have developed a Joint Emergency Operation Procedure such the 3862.5/3862 can be manned 24/7 during storm events. The nets will meet at their regular time after which the nets will maintain an 'open net' with an NCS always on frequency until the next net starts to handle primarily health/welfare traffic and tactical communications, as necessary. Further, RN5 and Mississippi Traffic Net Manager KB5W has organized the Gulf Coast CW Guard Net which will maintain watch on 3711 or 7111 24/7 to handle emergency related traffic. Hopefully, with all of this preplanning, nothing will happen this year. Another helpful form of emergency operations assistance will be ready to deploy 'Go-Kits' that will be available from ARRL Headquarters. These 'Go Kits' are fitted into Pelican Cases and can be shipped overnight from ARRL Headquarters. Several types of kits are available: HF, VHF HTs; VHF HTs with base station, repeater, and several support kits including power supplies and batteries, tuners, antennas, digital gear, and amplifiers. Currently seven of each type of kit are available to deploy. Jackson ARC VE Test Team Chairmen AC5SU and K5BLL report a record VE Test Session on June 4. Mississippi has 30 new technicians and two new extras. This record number of new hams resulted from a Thursday-Friday-Saturday Class taught by K5BLL and W5GEJ for Mississippi Department of Health first responders and IT personnel. There was so much paperwork flying around that it took 10 VE's to process all of the required administrative requirements during the test session. Ham Radio was well represented at the annual Mississippi Civil Defense Emergency Management Agency annual conference held at the Convention Center in Gulfport June 5 through 7. State RACES Officer AB5WF chaired a break out session and was assisted with presentations by W4WLF and W5XX. The weather cooperated at Dayton this year with three days of sunshine in the Flea Market. Forum Room logistics (space and temperature) were greatly improved as well as bus transportation from the off-site parking area. Mississippi was well represented by: W5BJM, WD5BJT, KD5BM, KE5BMO, AA5ED, KE5FBA, KE5FBB, K5FC, K2FF, K5FLU, AD5HM, K5IJX, KD5JHA, KB5JNZ, N5LRQ, AA5MT, KD5NDR, KC5NSZ, KC5RC, KC5OXI, N5TBB, WA5TMC, W4UDH, KB5VE, K5VVA, W5XX, WB4YBY, KB5YJH, and K5YG. W5KWB has retired as MSPN Bulletin Station after five years of service. Thanks Kenny! KD5JLG will be taking over as Bulletin Station. Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KD5BFO -- Pascagoula; N5IEM -- Edwards; KA9OFM -- Walnut; WB5RSK -- Tupelo; N4RTB -- Picayune; N5VSB -- Cedar Bluff; and KB5ZHN -- Tupelo. Also congratulations to W4WLF, who completed FEMA IS 100/200/700/800, KD5GMC, who completed FEMA IS 100 and IS 700, and to WB5GUD, who completed the ARRL Level 1 EMCOMM Course. Welcome to WB5CON as DEC for North Mississippi and N5TBB as EC for Tippah County each replacing WA5TMC, who moved up to Vice Director, to WX5N as EC for Prentiss County, and to KB5AAB as EC for Wayne County. In addition, AC5SU has retired as EC for Metro Jackson after 5 years of service (Thanks, Ben!). KD5JPB is the new Jackson Metro EC. Welcome to new Mississippi Hams: Lorie, KE5HYD -- Coldwater; Robert, KE5HYS -- Corinth; Bryan, KE5HYT -- Corinth; Wesley, KE5HYU -- Corinth; David, Eddie, KE5HZF -- Houston; KE5HZG -- Tupelo; John, KE5HYK -- Carriere; Jeffrey, KE5HYL -- Starkville; James KE5HYM -- Terry; Charles, KE5IAU -- Ocean Springs; Gabriel, KE5IGD -- Saucier; Eric, KE5IDI -- Columbus; and David, KE5IMJ -- Crystal Springs. Also welcome to new ARRL members: KF5AE, W5FMO, KE5FTH, N4HIF, WB5HQB, KE5HZG, KE5IAU, KB5MPW, N5VON, KB5PLC, KD5SBP, WB5VCE, N5YAV, Club Newsletters/Reports: Jackson ARC (K5VU), Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Olive Branch ARC (KB0ZTX), Tippah ARA (N5TBB), Vicksburg ARC (W5WAF). PIC Report: N5TBB; DEC/EC Report: WB5CON (Alcorn), KD5CQT (Jackson), KC5EAK (Pearl River),

KD5GWM (Lauderdale/Clarke), W5LMW (Union), N5TBB (Benton), K5WSY (Tishomingo), and KB0ZTX (Marshall). Net reports: sessions/QNI/QTC; DRN5 62/Miss 100% Rep/174 (WB5ZED); MS Section Phone Net 31/2314/18 (KA1ZIA); MS Section Traffic Net 31/135/3 (KB5W); Magnolia Section Net 31/1052/8 (AD5J); Jackson County EN 31/315/5 (KD5CQT); MS Section Slow Net 23/75/1 (W3TWD); Meridian Area EN 6/73/0 (KD5GWM); St. Tammany/Pearl River ARES 5/21/0 (KC5EAK); Jackson ARC EN 5/48/0 (AB5WF); MS Baptist Hams Net 4/29/0 (WF5F); Itawamba Co. ARES 4/44/0 (KB5NMB); Hattiesburg AEN 4/30/0 (N5MZ); PSHR: WB5ZED 150, KD5FUY 105, AB5WF 105, N5FP 98, W5XX 81. Traffic: WB5ZED 1613 (BPL), N5FP 28, W5XX 7. Compilation of Net and Traffic Statistics provided by N5FP, Mississippi Section Traffic Manager

## **Great Lakes Division**

### **Michigan**

Summer approaches and Field Day is soon to be upon us – no doubt one of the greatest operating events in ham radio. Many of us will be swatting the mosquitoes and enjoying FD cooking while having fun hauling in the contacts. Don't overlook bringing your elected officials and other visitors to your FD site. Our Governor's proclamation of Amateur Radio Awareness Week in Michigan coincides with Field Day, and is downloadable from the Public Information Coordinators portion of the Section Web Page <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=MI> and also from the <http://www.mi-arp.org/> web site. Please see that this information and the news about your club's FD activity gets into distribution with you local news media. - - Here is a note from Hank N8XX: July QST has an article about a practical application of High Speed Multi Mode on 2.4 GHz spread spectrum within the ham band. It's entitled "The Hinternet and Open HSMM." If you aren't a member of ARRL, or if your copy of QST hasn't arrived yet, I've posted a copy on my personal web site at <http://members.nuvox.net/~on.hgreeb/swohdigi/hsmm01.pdf>. This technology, or a variant thereof, might be of use for emergency communications, especially when the internet is down. This could be "the last mile" of communications, which sometimes is the hardest to accomplish during an emergency. Besides having emergency communications aspects, "playing radio" with one's computer can be lots of fun. Are there enough computer gurus with RF expertise to implement such a network in YOUR area? There's a group in Hillsdale, Michigan upon which folks in other areas of the state could prevail for expertise and advice. Ideas are cordially solicited. - - 73, de N8XX Hank, Assistant Director, Great Lakes Division & Local Government Liaison, Michigan Section SPACE (as in outer) is the theme for this year's Michigan Section Summer Campout. Plan to join us at the Woodlands Campgrounds east of West Branch July 13-16. Details are posted on the Michigan Section Web page <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=MI>. Campsites are available, as is lodging on the campgrounds and motels are in nearby West Branch. Join the fun and family activities with your Section Staff and enjoy the camaraderie. Station Activity Reports for May, 2006: N8FPN 241, K8ZJU 198, KC8MLD 152, K8LJG 144, K8AE 132, W18K 120, KV8Z 118, WD8USA 116, WB8RCR 83, AA8SN 64, K8AMR 52, W8RNQ 31, AB8CB 15, WA8OOH 12, K8YB 11, N8UN 7, KC8RTW 2, KD8BGQ 1, WB8TKL 1. Public Service Honor Roll reports for May, 2006: W8RAE 387, K8AE 200, KC8RTW 147, KD8BGQ 133, WB8RCR 120, K8ZJU 120, N8FPN 110, KV8Z 103, AA8SN 100, W18K 100, K8AMR 92, K8KV 80, K8VFZ 74, K8KHZ 63, N8WTQ 35. Official Emergency Station reports came in from N8HA, KC8ULE, and W8RAE. PSHRs and SARs should be filed monthly with WB8RCR and your OES reports with WA8EFK. 73, Dale And now some news from Dan KB6NU our Affiliated Club Coordinator: An Extra Class Course/Net? At Dayton, I ran into someone who was in my 2005 General Class license course. I mentioned to her that I'd just passed the Extra Class test, and she asked if perhaps I might teach an Extra Class license course in the future. At that time, I said that I didn't have any plans to do so, and that an Extra Class course would be quite an undertaking. This afternoon, I received an e-mail from another guy who asked if I could help him pass the Extra test. Apparently, the need is there, so it got me to thinking about how to approach this. To prepare myself for the Extra test, all I really did was to take a bunch of practice tests. A friend lent me his copy of the Extra Class license manual, but I



rarely opened it. After taking 30 or 40 tests, I convinced myself that I could pass the "real" test, and actually did so. Taking the practice tests was very valuable. Even though I've been a ham for 35 years, I learned quite a bit about stuff I didn't have any experience with and about some of the more arcane rules and regulations. Thinking about this a bit more, it occurs to me that one way to approach an Extra Class license course would be to have the students take a bunch of practice tests, identify the areas in which they need help, and then have them have them gather on a repeater or via EchoLink once or twice a week to review these particular topics. Furthermore, if we did it this way, I could invite other people--both teachers and students--to participate. Have any of you tried something like this? If so, was it successful? If not, do you think it could be successful? And, if you're thinking about getting your Extra Class license, would you participate? E-mail me at kb6nu@w8pgw.org, phone me at 734-930-6564, or look for me on 40m around 7.030 MHz (working CW, of course) if you'd like to discuss this further.....73, Dan KB6NU

## **Hudson Division**

### **Northern New Jersey**

SM Bill Hudzik-W2UDT, ASM-N2WZB, STM-WB2FTX, ACC-N3RB, SEC-K2SO, OOC-K2ZD, PIC-W2WJO, TC-NR2H NNJ Webpage: [www.hudson.arrl.org/nnj/](http://www.hudson.arrl.org/nnj/) MONTHLY ARES NET: Second Monday of each month (8PM) on the Morris County OEM Repeater; WS2Q 146.895 MHz (PL 151.4) minus 600 Hz. Nominations have closed for the various award categories to honor outstanding Hudson Division amateurs for 2005. The recipients will be announced at the annual Hudson Division Awards Dinner which will be held on Saturday November 11, 2006 at the Holiday Inn (at I-80) in Saddle Brook, NJ. This year's host club is the Bergen Amateur Radio Association. Seating is limited to 125 so, please order your tickets early as the past few years have been sellouts. Ticket order forms are available on the Hudson Division website as well as the BARA site ([www.bara.org](http://www.bara.org)). Sponsors are also being sought for the awards journal and, that information can be found on the BARA site as well. Please show your support for the Division and amateur radio by attending, what will certainly be, another great evening of friendship. ARRL's premier operating event, Field Day is moving up fast. And, for the 45th consecutive year the Englewood ARA has been issued a proclamation by the town government recognizing Field Day as an annual emergency communications test. I know many clubs and groups have made it a point to invite local and State officials to their sites to show what can be done with emergency work. This continued effort has certainly helped to move amateur radio into the public service limelight. The Salt Brook Statics RC (and its sponsor, the New Providence ARC) finally made an official contact with ISS astronaut Jerry Williams on June 5th. The school's auditorium was filled with students, teachers, Board of Education members and members of the town council to witness the 10 minute contact. The entire operation was handled by the middle school students who have been practicing for the past 3 years just for that moment. Congratulations! The East Coast DX Association recently held an open house during the National Hurricane Center's annual test of WX4NHC in preparation for hurricane season. The ECDXA also extends an open invitation to both hams and non-hams to visit the K2VK club station. More details, including licensing classes can be found on its website: ([www.ecdxa.org](http://www.ecdxa.org)). As mentioned, even though the WX4NHC annual event signals hurricane season it also can be a reminder to be ready for other emergencies as well. The Passaic County ARES/RACES group under Ken Nieglos-WX2KEN, spent some eight hours supporting the Red Cross during a trail derailment incident. The operators gained valuable experience and will use that to improve their response to future requests for aid. Another way to gain experience is to partner with local towns and agencies during local events. As an example, the Roseland ARC has for the past several years supported its local Heart Walk and has received several proclamations thanking them for their support. A number of NNJ clubs continuously lend their support to local government and private agencies. They have made many people aware of what trained amateur radio operators can do when called upon. Their work has often resulted in more interest in our capabilities among the various agencies and often leads to new licensees. The increase in licensing

classes and VE sessions seem to indicate that interest in the amateur radio service is growing as other groups become aware of what we have to offer. When your club or group announces its next class pass the information along to the ARRL as the League often gets requests from the general public for class locations. The next important step is the follow-up after the new ham gets a call. And, the new ARRL Mentoring Program can give you hints on how to help the newcomer. It can be something as simple as having a "Greeter" at each club meeting to welcome the newcomer. The Field and Educational Support group has a good checklist available on the ARRL website to help your club get started. Finally, please keep me on your club's newsletter mailing list. They are a font of local information and provide good insight into what clubs are doing. I would like to welcome Walter J. O'Brien- W2WJO as the new NNJ Public Information Coordinator. Walt is taking over from Rich Krajewski-WB2CRD who has had to curtail his ham radio activities due to family commitments. Rich has devoted many years to ARES and PIO work in the section and we hope to see him become active again in the future.

73, Bill Hudzik- W2UDT SECTION TRAFFIC May-06 NORTHERN NJ PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL ORG RCVD SENT DLVD TOTAL 1 2 3 4 5 6 TOTAL N1JX 1 67 85 19 172 40 40 10 90 N3RB 1 1 13 12 27 20 40 20 20 100 N2GJ 0 11 13 1 25 40 25 30 15 10 120 W2CC 22 1 23 39 23 30 92 W2MTO 10 17 27 40 27 67 NET MGR. SESS. QNI QTC QSP QTR STNS LIAISONS NJMORNING(NJM)N2GJ 12 74 10 10 90 14 2RN NJ PHONE(NJPN)W2CC 35 173 47 29 191 18 2RN NJ SLOW(NJSN) K2PB 31 162 12 12 424 16 2RN NJ NET(NJN/E) AG2R 31 214 53 49 369 16 2RN NJ NET(NJN/L) AG2R 31 157 24 23 285 17 2RN CEN.JER(CJTN) KB2VRO 31 193 41 34 200 34 NJSN,2RN,PACKET NJVHF (NJVN/E) N2RPI 31 316 49 36 281 47 NJN,NJPN NJVHF(NJVN/L) N2OPJ 31 302 21 21 186 34 NJN,NJPN UCTN KY2MMM 31 343 21 20 370 NJVN, CJTN,NJPN

## Midwest Division

### Kansas

Kansas Section News Summary- May 2006 SM, Ron Cowan, KB0DTI-- SEC/OOC: Robert Summers,K0BXF ASM: Orlan Cook,W0OYH ASM-Youth: Emily Stewart, KC0PTL SGL: Steve Hamilton, KB0JYL PIC: Larry Staples, W0AIB Silent Keys: W0GAK - Gordon C. Turnbull, Fairway K0TVX - Fay Mathis, Paola KC0QZA- Jeffrey Scott Gould, Mission -----

Field Day ! Our favorite time of the year with the exception of maybe hamfest. This is our opportunity to go out into the public's view and show what we can do, had this been a real emergency. It's not too late to do some PR for your group ! Send a news release to your paper. Write an article for them so all they have to do is push the button. Don't write a book. Stick to the 5 Ws. Somewhere between 100 and 150 words should be plenty. They may need a filler somewhere and that's a good size. The points you're trying to get across are: The public can see a Ham Radio station, we're here to help in an emergency, and we have fun. The idea is to get Ham Radio in print. If it's interesting enough they might send someone out to see what you're doing. Don't forget about the calendar. If you have a radio station in the county, great ! Get on their events list.-email them today. And don't forget about fliers at convenience stores. Keep them simple and use large print so they can be read while waiting in line. Have you invited your emergency manager or fire chief out ? (Bonus points) Be sure to feed them. These are basics but they can work effectively if you'll do them. When you advertise for your class this fall someone might remember the guys set up at the park. Have fun at Field Day wherever you may be. -----

----- Pilot Knob's express class graduated 13 students. They scheduled a follow up to re-enforce operating protocols and help the newly minted operators get on the air. Kaw Valley ARC helped out with communications for the Topeka Downtown Cruise Night car show. A local broadcast station was a sponsor of the event and acknowledged the clubs support on the PA at the event as well as on the air the following week. Olathe Marathon came off smoothly with hams participating for the 2nd year. Approximately 32 hams and 1000 runners participated this year. The KC area hams worked closely with public safety departments during the event. APRS was utilized to provide a graphical representation of the activity. Lonestar Bike Ride had support from 18 hams this year. About 200 people rode from

Lawrence area thru Douglas Co. EC Matt-KC4WCG points out to us the value of these exercises as practice for future emergencies. A dozen DCARC members were recognized at a Douglas County emergency volunteer banquet. KØFJ reports that there are a couple new hams in Colby and several more in the works. KØFJ KØFW and KØCVY have been exercising their RTTY and digital equipment. Pittsburg Repeater Organization held their spring picnic late in the month. There were about 20 operators, YLs and Harmonics attending this time. Marshall Ensor Museum-W9BSP/W9UA will close for the hot summer months. The Farm site and museum shut down from July 10th until September. The Santa Fe Trail club will hold Field Day there. The new Technician question pool takes effect July 1st. ---  
 ----- Newsletters received: The Transceiver, Feed Back, Trojan ARC Harmonic, DCARC Newsletter, QRZ, QNU H.A.R.C. , M.E.M.O , SMMC ARC, SHARC bytes April  
 Sessions/QNI/UTC/Mgr: KSBK/30/861/47 N0KFS KPN/22/275/43/ N0KFS  
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 NB0Z QKS-SS 6/10/1/KB0DTI Traffic: W0WWR 62 N0ENO 31 NB0Z 30 N0ZIZ 28 W0OYH 16  
 KB0DTI 11 73, Ron To receive or contribute to Orlan's Kansas Amateur Radio News E-mail News  
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## Missouri

JUNE 2006 MISSOURI SECTION NEWS Field Day will be June 25th and 25th and if the past is any guide, there will be a very large number of MO Section Amateurs operating. Those field Day sites that want to send a Field Day message to the Section Manager can go to the MO SSB Net frequency (3.963 Mhz) on Saturday evening at 5:45 p.m. or the MO Section Net CW at 7:00 p.m. on (3.585 Mhz). (note: BE PATIENT PLEASE) Rebecca Rich, KBØVVT, the winner of the ARRL's coveted Hiram Percy Maxim Award has spent her last day in High School. She graduated first in her class at Raytown South High School class of 2006 and will be attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology this fall. She also volunteered at the ARRL EXPO over the weekend during the Hamvention in Dayton, Ohio. Congratulations to Rebecca and to her proud parents Dave Rich, KGØUS, and Barbara Rich, KGØUT. I received an e-mail that reported that at the 2006 Dayton Hamvention and ARRL EXPO Tony Fanska, KCØSJU of Excelsior Springs, MO won the ARRL Expo Passport prize. Tony is now the owner of a new Alinco DJ-C7T 144/440 MHz micro-transceiver. MISSOURI HAMFEST The Warrensburg Area Amateur Radio Club's July 15, 2006 Hamfest will be at the Johnson County Fair Grounds on Hwy 50 just west of the Warrensburg city limits. Tables are \$10.00 each which includes admission and a door prize ticket. The site is air conditioned and will include a testing station for your new rig. Contact Keith Raihala nØvj@arrl.net or phone him at 660-422-7273 to sign-up for the Hamfest. On July 16, The Zero Beaters Hamfest will be held in Bernie Hillerman Park in Washington, MO To get more info, check out their website <http://www.wa0fya.org/> The Talk-In will be on 147.240 + The Contact person is Craig Brune, NØMFD and he can be contacted at Phone 636-211-1101 Fax 636-239-0060 or e-mail [cbrune@yhti.net](mailto:cbrune@yhti.net) The Zero Beaters Hamfest is according to most folks the best outdoor Hamfest in Missouri. The Macon County ARC is planning the first annual Radio Rendezvous. The Radio Rendezvous is a different kind of "Hamfest" because it is at its core a Ham Radio Campout. The Camping will begin Friday Sept. 22 and departure some time Sunday Sept 24th. There will be Antenna set-up for making contacts and testing rigs. Campsites that have water and electricity will be \$10.00/night and tent camping will be free. There will be no admission charge to the Radio Rendezvous and tailgating will be encouraged. If you check out the MO Section Hamfest Calendar on the ARRL Website you will find that all of the remaining Hamfests scheduled for the remainder of 2006 in the Missouri Section have been Sanctioned. ARRL Website MO Hamfest List or you can go to Missouri Section Hamfest 2006 that list all the Missouri Hamfests in 2006. AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS KEITH HAYE, WEØG, ACC Steven Rainey, WDØDPB, coordinator of the Wheel to Weston Bike Ride that is scheduled for Sunday, June 18, 2006 from approximately 0600 to 1400. The route will go from City Market, Kansas City, MO, to Weston, MO. The special services operators plan to use the 145.39, 147.00

repeaters and they will use a 440 frequency for the section to Atchison, which is extra tough coverage for a repeater. They are looking for some more volunteers so if you can assist contact Steven via [wd0dpb@arrl.net](mailto:wd0dpb@arrl.net). The "DX Hog" of the Mississippi Valley DX and Contest Club reports that their members have been really busy taking advantage of openings that were surprisingly good. Joe, KØBX made 317 RTTY contacts including C31BO Andorra and a VR2 in Hong Kong on 20 meters. Mel, KØPFX, passed on information about an article about Don Wallace, W6AM by his grandson. The article is in the May issue of Harper's Magazine. To read the article yourself go to <http://harpers.org/Newsstand200605> and to see W6AM station you need to check out <http://qsl.net/ne6i/w6am/w6am1.htm> The Central Missouri Radio Association has already lined up the Columbia Tribune to do a story on their Field Day effort at Rock Bridge Park. They are also sending letters to the County Commissioners inviting them to the F.D. exercise. The Callaway Amateur Radio League will have a display of Ham radio equipment in the window of the Callaway Bank annex on Court Street in Fulton, MO. The display will be up from June 19th until July 3rd. Proving that great minds think alike, the members of the Macon County ARC set-up a display about Amateur Radio in Downtown Macon on June 7th and it will be in place for about one month. This is a great opportunity to promote Amateur Radio and perhaps recruit a few new Ham Radio operators. The Kimberling ARC has new Club Jackets for \$25.00 each and T-shirts for \$10.00. Bruce Frahm, Midwest Division Vice-Director provided the KARC program earlier this year. The KARC each year publishes a very nice Booklet that list Officers, ARES leadership, Club appointees (12 in number), membership list, Repeater information and other useful items. SECTION ARES REPORT FOR MAY 2006 DON MOORE, KMØR

SEC Total # of ARES members: 712 Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month: 104 Man hours: 584.5 Number of public service events this month: 8 Man hours: 41 Number of emergency operations this month: 19 Man hours: 433 Total number of ARES operations this month: 131 Total Man hours: 1058.5 Comments: 5 of 9 districts reporting It is great to have Joseph W Hayes, KB9TBX, New London, MO take on the Emergency Coordinator appointment for Monroe and Lewis County. Amateurs in those counties that want to be part of an active ARES program need to contact Mr. Hayes by e-mail at [nemo9210@adams.net](mailto:nemo9210@adams.net). Fred Carslick, KA4RUR, of St. Louis Missouri has been appointed as the EC for St. Louis City. We really appreciate this opportunity to benefit from Fred's experience and wish him great success with the ARES program in St. Louis City. I would also like to thank Jim Berg, Jr. WØOSQ, for his service as the EC for the City of St. Louis. Jim has resigned as the St. Louis City EC because of work commitments that limit the time he can spend leading the ARES program. Matthew A Chambers, W1JEQ, of Macon, MO has been appointed as an OES (Official Emergency Station) for Macon County. Mel Wheeler, WDØFRY, EC for Schuyler County has moved out of the county and has asked to be replaced as the EC. We really appreciate Mel's dedication and leadership in the ARES program. ARRL members in Schuyler County need to contact either Don Moore, KMØR at [km0r@arrl.net](mailto:km0r@arrl.net) or Dale Bagley at [k0ky@arrl.org](mailto:k0ky@arrl.org) if they are interested in this important ARES appointment. SECTION TRAFFIC REPORTS FOR APRIL 2006 DALE HUFFINGTON, AEØS, MON - CW Sessions 50 QNI 68 QTC 32 NM K9ZTV MO Phone Sessions 31 QNI 549 QTC 35 NM KØDAT MESN Sessions 5 QNI 128 QTC 2 NM AEØS Audrain AARC Sessions 4 QNI 64 QTC 0 NM KBØKWC Callaway CARL Sessions 4 QNI 64 QTC 0 NM WBØHKN Boone Co Sessions 4 QNI 75 QTC 1 NM WMØH Hickory Co Sessions 4 QNI 56 QTC 0 NM KCØFDF Howell Co Sessions 8 QNI 73 QTC 2 NM KØRWL Jackson Co ARESR Sessions 4 QNI 71 QTC 1 NM KØUAA Macon Co Sessions 4 QNI 26 QTC 0 NM KØKY Rolla RRARS Sessions 31 QNI 530 QTC 15 NM NAØV WAARCI Sessions 4 QNI 112 QTC 0 NM WEØG 10th Reg Sessions 62 QNI 116 QTC 116 MO 40 % with K9ZTV, WØSJS, WØSJS, NM WØSS

## **New England Division**

### **Connecticut**

Section Leadership: ASMs: K1STM, KY1F, NK1J, K1BRF; Bulletin Manager KD1YV; Official

Observer Coordinator W1GC; Public Information Coordinator W1FXQ; Section Emergency Coordinator N1FNE; State Government Liaison K1MK; Section Traffic Manager K1HEJ; Technical Coordinator N1KHB. Many thanks to TC Joe N1KHB for compiling the list of field day sites. The list is posted on the CT ARES site as well as on the ARRL Site under Ct Section News. I'm still looking for info from clubs not listed so please get that to me ASAP so I can update the lists. Thanks. Chuck K1DFS is willing to come to your club to give a talk on his experiences at the hurricane disaster sites last September. His email address was posted incorrectly last time. Do contact him at motesc@southington.org. Get plenty of rest this summer for a busy Fall because SGL Mike K1MK does plan to lead us through another great effort at PRB-1 legislation in CT. If you or someone you know has a story to tell about any lack of permission to put up your tower, please contact Mike right away. Email: k1mk@arrl.net. The Meriden ARC had fun at their April meeting listening to a talk and demo of Slow Scan TV by "Telescope Bob" KB1FYL. Here's an excerpt from their newsletter: "Bob brought a complete computer (notebook) setup along with a transceiver and used the club's G5RV to receive slow scan TV images from various stations around the country. He explained how easy it is to set up with just a few interconnecting cables using a freeware software program. He mentioned that most of the slow scan activity is on 20 meters around 14.230 MHz.. Generally the signals can be found in 300 kHz segments above and below 14.230. He demonstrated the various ways to ID your station and how the communications also uses SSB for voice. Generally the picture will be as good as the signal. A good S-9 signal with no interference can look quite good. He used pre-saved Jpeg images, which were in a 4:3 aspect ratio and approximately 4-500 pixels on the computer screen. The image we saw was very much like a CIF video image which is nominally 320x240. Bob mentioned that one way to initiate a SS QSO is to call "CQ Slow Scan" using SSB (upper side band on 20 meters of course) Once contact is made with a fellow Slow Scan Ham, you then continue using video. The bottom line was that all you need is an HF rig; a computer and a few interconnecting wires and you too can enjoy sending and receiving pictures all over the world." Elmer, KA1EAJ ran a radio merit badge station at the Boy Scout Camporee in Bethany. Will report more about that effort when I get more info. Thanks for your time and congrats! Two events need your help. George N1YAE is coordinating an amateur radio exhibit at Derby Day, a community event next Sunday. He could use help from a couple of you, particularly ARES members, who are not already busy with Field Day. The event will run from 11:30 to 7:00 p.m. with help needed before and after setup. Please contact George n1yae@arrl.net for further information. DEC Dave, K1DAV and the CQ Radio Club are looking for volunteers to help with communications at the "Tour of The Litchfield Hills Bike Tour" on August 6 from 0700 to 1630. About 40 volunteers are needed; the event will be challenging because of the geography of the area and the number of activities within the event itself. Make plans now so that the Club will know what their resources are and can make good assignments. Thanks. The RASON Club provided communications support for the Mystic YMCA Triathlon which involved a 0.5mi swimming event followed by a 14.3mi biking event and a 3 mile run. (Just thinking of all that makes me exhausted!) Rick, N1JGR gave a very relevant talk at the May meeting of ICRC on the proper use of emergency power sources. CARA has a new home: The Stony Hill Fire Department Rt. 6 in Bethel across from The Stony Hill Inn. The club will have its first meeting there in July. Directions: I 84 Eastbound, Exit 8 ( Route 6), straight through the light at the exit, East on Route 6, past Target, about a half- mile on the right. I 84 Westbound, Exit 8 ( Route 6), merge left past the gas stations, reversing direction and heading East on Route 6, past Target, a half- mile on the right. Or take Exit 9 on Route 84 Westbound to Route 6 Westbound and continue several miles. Cross Old Hawleyville Road. Fire Department will be on your left. CARA meetings are held on the second Friday of the month beginning at 8:00 with Informal " rag chewing" begins at 7: 30 p. m.

## **Eastern Massachusetts**

Hello to all: As I write this, the heat of summer has returned. Let's hope we have a normal summer weather-wise. I am pleased to announce that Governor Romney signed a proclamation for Amateur Radio week in the Commonwealth. Rob, KD1CY, accepted the reward on behalf of all of us, an honor I

think he richly deserves. I am very pleased with the turn of events, and I would like to thank the Governor's office of external communications for their assistance, and MEMA Director Christine McCombs for their outstanding support. Our SKYWARN and ARES teams have again distinguished themselves during the flooding events earlier this month and in May. I would also like to mention important support to our cadre provided by the Salvation Army's SATERN team, the members of the BARC that were involved with the Boston EOC, and many home stations too numerous to mention. As usual, we received outstanding support to our HF operations from the professionals in the MARS program. Our SEC, Rob, KD1CY, made significant use of the IRLP and Echolink systems to gather information and coordinate resources. In addition to our usual collection of outstanding field sites, several clubs will be operating as F (EOC) classification which is a welcome addition to our outstanding emergency communication capabilities. If you haven't already done so, please visit our outstanding Field Day pages on our section website <http://ema.arrl.org/fd>. Bill, N1VUX, is again lending his talents to this outstanding endeavor, providing site information, visitor itineraries and information, safety, and logistic tips. My staff and I will be forwarding our travel plans to the website sometime during this week, so please check it by week's end. It is also never too late to post last minute changes there as well. Safety should be your primary concern. Hopefully you have enough participation to appoint one of your knowledgeable members as the Safety Officer for your site. He/she can get great safety tips by reading material contributed by, Bruce, KC1US, a veteran of numerous public service and field events. From a weather perspective, an eye to the sky is always prudent this time of year, and to that end SKYWARN will be on duty to assist you with thunderstorm assessment. Please make provision to guard your local SKYWARN repeater so we can reach you with any important information. After Field Day, many of us will be traveling on vacation away from our repeater rich environment into rural areas. Many of you will be enjoying monitoring local traffic during your travels with some QSO's with them if possible. Please include the following calling and emergency frequencies while your radio(s) are in scan mode. I recommend 146.52, 446.00, 52.525, 223.5 and 1294.5 MHz in our service (AKA Wilderness Protocol), 462.675 MHz in the GMRS service, CH-16 (156.8 MHz) in the Marine/Maritime Service, CH-1 in the FRS service, and yes, even CH9 on the CB band. Remember the top of the hour is the quiet time to receive any distress traffic. I am looking forward to seeing as any of you as possible during my tour of Field Day sites next weekend. While en-route, I will also attempt to operate as a 1C site replete with a mobile PACKET station. Please accept my wishes for a wonderful summer, and safe travels to you and your family. We will be taking the summer off as well, so the next edition of our letter will be sent to you in September. de W1MPN

## **Rhode Island**

Greetings fellow Rhode Islanders: As I'm preparing this May/June, 2006 section report, hundreds of club groups across the country are making their final plans to participate in the annual event called Field Day which is one week away, June 24 and 25. Most of our clubs will have a station in operation and I hope everyone is able to find one and go out for a visit. Most of our ARRL affiliated clubs and probably a couple of non club groups will be burning citronella candles and spraying bug juice in/on their favorite fields, hilltops or boat decks. I hope to visit and encourage as many folks as time will permit but this year, my xyl Barbara has a medical test scheduled in Boston on FD Saturday afternoon which is prime time for visits. I'll do my best to see as many of you as possible. I recently sent out a special e mail to all ARRL members who are registered with the League to receive e mail bulletins from their Section Manager or Director. I announced the untimely passing of popular Volunteer Examiner, Judy Nelson KC1RI's 19 year old grandson, Jon. He was involved in a fatal auto accident in Nevada on June 5th. He was on a cross country trip following his first year of college. I wish to extend our sincere condolences for your terrible loss, Judy. Something new has just been released by Allen Pitts, W1AGP, ARRL's Media and PR guru. Tuesday, June 20th has been designated "Take Your HT to Work Day". The reasoning of the plan is to spread knowledge of Amateur Radio amongst our work mates in the office, construction site, store, where ever we do our work during the week. Of course, anyone planning to

participate in this special program should be certain that doing this will be OK in your officer. I know that during my 42 working years at Raytheon, using an HT from inside the facility was not permitted. The suggested ARRL plan is to make fellow workers aware of the fact that during your lunch hour, you will be demonstrating what Amateur Radio can do. You will make a contact or two on your favorite repeater and thereby show your non-ham co-worker how they could be on the air after obtaining a license. Section Managers across the country have been asked to listen to the more popular repeaters in their region around the lunch hour on Tuesday. I plan to scan the repeaters in my radio's memory and watch for anyone looking to make a contact from their work place. A Repeater Directory will be awarded to the first participant that each SM hears taking part. Good luck. I hope to hear you in QSO! One day, I'll tell you an absolutely 100% true story about my experience in putting on a demo just like this. A ham co-worker and I demonstrated 10 meter AM from my mobile in the company parking lot during lunch hour for several non-ham co-workers. We made a very unusual contact. It was fifty years ago but absolutely true. You may have seen in the news that a new country (referred to as an entity) is likely to emerge in the very near future. As soon as Montenegro is voted into the United Nations, its independent standing from Serbia will be recognized in the DX community and the pileups will commence. This new one for everyone, from the top Honor Roller to the DX novice will count exactly the same as the recent 3Y0X operation at Peter I Island in the Antarctic or any other rare DX operation in a remote part of the world. But this new entity will carry many advantages for the DX world, however. Montenegro has over 600,000 permanent residents which doubtlessly includes many hams. Unlike dozens of distinct sand bars and reefs which have absolutely no one living there, Montenegro will be on the air every day, not just when some expedition decides to spend a small fortune to activate it for a week. Montenegro will eventually be simple for even the most casual DXer to add to his or her DXCC total. Whether a new DX entity is the most remote uninhabited reef in the ocean or a major country with cities and highways, they all count exactly alike, for just one more. Soon there will be 336 of them. On a somewhat related matter, the DXCC desk announced on June 15th, a somewhat more generous change will be enacted that will affect the way "Political Entities" are recognized for entity credit. Once the interested parties have had a chance to review the maps of the world's eligible land parcels to see how the revised rule may affect the entity status of a long list of previously unqualified places on earth, one or more additional entities may emerge, possibly just in time to participate in this fall and winter's DX contests. As I said above, they all count for one more entity added to your DXCC total. As the real estate agents always remind us, the world is not creating any more land. What is here now is all we'll ever have. But the DX fraternity continues to find new ways to divide it up to make it look and be counted as if it is more. The 2006 Dayton Hamvention is now history. Attendance was approximately equal to last year, just over 20,000 hams. ARRL presence was very strong through ARRL Expo. See <http://www.arrl.org/announce/nc/2006/> on the Internet for details of this major investment of staff personnel and exhibit space. All major services of the ARRL were showcased and many forums offered. Even in a show as huge as Dayton, very few people could possibly say that they didn't notice the ARRL and their programs. New England's biennial ARRL Division Convention will take place on August 25-27 in Boxboro, MA. We should all make a strong effort to include it into our busy schedules and be sure that we attend. Many beautiful pieces of gear will be on display along with experts to explain how they will perform in your shack. I'll cover the Boxboro event in greater detail in my July report but for now, just pencil in the date, August 25-27. It's a highly recommended fun time for young and older hams. In closing, I want to include mention of some very exciting openings on 6 meters. The evening of June 4th displayed what is reported to be a massive sporadic-E opening to Japan. I've noticed daily openings since then to Europe and all states from the east coast. Hams with simple yagis on their roofs and mobiles are logging nice QSOs every day. I hope the Field Day teams take note of this and will include 6 meters in their operating plans. This band could be a major point maker. 73 to all and enjoy Field Day, Bob Beaudet, W1YRC

## **Northwestern Division**

## Montana

June in Montana! Lots of rain and lightning. How is your station protected from incoming energy on the antenna leads? And don't forget, the power and phone lines. The simplest solutions include disconnecting the power and antenna leads before a storm or if you will be out of the shack for a time when a strike could occur. Other, more involved solutions include a large knife switch to connect the antenna to ground, some high tech protection in the coax lines and of course, your rotator leads. One needs to remember that lightning need not strike directly on your antenna or tower structure to cause tremendous damage inside your home. Induced currents from nearby strikes can be enough to damage your transceiver or amplifier, should they be left connected. A good source of information on lightning protection can be found at Polyphaser's site on the web. They specialize in modern, well constructed surge and strike mitigation. The Helena Club spent a weekend on the Governor's Cup race. Their participation was appreciated by all involved. Great job gang! Catch Glacier Hamfest this year. Third weekend of July. A pretty place and good fun. RATPOD bike race in Dillon June 24th! Contact Larry, N7YET for further info. As of this writing, they still need more amateurs and mobile stations for placement along the race course. This is a 150 mile race over two mountain passes. It's not for the weak of heart. And, proceeds to benefit "Camp Make-A-Dream" for the kids with Cancer. Think it over, if you have time, be sure and show up. IMN-W5UYH, QNI-472, QTC-77 MTN-KD7HWV, QNI-2453, QTC-92 MSN-K7LMT, K7MT and others, 92 Thanks to all who make Montana such a great section to represent. 73 Doug, K7YD

## Oregon

Oregon SM: Randy Stimson KZ7T. SEC: W7IH. SCC: W7WZ. ACC: N7THL. STM: W7IZ: OOC: AB7OC. PIC: W6ABM. TC: WB7UNU. SGL: KA7KYQ. Well this is my final report. It will be short and sweet. I would like to thank all of the hams that have worked with me for the past 3 years. From turmoil to calm. My very well qualified replacement, Bonnie Altus AB7ZQ, will do a fine job and continue with the growth to the ham community. I will help her in any way I can. Thank you again. Carl Somdahl W7LI, is one of the owners of the Oregon Coast Repeater Group. They have repeaters at many sites. He and others have set up a web site with so much information that it is hard to believe. You need to bring up the web and see for yourself. [www.ocrg.org](http://www.ocrg.org). The reason I am so involved. The Mt Hebo repeater, out of Pacific City is where my wife and I do communication for the Reach the Beach, sponsored by the Lung Association. There are 2000+ cyclists starting from Portland, Salem, Amity and Grand Ronde and go to Pacific City.. This event is in May which means the Mt Hebo is not always the best place to be. We have encountered beautiful sunshine, fog so bad you can't see the antennas to 18 inches of snow. Before we start the event we get on the web and because they have a camera we can check for snow and take the proper equipment. The Nestucca News from Pacific City has a great article about Carl. I just hope he put it on the web. Eliza Pride KE7FHC has passed ARECC EC-001 Great Job. Traffic; N7CM139, W7IZ 127, K7PMB 94, N7YSS 80, KC7SGM 69, K7EAJ 67, KK1A 60, KD7THV 60, W7VSE 59, KD7ZLF 39, WS7L 23 and N7APE 6 PSHR; K7EAJ 200, N7CM 170, KK1A 110, KL7OR 110, N7YSS 110, W7VSE 91, KK7TN 89 and KD7ZLF 89. 00Report; Michael AB7OC 186 hours and Jeff NS7J 55 hours

## Western Washington

In District 1, DEC Bill, W7ARC No reports from Whatcom or Snohomish Counties this month. Snohomish County has a new EC, Eric Brownell, W2ZT. Island County reports Island County Amateur Radio Functional Exercise supporting the 2006 Whidbey Island Marathon on 2 April 2006. A total of 18 ARES/RACES operators took part with the Island County Amateur Radio Club supporting the Marathon with Communications. Skagit County reports the Quarterly TEAM ARES/RACES Meeting was held in Mount Vernon with good attendance. Hospital radio equipment has been received and awaiting



installation at our three hospitals. In District 2, ADEC Russ, K7INA reports Jefferson County had a busy month providing communications for the Rhody Parade and the 12K Rhody Run, participated in Pacific Peril and a health drill. Clallam County ARES provided training to 28 of its members on Chapter 8 of the ARRL Emergency Communications Handbook, ""Net Operating Guidelines"" and on procedures in the CC EOC. They also participated in a drill on May 18th involving the CC EOC and Olympic Medical Center (OMC). Traffic was passed between EOC and OMC and between OMC, Jefferson and Kitsap County hospitals. In Kitsap County ARES participated with the county DEM and medical facilities to test communications and practice message handling. They were able to successfully test communications with facilities in Clallam and Jefferson Counties. During our practice in message handling, we found areas to improve our processes for interfacing with the EOC personnel. We need to work on our procedures for relaying messages between the counties. In District 3, DEC, Duane, WB7ROZ reports several counties supported the Operation Pacific Peril an international Tsunami Drill this month. The Lewis County ARES team assisted the Centralia/Chehalis Optimists by providing communications, checkpoints, and SAG wagon for the annual Historical Lewis County Bike Ride. Hams from Grays Harbor and Thurston Counties assisted as well. A good time was had by all and many bike riders stopped to thank us for watching over their event. The Mason County ARES team is preparing for Field day on a hill in Victor this year, and for a Mason County Fair Special Event Station for July 27-29. NTS operators will be mentoring them thru three days of sending third party radiograms on N7SK. There will be contesting, voice and CW, using NM7E also. They are planning some Radio Direction Finding activity for beginners, and are open for more advanced demonstrations. Thurston County ARES team supported the YMCA 2006 Spring Run, the Capital City Marathon, and the Olympus Road Rally. The Pacific County ARES team has been upgrading their repeater site and performing Beach Net Repeater maintenance In District 4, DEC Marc, KD7RYY reports that Wahkiakum County participated in Pacific Peril exercise and appointed Dave Kelly, N7WBZ, AEC. In Cowlitz County planning is underway for Tour-De-Blast bike ride in June. They also set up Comm Van for communications for Trojan Cooling Tower demolition on May 21. Clark County provided communications for Ride Around Clark County on May 6 with 1145 bike riders participating. At the monthly ARES meeting the guest speaker was Ernie, KB7YPU, CRESA Director for Homeland Security and Colonel in Civil Air Patrol who discussed both of these organizations. On May 31st ARES/RACES was activated for a Clark County exercise of Mt. St Helens blowing, the I-5 bridge stuck in the up position, a 10 car pile-up on the I-205 bridge, and a plane crash in Amboy. We had 23 operators in the field representing the Red Cross and a shelter, Camas EOC, CRESA EOC and several fire stations. It was a good exercise. No Report from District 5. In District 6, DEC Kirk, N7UK reports that a SET on April 29th was setup to demonstrate WinLink and send compressed pictures to the East Side Fire & Rescue Battalion Chief and also determine their usefulness for doing windshield surveys. Both of these activities worked very well. At an after action meeting it was determined that what was needed was common formatting of the messages. They will be looking into this further after Field Day. This year the Sammamish and North Bend teams will be holding Field Day together out at Valley Camp. In Bellevue a successful drill was held based on their fire station setups with new members. ~30 participated. They also worked with Unigard Ins. to help them set up their ham radio shack in their EOC and coordinated this with Bellevue Fire and Bellevue Fire Chief. The district welcomed a newly-revitalized Woodinville team back into the fold, thanks to the efforts of Bernard, KE7FEQ to round up a half-dozen members of the original team. They've applied for a Homeland Security grant to upgrade their radio gear. Kirk, N7UK, reports that he participated in the Evergreen Sentry exercise from the Boeing Everett EOC, and found himself handling traffic on a trunked 800 MHz public-safety radio. During an exercise or an event, don't be surprised if your served agency wants the "radio guys" to operate any black box with a microphone attached to it, whether it transmits on the ham bands or not. Would you know who you could talk to on which channels or talk groups? Are there any different protocols, traffic-handling procedures, etc? Marina, N7LSL, ASEC for District M reports Reg. 2 had an exercise on May18, in which all the hospitals participated. It was a beneficial learning experience for all. On 5/22-24, Regions 1, 5, 6 participated in a huge, multifaceted exercise (Evergreen Sentry) that

involved many Federal, state, and local public safety, emergency management agencies, as well as many of the hospitals. They are still writing the After-action report for that. In preparation for the exercise we had a training session on Radiation Safety. Several members supported Special Olympics at Fort Lewis. From the SEC, Ken, K7TAG, would like to add to Kirk, N7UK's comments on being asked to run the 800 MHz Trunked radio system in an exercise. This is a common thread that I have heard from many sources including teams deployed for the hurricanes as well as public service exercises.. We are typically viewed as communicators and can be asked to operate many different types of radio systems, not just our own radios. It is also important to note that amateur radio being invited to participate in the Pacific Peril Exercise is an important tribute to the contribution that we can make to a major disaster. It was a multi-state, multi-nation exercise with participants from California, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia and Alaska simulating a major tsunami off the West Coast. Everyone who participated helped to show the valuable communications skills we bring to a disaster.

## **Pacific Division**

### **Nevada**

Nevada Section News Summary for May 2006 See the Nevada Section website at <http://nv.arrl.org> for the complete, unedited stories. June 14, 2006 - ARES Monthly Report for May'06 SEC Summary - We were once again host of Emcommwest 2006, held at the Atlantis Hotel and Resort in Reno. The swap meet was great and has been growing steadily year after year. EMCOMMWEST would like to thank the many vendors and sponsors for their help in making this a truly exciting year for us. EMCOMMWEST highlights include our Keynote Speaker, Dave Patton NN1N and our banquet guest speaker, Bill Pasternak, WA6NIK. Hats off to Dee Arnold, KA7LOZ for going the extra mile to see that the entire event was a huge success. Next years event is already in the planning stages with Dee as our Executive Coordinator. Thanks to one and all who volunteered to help, and those who came to learn and enjoy. Many areas around the state are already preparing for Field Day coming up in June. SEC plans on being available for messages to be received so that clubs can get extra 100 points for sending a message. We will also be making flyers from the Hello campaign available to clubs for distribution to the public who visit sites and to the media prior to Field Day in June. - 73 de Don Carlson, KQ6FM NV, SEC/PIC. SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORT: Meetings were held with Elmerelda County EC, Ron WB5KLJ and North Nye County AEC, Dave, KE7LC. The meeting included topics of a proposed repeater link with Tonopah and Goldfield, and coordination with Nye County OEM. The repeater will eventually host an IRLP connection. If approved, more information will be announced... DEC met with Clark County SKYWARN AEC Jeff, KC7PK regarding plans for SKYWARN Control Ops meeting, possible exercise and NWS coverage between Las Vegas and Flagstaff, AZ NWS operations. With this in mind, we have appointed Bruce, KY7B as an Assistant DEC. His assignment will be to coordinate between ARES groups in both Southern Nevada and groups in Arizona, and with Clark and Nye County groups... North Nye County assisted with SKYWARN activations twice during the month, since Reno radar was down and assistance from around the state was requested. Reports were relayed from Hawthorne and Mina into the Reno net. Several public service events reported by Clark County, with the Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure and the Silver State Open Road Challenge from Lund to Hiko. South Nye County put together a program to assist the FD with testing. Called out to assist as spotters for several fires, and one large fire. One spotter even reported a fire right as it started. Had our team members not been alert, there is no telling how large the fire may have become. FD and DEM open house was held, and hams out greeting attendees, and set up the Emergency Service trailer for demos of support radios. Gearing up for fire season ahead. Nice work guys! NORTHEAST DISTRICT REPORT: Held a second session Elko ARES mock drill in conjunction with a training session at the Barrick Goldstrike Mine's Emergency Operation Center. The Elko Amateur Radio Club is planning for a Field Day operation at Spring Creek Marina in June. Wildland fires are starting to show up in the Elko area, mainly lightning generated. NORTHWEST DISTRICT REPORT: Skywarn active in Reno on a couple of occasions due to

thunderstorm activity. As previously reported, the radar system went out at Reno NWS, who relied on weather spotters for real time information from many areas. Thanks to Dee, KA7LOZ, AEC to the NWS/Skywarn for keeping WX7RNO open and operating at the request of NWS... Good turnout for Lyon County activity at Lake Lahontan in support of the SAR. Lake was high, and portable station (including an HF station) was set up, although Memorial Day weekend remained fairly quiet. New Comm van also on site. County official commented that it was impressive... Sad news for Washoe County, as Fred Hunt, WA6GOG announced his resignation as EC. Fred has been on the job for nearly two years, and has done an outstanding job, with tremendous expansion of ARES efforts there. Fred will still be involved with ARES activities, although not from a leadership position, as he needs to devote more time to personal life. Doug Abramson, KA7FOO (Northwest DEC) and Don Carlson, KQ6FM (Nevada SEC) will be working on a replacement for Fred, who's shoes will be very hard to fill. We all send a tremendous vote of thanks to Fred for a job well done! You will be missed. June 14, 2006 - Reno QRP Club Field Day announcement - W7FST will be setting up Field Day 2006 on the UNR campus, at the northeast corner of Virginia Street and 9th Street, beginning at 8:00am until dark Saturday June 24th. In W7FST tradition, the operations will be QRP only, multi-op, multi-transmitter. For more information, contact either W7YQ, Tim, at w7yq@arrl.net or NU7T, Steve, at nu7t@gbis.com. June 11, 2006 - Las Vegas area ARES net changes - A weekly net for ARES members is held every Monday evening at 7:30 PM on the 147.015(+) PL100 Angel's Peak, 145.30(-)(PL100) Beacon Hill, 147.18(+) (PL100) Spirit Mountain, 447.325(-)(PL127.3) Angel's Peak, and 927.6625(-) DPL606 Angel's Peak repeaters. The 145.11(-)(PL100) Red Mountain and 145.22(-)(PL100) Highland Peak repeaters will be linked during the net. June 9, 2006 - Pony Express Reride is done - In spite of the wind, sleet, hail, rain and other mischief caused by multiple thunderstorms, the SIERA group has completed its support of the annual Pony Express Reride through Nevada. WB6W was stationed in Ruby Valley to relay info via HF back to Carson City and reports being "run over" by half a dozen thunderstorms in a twenty four hour period. June 6, 2006 - Elko ARC Field Day will be held at the park located at the Spring Creek Marina just off Spring Creek Parkway. Folks in the Elko area who are interested in participating should contact Dave W7GK at w7gk\_1@yahoo.com for more information. May 29, 2006 - Nevada SEC to tour Field Day sites - Don Carlson, KQ6FM, our Nevada SEC/PIC can be reached at kq6fm@arrl.net. He writes: "With Field Day coming soon, once again I plan to do some site visits. If you and/or your group has plans to set up a Field Day site this year, please let Don know: the Group Name, Site location (and directions if necessary), Team leader and/or point of contact (name and call plus email, cell etc.) Talk in frequency on 2m, 220 or 440. Once I receive this information, I will make sure that everyone is aware of your event and if possible, schedule a visit to the site. Hope we can have a great time this year and get some good participation. Thanks and 73! - de KQ6FM" May 28, 2006 - YE-HAA! - The Texas DX Society and friends will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Great Armadillo Run of 1986 with Special Events Station K7A. The operation and reunion will be held in Virginia City, Nevada (Storey County) at the QTH of K5RC. Operation will be over Field Day weekend, June 24-25, 2006 Twenty years later, over 50 of the participants, friends and supporters are gathering at the K5RC Ranch to commemorate the event and operate K7A during Field Day. For details see <http://www.consultpr.com/Armadillo.htm>. -30-

## **Sacramento Valley**

**FIELD DAY:** I hope that by now everyone is prepared for their FD, whether as a contest style or just as a family fun weekend outing. Whatever the style you operate with, it will be good experience operating away from home, and more like it would be during an emergency. Some groups will be operating from city parks, others from a hill top far away from civilization. Be sure you have some information to hand out about amateur radio and the ARRL to any visitors that pass by, and do take time to explain what you are doing and why. Last year a group of Boy Scouts, on a long, 2 day hike, showed up at the MLDXCC FD site, which was on a 7,000 mountain top – you never know who will show up. Be sure you send me and possibly, also to SEC K6SOJ, a message in the proper message form. It must be sent and received

by radio. Once it is acknowledged as being received, by the receiving station, you can claim credit for it. I have received invitations to visit several FD sites, but as yet I have not decided what route I will take, also snow could be a problem again this year. As usual there will be a few clubs or groups, from other Sections operating in the SV Section. CITRUS HEIGHTS: A group is still looking for help in writing a proposed ordinance for the city of CH. Also there are some contacts within the city organization that may be able to help get a decent proposal accepted. They would like to get more hams that actually live in CH to help. The contact person is Ed Siegner, WA6QYO, 916-723-2798 or esiegner@surewest.net. Give them some help. NORTH HILLS HAMFEST: This year's hamfest/swap meet didn't do as well as usual – not because of the club and planning, but because the local forecasters called for rain. Actually no one got very wet, as there were only a few spurts of rain, off and on. There were some nice door prizes, and the hot dogs were hot. Next year it will probably be 105 degree heat. The club is planning an all day demonstration of amateur radio at a park, later this year. BIG PROJECT PROGRAM: At the hamfest I met Troy Baucom, AE6VP, who is a teacher at the Whitney Elementary School, in Sacramento. Through his efforts he obtained a Big Project grant from the ARRL and is organizing a radio club and setting up a station at the school. The ARRL has developed a course of study for the young students of math, science and of course amateur radio. Three days after the hamfest, he arranged for the Red Cross' Emergency Communications Response Vehicle to be operated and displayed at the school, and he ask me if I would like to attend. I believe he had 3rd, 4th and 5th grade classes look over the ECRV and had a student make a contact on VHF – could not hear any stations on HF. Seemed like a very enthused group of possible young hams, as well as an eager teacher. Keep up the good work Troy!! ON THE ROAD: May was a busy month for me. Some of the groups I visited were: River City ARCS, Amador County ARC annual dinner, EMCOMM West in Reno – on Sunday, Golden Empire ARS in Chico, Hamfest, El Dorado County ARC and ECRV demonstration. June, July and August are usually slow as several clubs do not meet in those Summer months. The Mother Lode DXCC and the Northern California Contest Club will hold a joint meeting, in Jackson in July. TAHOE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION: Paul, WA6EWV, has been re-elected for the umpteenth time, as president of TARA. I guess he keeps doing a good job at it. The club has developed and completed a Mobile Repeater, known as Project Seventy Three. It is mounted in a cargo trailer, and ready to go. The club provided communications for the America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride – up to 100 mile ride, around Lake Tahoe. Next month, they provide communications for the annual Death Ride and in September Tour De Tahoe ride. Snow has been a problem at times, and access to the repeaters will wait until the snow melts. GOLDEN EMPIRE ARS: The club held their annual auction and raised considerable funds by auctioning off some big boat anchors. Some probably went for 5 cents a pound. Hi. The 8 week Technician class is going well and an examination will be given prior to July 1st, as the question pool changes in July. GEARS is a Special Service Club, affiliated with the ARRL. SILENT KEY: The El Dorado County ARC reports that their long time member Vern Gerwer became a SK on May 7. He had two strokes and as to his instructions he was taken off life support on May 2nd. 7QP: Rich, NU6T and Fred, K6DGW, traveled to Elko Nevada to work the 7th district QSO Party. They made nearly 400 contact with a barefoot rig and a vertical antenna. Rich says it was a looong trip for a few hours of contesting, but he is ready to go next year. They both will operate in the California QSO Party in October. NETS: A net is held each Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm on 3987 KHz. The 2nd Wednesday of each month is the Sacramento Valley ARRL net. Other Wednesdays are devoted to ARES, emergency communication, and check-in from the Western States. A VHF, Sacramento Valley Net, is also held on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 pm on 146.085 MHz, PL 127.3 Hz, using the Yuba Sutter ARC repeater. The Northern California Net, with relays to the National Traffic System, meets at 7:00 pm local on 3630 KHz. The slow speed training net for NCN meets on 3705 KHz at 9:00 pm. Both nets operate every night of the year. All traffic is handled in the standard ARRL message form. RAMBLINGS: Hope to see some of you at the Field Day sites, which I will visit, and hope you have fun and make lots of contacts. Don't forget to send a message to me during your FD event. Although it is a few months away, keep your schedule open for the California QSO Party, the first weekend in October and the Pacificon ARRL Convention, in San Ramon a couple of weekend later. Both events are very

enjoyable. Please be sure that your club's information on the ARRL web pages is kept up-to-date. This information is important to the League, the Section and possible new club members. Information especially needed are a contact name, phone number and/or an email address, also when and where the club meets. It can be changed anytime and only takes a few minutes to update – preferably by a club Officer. I am still looking for someone that is interested in taking over the Section Manager position, as pressure at home is increasing for me to give it up. If you would like more information on this position, please contact me at w6rff@arrl.org or 916-783-0383. 73, until next month. Jettie, W6RFF

## **San Joaquin Valley**

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for the month of May 2006: 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. An Emergency Coordinator is needed in Merced County. Contact N6ZFN (n6zfn@bak.rr.com) or W6DPD (w6dpd@arrl.org) if you can help. Mark your calendars. The ARRL VHF QSO Party is June 10-12, 2006. Check the May issue of QST for information. Field Day is June 24-25, 2006. The California Historical Radio Society Merced Swap Meet is June 24, 2006 at 9 AM. Check [www.californiahistoricalradio.com/events.html](http://www.californiahistoricalradio.com/events.html) for information and directions. The 64th Fresno Hamfest will be August 5, 2006 at the Satellite Student Union on the CSUF Campus in Fresno. Check [www.w6to.com](http://www.w6to.com) for information. San Joaquin Valley ARS presents the Harvest HamConVentioN Sept 15-16 in Fresno. Check [www.sjvars.com](http://www.sjvars.com) for information. Amateur Radio Awareness Day is Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006. The 2006 California QSO Party is October 7-8. Check [www.cqp.org](http://www.cqp.org) for information. Pacificon 06 will be October 13-15, 2006 at the San Ramon Marriott. Check [www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org) for information. The International DX Convention is April 27-29, 2007 at Visalia. Check <http://www.dxconvention.org/> for information. EMCOMM West is May 4-6, 2007 at the Atlantis Resort and Casino in Reno NV. Check [www.emcommwest.org](http://www.emcommwest.org) for information. 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](http://www.arrl.org) for exam information. You can also search for Amateur Radio Classes in your area. 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. The California Traffic Net meets daily on 3.906 MHz and 6:30 PM local time. It is my sad duty to report that W6UTN, N6CIY, and KB6TIM are Silent Keys. They will be missed. K6SNE and N6IDF became Silent Keys while on a transmitter hunt in the Kern County mountains on the road to Lake Isabella. This is a reminder to drive safely, even when on transmitter hunts. Congratulations to KF6UDF on winning a Dayton ARA scholarship and an ARRL Foundation General Fund Scholarship. Way to go Stuart. EMCOMM West 2006 was a good conference. If you did not attend, you missed out on a lot of information. Hams from the SJV in attendance were WB6BRU, K6SUU, K6IXA, KA6PNL, WA8SME, and W6DPD. The 2007 EMCOMM West is now in the planning stages. Congrats to AI6A and KM6JM on completing the ARECC Level 1 Course. W6JPU is the new call sign of the Fresno Amateur Radio Technical Society. On June 9-11, KF6JOQ, Larry, KG6ZBL, Mark and W6WTG, Terry will be going to Santa Cruz Island off the coast of Ventura for a DX Expedition. The island is IOTA NA-144. We will be operating 14.260, 50.130 and also 144.210 SSB during the ARRL VHF contest using the special call sign W6C. QSL Manager is N2OWL. For more information contact Terry, W6WTG at [w6wtg@arrl.net](mailto:w6wtg@arrl.net) or [www.islandchaser.com](http://www.islandchaser.com). The Los Banos ARC provided communications support for the May Day Parade. TCARES members provided communications support for the 27th Old Mill Run in Columbia CA. The Stockton-Delta ARC and Lodi ARC provided communications support for the Stockton Bike Club's annual Delta Century Bike Ride. W6INP, K6UII, WB6NVB, N1ILZ, N6HW, AA6K, and N6LHL from the Stockton-Delta Club, N6WTI, KD6TDD, and N6VVK from the Lodi Club, participated. ND6S from the Amador County ARC operated as a bike mobile. Amateurs in many

communities provided communications support for the March of Dimes Walk America this spring. KA6BIM was first, W6TE was second and N6IIU was third in the SJV section in the December 2005 ARRL 10 Meter Contest. KA6BIM was first, WS6X was second, and K6YK was third in the SJV section in the 2005 ARRL 160 Meter Contest. WK6I was first, NN6NN was second and K6MI was third in the SJV section in the 2006 ARRL RTTY Roundup. WK6I was second and NN6NN was third in the Pacific Division scoring. Traffic for May: K6RAU 14, and N6SUZ 162; Total 176 PSHR K6RAU 57 N6SUZ 100.

## **Roanoke Division**

### **North Carolina**

NORTH CAROLINA SECTION NEWS TAKE YOUR HT TO WORK DAY! Tuesday, June 20 is "Take Your HT to Work Day". It's the second year ARRL has sponsored this informal event that encourages hams to share amateur radio at work. By wearing your HT on your belt, setting it on a desk, or just making your HT visible, the goal is have co-workers ask, "What's that?" During your lunch hour hams are encouraged to invite co-workers to try out their HT's under a licensed ham's control. This is a great way to begin and also invite your friends to come the next weekend during Field Day to see a full station in operation. You can also brag about the governor's "Amateur Radio Appreciation Week" proclamation and talk about amateur radio's important role in disaster and emergency communications. If you forget your HT June 20, just bring it another day! FIELD DAY! It's almost here...one of the biggest events of the year! The 2006 ARRL Field Day will be held June 24-25. Don't forget to setup your "GOTA -- Get-On-The-Air" station as an opportunity for Novice, Technician or generally inactive hams to have a chance to operate, adding points to your overall total without changing the number of transmitters in your class. It's a great way to introduce new hams to the fun of Field Day without the pressure of keeping the rates up at a highly competitive Field Day site. Also remember that sending a radiogram to me through the National Traffic System earns you an extra 100 points. You'll need to include the club name, number of participants, Field Day location, and the number of ARES operators involved with your station. The message must be transmitted during the Field Day period. My home BBS on packet is CLTBBS, W4BFB-9. I look forward to visiting 8-10 Field Day sites in Western and Central North Carolina during the weekend and will plan a tour of Eastern NC sites next year. JOTA Jamboree On the Air (JOTA) is an annual event in which Boy and Girl Scouts and Guides from all over the world speak to each other by means of amateur radio. Since the first JOTA in 1958 millions of scouts have met each other through this even and who knows how many new hams have been recruited. JOTA is a unique opportunity to share the magic of radio with some enthusiastic young people. The event is held the first weekend in October each year and it's time to start planning the event with your local Scout troops. More information is available at [www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/jota.html](http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/jota.html). I'll post contact information for the eleven BSA local councils in North Carolina to [www.ncarrl.org](http://www.ncarrl.org). MS150 Working at a Multiple Sclerosis 150 mile bike ride is one of my favorite ham radio activities. These are the largest MS events, with the "Breakaway" ride attracting over 2,000 cyclists riding 150 miles over two days. With so many riders spread over so many miles of rural Carolina, the MS 150 rides are an intense communications challenge that can only be met by ham radio. Keeping the course well marked, rest stops supplied, directors informed, and answering cyclist questions keeps the repeaters keyed constantly for hours. More important, several cyclists are usually injured seriously enough to require an ambulance. With poor cell phone coverage in many areas of the route, our skills and equipment are critical to their safety. This isn't an emergency communications drill -- it's a chance for you to get experience with the real thing. These events simply could not happen without our support. I've listed below the MS 150 rides in North Carolina this year, as well as a new ride planned for South Carolina. Please consider volunteering for these worthy and fun events! August 19 & 20: Savannah River Ride, McCormick, SC Contact: Mary Hunt, N4MH -- [n4mh@w4bfb.org](mailto:n4mh@w4bfb.org) September 9 & 10: Magical Mystery Bike Tour, New Bern Contact: TBD, for now use [n4ib@arrl.org](mailto:n4ib@arrl.org) September 9 & 10: Tour to Tanglewood, Greensboro to

Tanglewood Contact: John Kippe -- [fancie@alltel.net](mailto:fancie@alltel.net) September 16 & 17: Breakaway to the Beach, Rockingham to North Myrtle Beach Contact: Mary Hunt, N4MH -- [n4mh@w4bfb.org](mailto:n4mh@w4bfb.org) UPCOMING HAMFESTS Firecracker Hamfest, Salisbury -- July 8, [www.w4exu.net](http://www.w4exu.net) Cary Swapfest -- July 15, [www.qsl.net/n4nc/](http://www.qsl.net/n4nc/) Western Carolina Hamfest -- July 29, [www.wcars.org/hamfest](http://www.wcars.org/hamfest) MAY TRAFFIC W0UCE 739 (BPL), W4EAT 341, W2EAG 177, K4IWW 144, KI4YV 144, KE4JHJ 113, W4DNA 88, WA4OBR 67, W3HL 66, K4RLD 53, W4FAL 50, AD4XV 42, W4TTO 42, KE4AHC 39, KD4FUN 32, W4NCD 29, W4LN 28, KI4AHA 24, KG4YNM 20, W4IRE 15, W4CC 14, W4EHF 13. MAY PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL W4DNA 190, K4RLD 185, W4NCD 159, W4EAT 140, W4FAL 130, K4IWW 120, KE4JHJ 110, W2EAG 100, KI4AHA 99, W4LN 98, KI4YV 95, W4TTO 90, KG4YNM 85, W4CC 83, KD4FUN 82.

## South Carolina

Greetings to all Amateur Radio Operators. This is Dr. Jim, N2ZZ with the June 2006 South Carolina Section Manager's Report! Please remember that the SC Section website can be found at: [www.arrrl-sc.org/](http://www.arrrl-sc.org/) where my full SM report will be listed as well as up-to-the-date information on Amateur Radio in South Carolina! June is now upon us, and that means it's time for Field Day! The ARRL Field Day is always the last full weekend in June, and this year, it will be held on June 24th and 25th! Charlie AE4UX, SEC and I will be traveling to visit Field Day sites again this year. A number of clubs have already sent me information, but I do ask that all organizers of Field Day activities send me detailed driving instructions to get to your Field Day site! Please send all information to [n2zz@arrrl.org](mailto:n2zz@arrrl.org) as soon as possible. Charlie will be making out our travel plans, so I do want to get information to him quickly! I spoke with Bob K4NJN, ASM6 who may help us out with visits again this year. Field Day is a great event, one that gives Amateur Radio a chance to shine! Please make every effort to participate! Download your Field Day Packet here: <http://www.arrrl.org/contests/forms/06-fd-packet.pdf> . I have received a plea from a number of people regarding VE testing information. I have a spot on the [www.arrrl-sc.org](http://www.arrrl-sc.org) website for Amateur Radio Classes/VE testing, but it is woefully out of date. I realize that VE teams may change their information with the ARRL in Newington, but that information is not relayed to me from Headquarters. I ask that all that head VE teams in South Carolina to check the section website and see if your information is current. If not, please send the updated information to me in a short e-mail form so that I can cut and paste the information from your e-mail to the webpage. This will save time and ensure accuracy. Saturday, June 17th is Kids Day! This is a great opportunity to bring Amateur Radio into the lives of young people. The event will be held from 1800 to 2400 UTC. Suggested exchange is First name, age, location, and favorite color. Call "CQ Kids Day" to elicit contacts. Suggested frequencies are 14.270 to 14.300 MHz, 21.380 to 21.400 MHz and 28.350 to 28.400 MHz, plus local VHF repeaters with the sponsor's permission. Further information can be found here: <http://www.arrrl.org/FandES/ead/kd-rules.html> June 20 is "Take your Handheld to Work Day" All licensed hams are encouraged to bring their handheld to work to increase interest in Amateur Radio! This may encourage co-workers to ask "What's that?" and open up a dialog about Amateur Radio. This would be a perfect opportunity to invite those that are interested to Field Day activities later in the month! Although not part of the event, those who are able to set up portable HF stations at work are encouraged to do so also! Further information is available on the ARRL website: <http://www.arrrl.org/news/stories/2006/06/14/4/?nc=1> Peter Spence (ex-KG4VDR), our former STM, is doing well in his new location in Birmingham, Alabama. He wishes to let everyone know that he has a new callsign, AI4PN. I have introduced Peter to the Alabama Section Manager, and I'm sure Peter will be active in the ARRL Field Service in his new location! Public Service Event: 2006 MS 150 Bike Tour Savannah River Ride: The MS 150 Bike Tour "Savannah River Ride" is a two-day scenic cycling event that travels along the Savannah River, Savannah Scenic Highway and the Sumter National Forest. The Savannah River Ride Bike Tour raises money and awareness for the National MS Society. Funds raised promote local programs and national research and programs to end the devastating effects of multiple sclerosis. The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Mid-Atlantic Chapter, serves over 6,588 people in

western North Carolina and the entire state of South Carolina. The event will be held August 19-20, 2006. The ride will start and have an overnight at the Savannah Lakes Resort & Marina, McCormick, SC and end at the Hickory Knob State Park, McCormick, SC. This event is supported by amateur radio operators who provide the communications for the event. There are rest stops every 8 to 10 miles on the event and a ham radio operator is stationed at each rest stop. The MS Society has 2 situation teams and 2 directors on the route for the event. A ham radio operator is placed with each one of these staff members or they ride with the ham radio operator in the radio equipped vehicle. We also have SAG vehicles that are ham radio operators. These vehicles (usually pick up trucks or vans) drive between the rest stops to check on the cyclists and if they break down on the road, transport them to the next rest stop. For further information, and/or to volunteer to participate in the event, contact Mary Hunt, N4MH [mshunt@adelphia.net](mailto:mshunt@adelphia.net) and Thalia Wilhide, KF4UMR [ThaliaW@aol.com](mailto:ThaliaW@aol.com). I'm happy to report that we have a new club that has been formed in our section, The Newberry Amateur Radio Club. They currently stand at 15 active members, and will meet on June 21st to plan Field Day. Their meetings are held at the Newberry (City) Fire Department on Wilson Road across from Tractor Supply and WalMart. Thanks to Bill KA4TWK and Jack W4EFZ for this information! Please go to the [www.arrl-sc.org](http://www.arrl-sc.org) website for information that I was unable to add to this report because of space limitations! Well, that is it for this month! I hope to see everyone at the Field Day sites, and see you again next month! MAY 2006 NTS REPORT FOR SOUTH CAROLINA by Mac Heaton N4MEH, STM: NET REPORTS: Net Name/Check Ins/Traffic/Sessions/Reported By Anderson Radio Club 2M Net/984/34/31/N4MEH BRARS 2 Meter Net/1040/48/31/K4SUG Carolina's Net/363/172/62/W2EAG Carolina Slow Net/171/31/31/W4EAT Columbia ARC 2M Net/165/9/9/K4RKC Grand Strand ARC 2M Net/239/30/17/N4XML Greater Pee Dee 2M Net/811/36/31/K4DTT Greenwood ARC 2M Net/90/6/4/W4DEW Greenwood Friendly Net/388/31/31/W4JAK Lancaster County 2M Net/113/17/13/N4WMB Laurent County 2M Net/107/2/4/WA4AOS Oconee County 2M Net/251/19/13/KE40GG PALS Net/863/87/32/KG4KOE SC Single Sideband Net/1599/74/31/WB4DLD York County ARS 2M Net/884/44/53/K4CON STATION ACTIVITY REPORTS: Station/Sent/Received/Delivered/Originated/Total KA4LRM/8/14/5/1/28 KA4UIV/18/15/7/0/40 N4MEH/4/36/2/0/42 WA4BUO/4/1/1/1/7 WB4DLD/2/30/1/2/35 PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL: Station/Cat 1/Cat 2/Cat 3/Cat 4/Cat 5/Cat 6/Total KA4LRM/40/28/20/0/0/0/88 KA4UIV/20/40/0/0/0/0/60 N4MEH/40/40/20/0/0/0/100 Have a great month! '73 de Dr. Jim N2ZZ ARRL Section Manager South Carolina Section [www.arrl-sc.org](http://www.arrl-sc.org)

## Virginia

Section News June 14, 2006 Field Day One of the most popular operating events in Amateur Radio is just around the corner. This of course is Field Day, which will be held on the weekend of June 24th and 25th. This event provides an opportunity for fellowship and practical training. We all look forward to those outstanding Field Day meals where some of our best cooks show off their culinary skills. On the more practical side, it gives us the opportunity to demonstrate our ability to set up our stations on short notice. Within a couple of hours we are up and running on emergency power with antennas that have been erected on the fly. Solid communications is quickly established with Amateur Radio operators from around the nation on several different bands and using different modes such as voice, CW, and digital. Please invite your local public officials to Field Day. We have few opportunities to demonstrate our emergency capabilities as we do during Field Day, when we have the availability of stations from all across the nation operating with the same purpose at the same time. This is a time to get your new hams involved. Some of those that are technicians have never had an opportunity to operate on the H.F. bands. Sit down and become a "logger" and control operator for these new hams. This can serve as a real inspiration for getting them to upgrade. Those wishing to send a packet message to the Section Manager for the extra points may do so by using the following address.

W4GHS@W1SLS.#D14.VA.USA.NOAM. This BBS is on the VEN frequency of 145.73. Don't forget the Children Kid's Day is intended to encourage young people (licensed or not) to enjoy Amateur Radio.



It can give young people hands-on on-the-air experience so they might develop an interest in pursuing a license in the future. It is intended to give hams a chance to share their station with their children. Kid's Day will be held on June 17 2006, from 1800 to 2400Z.(2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. EDT) with no limit on operating time The suggested exchange: Name, age, location and favorite color. You are encouraged to work the same station again if an operator has changed. Call "CQ Kid's Day." The suggested frequencies: 28350 to 28400 kHz, 21380 to 21400, 14270 to 14300 kHz and 2-meter repeater frequencies with permission from your area repeater sponsor. Observe third party traffic restrictions when making DX QSOs. All participants are eligible to receive a colorful certificate (it becomes the child's personalized sales brochure on ham radio). You can download this certificate for free, customized with the kids' names, after filling out our Kid's Day Survey, or send a 9 X 12 SASE to: Boring Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 1357; Boring, OR 97009. More details may be obtained by joining the Kid's Day Reflector. Open Section Positions; We continue to need qualified hams to fill the following positions. Section Public Information Coordinator. A description can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/pic.html>. We are creating a new position in the Section to support Scouting and Youth activities. This will be an Assistant Section Managers position. If you are interest in either of these two positions please contact the Section Manager at [w4ghs@arrl.org](mailto:w4ghs@arrl.org). Please list your experience and qualifications. I continue to enjoy my contact with the Amateur Radio community by visiting clubs and Hamfest and conventions. During the month of May, I visited with three clubs and attended the Dayton Hamvention. If you send out a club newsletter, please include me on your mailing list. The heartbeat of the Section is what is going on in local clubs, nets and ARES organizations. Let me know what it happening in your local area. While in Dayton we had a Section Managers meeting and several recommendations were made to the ARRL. One is to move the annual Simulated Emergency Test dates away from the peak of the Hurricane season, perhaps to winter or early spring. It was also suggested that we have one SET date that would be participated in by the whole nation, rather than a block of time spanning several weeks. In this way the National Traffic System could be utilities in a more effective way. It was also suggested by the SMs that an appointment be created for Assistant Section Emergency Coordinators. At the current time this is a title and role that may Sections use but it not an official league appointment. Glen Sage, W4GHS Section Manager Monthly Section Emergency Coordinator Report to ARRL Headquarters

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Virginia Section May 2006

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AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE® Total number of Virginia ARES® members: 1046  
ARES® Membership change since last month: +16 Number of DECs/ECs Reporting: 54 ARES® NETS  
Active: 241 NETS with NTS Liaison: 38 Callsigns of Reporting ARES® Leadership KW4USA,  
WD5DBC, KO4ALA, KG4GIY, KG4LUO, K7BC, WB3AKD, KC1AD, WD4KHP, K4GYT,  
KB6VAA, N4FSG, K4BW, KB4MCP, K2DFZ, K4MSR, KS4XO, KC5EJR, AI4LI, WA4PGI,  
WA2EIN, K4CES, W4FEG, KS4LB, KG4YXP, WA4KD, K4SDC, AC4MB, AD6JV, KC4F,  
KG4TAX, K4JJS, WB4UHC, KC4CMR, WD0FYV, N3GQ, KI4AFE, KE4BWD, K9SP, KO4WK,  
W4LLK, KD4KNR, KD4CCO, W4RDX; KD4CZE, KM4X, WA4RTS, KD4EMU, KA4YNO, N4TIU,  
AA4HQ, AD4RG, KD4QIT, KD4OUZ, K4RMY, N3DFS, KA8TNF, N2NMH, WA4TCJ, K5SFM  
Number of drills, tests, and training sessions: 93 (528hrs) Number of public service events: 31 (1131hrs)  
Number of emergency operations: 3 (10hrs) Total number of ARES® operations: 126 (1669hrs) Brad  
Taylor, KW4USA Virginia SEC

## **Southeastern Division**

### **Georgia**

SM: Susan Swiderski, AF4FO; ASM/South GA: Marshall Thigpen, W4IS; ASM/Legal: Jim Altman, W4UCK; ASM/Webmaster: Bob Smith, K4PHE; ASM/Youth: Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM; ASM/

Scouting: David Pearce, ABØNG; SEC: Jim Cote, N4PJR; STM: Jim Hanna, AF4NS; BM: Eddy Kosobucki, K4JNL; OOC: Mike Swiderski, K4HBI; TC: Ed Tanton, N4XY; PIC: Norm Schklar, WA4ZXV; SGL: Bill Cherepy, WB4WTN; ACC: Robin Cutshaw, AA4RC [www.arrl-ga.org](http://www.arrl-ga.org) [www.gaares.org](http://www.gaares.org) Greetings, All. Better get your rest now, while you can, because Field Day, one of the most fun, sleep-deprived events of the year, is almost here! The latest listing of sites that will be operational here in Georgia this year is posted on our [www.arrl-ga.org](http://www.arrl-ga.org) website, under "news". This list includes several additions to what was in the June newsletter, as well as one change of location: the Thomasville ARC have decided to hold their Field Day activities at the Pavo Civic Club. If you still haven't decided where you want to go to enjoy this year's operating extravaganza, check out the list. And have fun! While checking out our website, you'll find several other items of interest there. Also, under news, you'll find an interesting item from the Newton County Radio Club's newsletter with the story on an old QSL card. Very interesting. On the Home Page, if you scroll down, you'll find a link that will provide you a list of up-to-date emergency frequencies that may be used this Hurricane Season. Very useful. Under Piglet News, you'll see a message from ANDREA HARTLAGE, KG4IUM, about Kids Day, and about the various categories in which you may have won a GA Section certificate. I know that one young man, 14-year-old CHRISTOPHER EVANS, KI4FUJ, grandson of AL HIGGINS, W4VFZ, put in a tremendous amount of effort this year, both in his attempts to promote the event and in the amount of hours he spent on the air. Kudos to him for all of his hard work, and to his grandfather for all of his support. Also, under Piglet News, you'll see a blurb and pictures of 10-year-old JUSTIN FAIRCLOTH, who recently earned his technician license. As you browse through the website, you should see a lot of recent additions and changes that have been made. Many thanks to BOB SMITH, K4PHE, for all of the work he's put into the site, and to each of you who have been sending items our way to post. (Don't forget to send him a few captioned pictures from your Field Day adventures this year. [k4phe@arrl.net](mailto:k4phe@arrl.net)) CHRIS EDWARDS, AE4XO, shared a couple of items for this mid-monthly summary. First, he reported that the hams in middle GA pooled their resources again, with members of the Middle GA Radio Association and other clubs in the area putting together a successful cooperative effort to support the Rock and Roll Marathon in Macon earlier this month. He also said that ROBERT COPELAN, WB4DHC, has set up a WinLink registration site for people all over the country who are planning to use WinLink at Field Day this year. <http://winlink-fd-2006.ham-radio-op.net> Talking about WinLink, I asked DAN HENDERSON, N1ND, about the viability of clubs using WinLink 2000 to send their FD message to me, since I'd heard that several groups do plan to have it set up at their site this year. The bottom line is: "The messages can be sent via ANY APPROPRIATE METHOD, PROVIDED THEY LEAVE THE FIELD DAY SITE that is claiming them for credit VIA AMATEUR RADIO." So, since WinLink is actually Pactor 3, this would qualify, as long as it actually leaves your field day site via RF. You can send those messages to [af4fo@winlink.org](mailto:af4fo@winlink.org) However, they MUST be in the required NTS format to count. (FYI: Dan also said that WinLink does NOT count as a non-traditional mode.) Many thanks to all of you who responded to FEMA's request as detailed in the email sent out last week. Last Thursday, my better half, MIKE SWIDERSKI, K4HBI, and I had the privilege of visiting the FEMA regional office to meet with folks there to discuss the "grand plan" for amateur radio operators. We are talking about VOLUNTEERS here. The major goal is to establish and maintain HF communications between the RRCC (Regional Response Coordination Center, AKA "EOC on steroids") and all of the state EOCs in the region. This will require teams of volunteers in each of these states. (TN, KY, NC, SC, FL, AL, and GA) The need is for "qualified, resourceful creators", who can help build the HF capabilities for FEMA, as well as volunteers who live near the various EOCs and the RRCC, who could staff the station 24/7 during a disaster, "babysit" the ALE traffic, as well as handle basic trouble-shooting challenges that may arise. One announcement regarding a new EC. JEFF COLE, N4XGI, who has been serving as EC in Glynn county for the past few months, has found it necessary to step down, but he is passing the reins into the capable hands of DAVID LITTLE, KD4NUE. Many thanks to both Jeff and David. DAVID ZISKIND, KE4QLH, has been coordinating the communications for the Peachtree Road Race for a multitude of years now, and he reports that he is still in need of some more volunteers for this huge 4th of July event. If you can help, please contact David at [ke4qlh@arrl.net](mailto:ke4qlh@arrl.net) Mike

and I will be heading to south Georgia this year for Field Day, and are looking forward to visiting some of you folks in the Augusta, Savannah, and Jesup areas. Those of you with APRS can follow the progress of our little red car as we zip around the state, if you'd like, but don't be looking too closely at our rate of travel, now! I've been told that those things LIE! (AF4FO, and we'll be transmit only) OK, folks, I think that's about it for now. Until next time, this is AF4FO, signing clear. Take care of yourselves. And each other. 73, Susan QTC May: N4VAD-132; AF4NS-93; K4WKT-48; K4BEH-20; K4GK-14; K4BAI-11; KR4JI-6

## Southern Florida

As I compiled these reports and comments for this month I, like the rest of you, sat through several sunless days. We were spared the wrath of Alberto and we got some much needed rain. The remainder of the alphabet soup of storms may not be so docile. I hope you have a plan for yourself and family, including companion animals. Get to know your local ARES EC and your fellow hams. Don't just show up at a meeting and drink some coffee and go home. Check into local nets and section nets. The friend you make at the meeting or on the repeater may be a friend that you need or someone you can help during the next storm. Please participate in these June events. They are good practice for storm season. More information can be found on the section news page. KID'S DAY June 17 TAKE YOUR HT TO WORK DAY June 20 FIELD DAY June 24-25 ===== I will be reviewing all appointments in the next few months. If you currently have an ARRL appointment and wish to continue as a volunteer please send me an e-mail indicating your willingness to serve. As always, family, health and work come before radio and volunteer assignments – I understand those priorities. ===== Attention Young Hams: I am looking for hams under age 21. Why? I occasionally hear from you or your parents and what I hear is that there are no young people to talk to. There are many repeaters in the section. IRLP and Echolink is available. What is needed is ONE young person to take the lead and start a net where you can meet each other. The next step would be a gathering at a hamfest – forum, youth lounge, lunch or dinner get-together (with separate tables for the adults). Do I have any volunteers? (Parents, please pass this along to the young hams in your household.) ===== REPORTS: SAR May 2006: KA4FZI 314, K4FQU 149, KE4UOF 117, WA2YL 83, WA4EIC 76, AI4GE 68, AA4BN 40, KI4KQQ 17, N3OZP 15, W4WYR 10, K3QC 2 ===== PSHR May 2006: KE4UOF 130, K4FQU 120, KA4FZI 120, WA4YL 110, WA4EIC 100, AA4BN 84, AI4GE 80, W4DKB 24, N3OZP 15 ===== SFL Net Reports NET. . . . . ABB. . . . . SESS. . . . . QNI. . . . . QTC. . . . . MGR Florida Amateur SSB Traffic Net. . . . . FAST. . . . . 31. . . . . 204. . . . . 36. . . . . KC4ZHF/K4SCL Florida Medium Speed Net. . . . . FMSN. . . . . 31. . . . . 205. . . . . 32. . . . . AG4RJ/AB4XK Jupiter-Tequesta Repeater Group. JTRG. . . . . 5. . . . . 58. . . . . 23. . . . . KF4NJB Martin County A.R.A. . . . . MCARA. . . . . 4. . . . . 43. . . . . 5. . . . . KE4UEI Palm Beach County Ares Net . . . . . PBCAN. . . . . 5. . . . . 61. . . . . 16. . . . . KG4PFY Saint Lucie Repeater Association. SLRA. . . . . 5. . . . . 47. . . . . 5. . . . . KE4UEI Southeast Florida Traffic Net. . . . . SEFTN. . . . . 62. . . . . 777. . . . . 153. . . . . AG4RJ/AI4GE Southwest Florida Traffic Net. . . . . SWFTN. . . . . 27. . . . . 305. . . . . 96. . . . . K4FQU ===== Bulletin Report from David Smith KE4UEI: Recd 19, Sent 5, Total 24 ===== ARES Report for May 2006 Members in counties reporting: 1075 Change +12 ECs reporting: 9 Nets: 13, Sessions: 41, Nets with NTS Liaison: 4 ECs reporting: WA4GUK, AG4AN, N1XC, N4LEM, AA4BN, N5KFR , WA4ASJ , N4QPM and KF4IHX There were 11 drills, tests and training sessions and a total of 52 ARES operations. ===== Add some interest to your DX QSOs. Visit the web site below for translations, in locally used everyday language. Parlez Vous QSO <http://web.onetel.com/%7Estephenseabrook/index.html> ===== I have had questions lately about PRB-1, CCRs, and other issues about tower and antenna legislation. The ARRL has a large amount of information at: <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/antenna-restrictions.html> Florida does have laws that adopt PRB-1 for county and municipality regulations. There has been no action on introduction of a bill in the Florida Legislature about relief from CCRs for antenna support structures in over 4 years.

===== The VoIP Hurricane Net is seeking ARES, RACES, SKYWARN and other emergency communication groups such as REACT, MARS and SATERN to utilize the VoIP Hurricane Net as another means to pass weather, damage and other pertinent reports to WX4NHC and other national agencies. For full story visit the section news at [www.arrl.org/sections/SFL.html](http://www.arrl.org/sections/SFL.html) ===== The section news is updated and I will be adding more photos soon. (Two new cameras and software are slowing me down a bit in this area). I hope to work many of you on Field Day and I look forward to receiving an NTS message from your Field Day operation. Stay Safe and stay on the air. Remember, radio is a contact sport – make a QSO. 73, Sherri, W4STB

## **Southwestern Division**

### **Arizona**

ARIZONA SECTION NEWS June 2006 PRB-1 and CC&R's With all of the new homes going up it is no wonder why I have had a rash of phone calls and emails on PRB-1 and CC&R's. There are two types of antenna restrictions, local government zoning ordinances and Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&R's). PRB-1 was written to make sure local governments reasonably accommodate Amateur Radio installations. Arizona is doing pretty good with local governments allowing antennas. However, CC&R's are controlled by your home owners association. If you want more info on CC&R's check out the ARRL website at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/local/ccr.html> EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Arizona has a new ARRL website and it can be found at <http://www.az-arrl.org> On this website we have developed a new secure database for Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) operators. This site has 128 bit Secure Socket Layer (SSL) encryption similar to what the banks have. The secure portion of the site is located at: <https://az-arrl.org/secure> We put this site together so that in the event of an emergency, we would have more of an idea of the capabilities and equipment of each operator. Even if you have filled out the paper registration, we ask that you take a few minutes and complete the online registration process as it allows your DEC's to have a much more complete picture of your capabilities and will be searchable when needing to fill specific requirements. Registration is a simple process where you create your login in, password and enter an email address. The system then sends an email with a validation link that you must respond to in order to continue the registration process. At that point you can enter your name, address, phone numbers, email and latitude / longitude etc. There is a text box that you can tell the Emergency Coordinators information that might be useful such as "can't stand long periods" or "Committed to County SAR team". We would also like you to enter an emergency contact person and phone number(s) in case of emergency. If you are comfortable with doing so, you can enter acute medical conditions you might have such as diabetes etc. (which is completely optional). We ask for your birthday in case of a medical emergency. You will then proceed to forms for the types of equipment and training you have. When you complete your 3 registration forms, an email will be generated and sent to your county District Emergency Coordinator so that your information can be reviewed and the DEC can get to know you. The data we collect is strictly for the use of Arizona ARES management personnel. We do not permit the dissemination of this data outside Arizona ARES. We are looking for you to complete the form as completely as you are comfortable with. Any member will have access to other's email, but ALL the rest of the data is only visible to ARES management (EC's and above). If you have concerns, email Rick Aldom at [natecf@gmail.com](mailto:natecf@gmail.com) and I will answer your concerns as completely as possible. Emergency Coordinators will have tools that will allow them to identify operators that meet certain requirements such as having a dual band mobile or live within 50 miles of downtown Flagstaff. Automated tools will allow us to send out activation notices to hams during times of need as well as to select operators who meet the needs of the host agency. We would ask that all Hams interested in participating in ARES emergency activations and drills to go to this website to create an ARES profile. If at some time your profile changes (you know like when you get the XYL's permission to go to Dayton to buy that new rig) you can then go back to the site and

update your profile. If you are a winter visitor or are planning on leaving Arizona, drop your DEC an email and your data will be deleted or inactivated until you return. Thank you for your willingness to participate in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES). Rick -W7STS Section Emergency Coordinator. NEW HAMS The following hams just received their FCC license, Congratulations! Leslie Hickey KE7HPE, Robert Hough KE7HHX, Aaron Tobias Jr KE7HHO, James Stern KE7HPF, Charles Dimaggio KE7HPG, Manti Galbraith KE7HMN, Terri Vanherpen KE7HMH, Michael Seltzer KE7HMJ, David Bennett KE7HJM, Mario Recchia KE7HMM, Robert Devenney KE7HOT, Georgeann Koch KE7HJH, Leigh Thrasher KE7HJB, Pedro Gudino KE7HOW, Danny King KE7HOV, Jesse Olvera KE7HMH, Robert Ower KE7HPI, Robert Ower KE7HPJ, Lindsay Ower KE7HPN, Owen Kosmicki KE7HPM, Jeffrey Kosmicki KE7HPK, Joseph Thomason KE7HPL, Jeffrey Hendricks KE7HME, Paul Lyra KE7HMG, Richard Vencill KE7HMF, Arthur Klein KE7HMH, Paul Tilman KE7HMI, James Knie KE7HNE, Shirley Carlill KE7HPD, Gary Carlill KE7HPC, Gary Carlill KE7HPB and Thomas Tatroe KE7HNF. HAMFESTS Sierra Vista Hamfest was on May 6 sponsored by the Cochise Amateur Radio Association. That was another great Arizona hamfest. One young fellow purchased a raffle ticket and went off to take his technician exam. He passed the test, won the raffle and went back in to take his General exam. Way to go! White Mountain Hamfest June 3 2006 hosted by the Kachina Amateur Radio Club Show Low Intermediate School on Old Linden Rd, Show Low, AZ. <http://www.whitemountainhamfest.com> I'll see you there. Arizona State Convention July 7-9, 2006 sponsored by ARCA in Williams Arizona. The ARCA staff have listened to all of your suggestions and they have come thru with many improvements for the hamfest. They have fully graveled the RV lots, installed a new canopy over the rodeo grandstand, and added more RV spaces. There is now free wireless internet access, shuttle service and improved parking. For more information go to <http://www.arca-az.org/arca/> Hualapai ARC Hamfest September 9, 2006 in Kingman Arizona at Mohave Community College. Talk-In: 146.160/146.76 (PL 131.8) Contact: Bill Beaman, KA0IYS (928) 758-6780 Southwestern Division Convention 22-24 Sep 2006 sponsored by San Diego County Amateur Radio Council (SANDARC) <http://www.sandarc-conv2006.org/> Talk-In: 146.265 PL 107.2) Contact: Paul Rios, KC6QLS [kc6qls@cox.net](mailto:kc6qls@cox.net). The convention will be at the Marriott Mission Valley Hotel in San Diego. SPECIAL EVENTS Field Day 2006 will be June 24-25, 2006. For more info check out the ARRL Field day website. <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2006/rules-fd-2006.html> Where are you having your field day? Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about ARRL. If your club or group has an activity or event that would be of interest to other hams throughout our section please email me with the specifics. 73, Tom Fagan WB7NXH ARRL Section Manager Arizona Tucson Arizona 520 574-1129 [wb7nxh@arrl.org](mailto:wb7nxh@arrl.org) <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=AZ> <http://www.az-arrl.org/>

## **West Gulf Division**

### **Oklahoma**

Topics Field Day 2006 Ham Com West Gulf Division Convention Lawton Ft Sill ARC Public Information Officers Traffic Report Upcoming Events Yes, it is time for FD 2006! Oh what a splendid time is about to unfold throughout Oklahoma and thousands of sites near and far this coming weekend. A special time to mix, blend and perform the Herculean effort of Amateur Radio in its finest scheduled hour (actually, 24 hours!) All of you who have been working on this weekend for many months are to be congratulated! Your club, community and the nation all benefit in ways that are too numerous to mention. Many thanks for what you will be doing before, during and after FD 2006 to give Amateur Radio its shine. Know that the public sincerely appreciates what FD provides as to a better-prepared Oklahoma Amateur Radio to assist when tragedy strikes. Entities in Oklahoma who are recognizing your effort include Governor Henry, the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, National Weather Service, Oklahoma Emergency Managers Association, many cities and others. A blessing for Amateur Radio in our state played out on June 16, 2006 when the Oklahoma Corporation Commission presented a certificate to us. It reads as follows: The Oklahoma Corporation Commission is proud to honor and

recognize The National Association for Amateur Radio Oklahoma Section For outstanding service and assistance to the people of Oklahoma and all of America. Your dedication and invaluable assistance in times of emergency reflects the highest standards of community service. Signed: Jeff Cloud, Chairman Denise Bode, Vice-Chairman Bob Anthony, Commissioner A copy of this certificate as well as presentation pictures can be emailed to you, upon request. Also, Governor Henry's proclamation declaring Amateur Radio week in Oklahoma can be sent if requested. West Gulf Division Convention 2006- Ham Com June 9-10 This year in Plano, TX saw a fresh look and a great time to connect, meet and mingle with so many of our friends and make new ones, as well. Thanks to all of you for making the journey and networking while tolerating some challenges which are predictable at a new site. A great visit was held with Chuck-K0BOG and Mary-K1MMH, both from League Headquarters. Also had the opportunity to talk with Joel-W5ZN and David-K5UZ League President and AR Section Manager, respectively. Lawton-Ft. Sill ARC The below comes from M.E. Simpson-WB5YZD, club Public Information Officer. June 6, 2006 meeting was called to order by Kevin Johnson, who immediately asked the members present to pose for a photo op, picture to be mailed to Paul (KC5CYY) serving in Iraq. Field Day: Jim Haven in discussing Field Day, notes that public relations is the primary purpose. Bob Sims reported to the club that Mike, NH6CJ had presented the club with a set of crimpers for Powerpole connectors, valued at \$60. Education Committee: Milton reported that the recent class had a total of 7 students, 6 of whom took the test, and that 5 of them had passed the exam successfully. New Business: Mike (NH6CJ) announced the VHF-UHF contest to be held on 6-10 to 6-11 from 1300 hrs cst to 2200 hrs cst. Bob Morford advised the club that once again, the St. Jude bike ride needs assistance. Additionally, a group called the "Cache Trading Post" will host a time trial on the 3rd Tuesday, ( June 20) and that he needs 2 members to assist with traffic control at Deyo Mission Rd at hiway 62 from 1800 to 1900 hrs on the overpass. Elected officers: Joe King, president, Jim Havens, vice president and Sandy Ewing as secretary treasurer. Claude presented the program with a Question Bucket filled with technical and rules questions. Meeting was adjourned Public Information Officers Kevin-N0IRW Section Public Information Coordinator is putting together quite a team of public relations folk. The committee needs more members. Contact Kevin via email at n0irw@cableone.net to assist your club in spreading the word of Amateur Radio. Committee members currently include: Etier, Charles , KC5TGA Ada; Grizzle, David R, KD5ZLG Norman; Jewell, Sam P, N5IY Ada; Kruckenberg, Jay D, K5GUD Mooreland; Mays, Scotty M, KE5DTZ Tulsa; O'Dell, Christopher M, N5CMO Tulsa; O'Dell, Kevin N, N0IRW Ardmore; Patrick, Bradley D, KE5EMF Ardmore; Sieber, Paula E, AD5VL Oklahoma City; Simpson, M E, WB5YZD Lawton; Tierney, Carol A, WB5SZQ Bartlesville; Webb, Thomas M, WA9AFM Oklahoma City; Weis, Austin D, KB5IIM Guymon; and White, Joe G, K5BQG Durant. Oklahoma Traffic Report by Arlyn-KK5GY May 2006 Remember to send your Field Day traffic report, per FD instructions, to the SM or Mike-N5KEY, Section EC. Public Service Honor Roll O.C.- WA5OUV Arlyn-KK5GY Sam-W5CU Station Activity Reports Cecil-KI5LQ O.C.-WA5OUV Arley-WB5NKC Pat-WB5NKD Arlyn-KK5GY Sam-W5CU Sessions- 242 Stations-2420 Traffic-1041 January - May Totals Sessions-1,131 Stations-12,074 Traffic-5263 Wonderful totals for May and for the first five months of 2006. Keep up the great effort! Kindly send your reports to kk5gy@arrl.net Upcoming Events \*ARRL Field Day -- 1800Z Jun 24 to 2100Z Jun 25 (see May QST, p 105). \*Oklahoma State Convention July 14-15 Oklahoma City Contact ne5s@arrl.net Oklahoma City, OK Oklahoma Expo Hall Oklahoma State Fairgrounds <http://www.hamholiday.org/> Ronald McDonald House Benefit Triathlon August 6 in Oklahoma City by Mark-NM5W@aol.com 0600 report time at Lighthouse Fitness Center at Hefner Parkway and Hefner Rd. Send email if interested in volunteering as a good time will be had by all. \*League sanctioned event 73, John WB5SYT 405 844 1800

## South Texas

We got a little rain since last month, however Houston has got more than they were looking for. Tropical Storm Alberto was a little ahead of time but at least it didn't cause a lot of problems. The clubs still have time to teach the art of making out the ARRL Radiogram. We don't have time to teach

operators how to make one out during the real thing. June 17 is KIDS day. I hope that everyone that has time will take time to help. Now is the time for clubs to shine. Get the kids interested in helping on Field Day. That's the following week-end. Field Day gets you ready for emergency operation. I hope everyone had a great time at Hamcom. I heard that they had a great turn out. The new location will be used for the next 4 years as I understand it. I hope everyone has a great month and that we don't have much problem with this Hurricane season. God Bless America and our troops. Ray N5NAV

# Section News for June 2006

## Atlantic Division

### Maryland-DC

ECHOLINK - Thanks to ASM Al Brown, KZ3AB, who ran the Echolink net on Friday, June 16 while I was out of town. It's comforting to know that life still goes on without me. - The next Echolink statewide net will be Friday, July 21 at 8:00 PM on the "WASH\_DC" server hosted by John Creel, WB3GXW. If you don't have Echolink installed on your computer ( for a free download), check to see if your local repeater is connected to Echolink and you can join in on RF. HAMFESTS - ASM, Al KZ3AB, represented the ARRL at the Father's Day Hamfest in Frederick on June 18. - The next hamfest is BRATS Hamfest and Computer Fest on July 23 at the Howard County Fairgrounds. For more info click on . William Dobson, N3WD, will be there from 9:00 am until 12:00 n to check QSL cards for ARRL WAS, ARRL 5BWAS, ARRL VUCC, ARRL DXCC, and 3905CCN Awards. FIELD DAY - ASM, Al Brown (KZ3AB), and I traveled more than 585 miles and visited 15 stations in the Maryland-DC Section over the [wet] Field Day weekend. During Field Day, we operated as a class 4C station and made four mobile ATV contacts and several HF contacts. It was very interesting and a lot of fun for us to see what everyone was doing. I wish to thank the clubs that invited us to stop by. To view some Field Day pictures, open my web page at URL: , scroll down and open "Click here to see the club activities I've visited in the ARRL MDC Section." Also, the Mountain ARC, in Cumberland, received some Field Day publicity on local radio station WCBC. To listen, in "RealAudio," go to and click on "2006-Jun-24 - Mountain ARC Field Day Report on WCBC Radio in Cumberland." - Finally, "It's not over until the paper work is done." If you participated in Field Day, please remember to submit a "Public Service Activity Report," , to the ARRL. The information you supply will help the ARRL compile important data that is needed in legislative presentations. ARRL MD STATE CONVENTION - Please attend the ARRL Maryland State Convention on Saturday, July 29th. For information, click on . This is the first ARRL State Convention that is \*not\* associated with a hamfest that I know of. I would like to thank all the members of the Antietam Radio Association, a Special Service Club, and especially Page Pyne - WA3EOP- and Karin Christensen -KB3GFV- for their creativity, attention to detail, and mighty efforts in bringing about what will be the best ARRL State Convention ever, bar none. If you can't find more than a few topics of interest in the fifteen offered, I would really be real surprised. The keynote speaker will be Kay Craigie, N3KN, First Vice President of the ARRL. Atlantic Division Director Bill Edgar, N3LLR, and Vice Director Tom Abernethy, W3TOM, will also be there. Don't miss the bag piping talents of the League's own General Counsel, Chris Imlay, W3KD at the graveside ceremony for Hiram Percy Maxim (W1AW). Also, be sure to check out the Mobile Command Centers from Anne Arundel County and the City of Laurel. I look forward to making lots of new friends and spending time with some old ones at the convention. LARRY SOLARCZYK, WX3F STEPS DOWN AS EC FOR CARROLL COUNTY - Many thanks to Larry for handling the EC duties for a number of years. His Guard unit has been called up for active duty. We all wish him a safe and short tour. NEW APPOINTMENTS -- THANKS FOR TAKING ON THE RESPONSIBILITY - Norman Kaplan, N3LDM, as the D.C. Emergency Coordinator - Steve Beckman, N3SB as Carroll County Emergency Coordinator - Hank Vandeursen, KB3LMM, as a DEC MDC SECTION CONVENTION - FARFest has been designated as our MDC Section Convention. Besides the ARRL Forum, there will be a number of program events. Bill Neeriemer, W3STG, will present ICS 100 and ICS 700 classes on both days for those ARES/RACES members who will need their certificates. Amateur radio operators need to be certified by the end of the year in order to be compliant with MDC Emergency Management Agencies. There will be a Winlink 2000 practicum. Other forums are being finalized and will be announced soon. Keep checking for updates. WE COULD ALWAYS USE MORE DEPARTMENT: - We really need more of you to get trained and to help with the ARES/RACES program in our Section. You may email



your local county Emergency Coordinator for information by going to and clicking on "MDC ECs & ROs" in the bar under our pictures. - Clubs and ARES groups need to submit names to me for the position of Public Information Officer (PIO). This is an important ARRL appointment. We need to have people get amateur radio information to the news media and to publicize your club or ARES® group. - So far, there are only five counties with a Local Government Liaisons (LGLs). They are: Calvert, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, and Howard. Our legislative season is rapidly approaching. If you would be willing to help with this important position in your county, please let Dave Prestel, W8AJR, our State Government Liaison know. Dave may be emailed at .

## **Southern New Jersey**

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY NEWSLETTER FOR JULY 2006 SECTION MANAGER, JEAN PRIESTLEY, KA2YKN I hope everyone had a good time at Field Day. I was able to visit 3 Field Day sites and yes I got wet also. But in spite of the rain and thunder, the strong ham spirit was alive and kicking butt. But now I would like to remind everyone to get your logs in to the league. It does not matter if your score wasn't real big. It only matters that you were a part of the 2006 Field Day Experience. If you received a pin, or got a Field Day T-shirt, wear it proudly. How many days until Field Day 2007??? While we are on the subject of sending things in, don't forget to renew your ham license if you are close to the expiration date. Those days can slip away before you know it. If you are not sure when your expiration date is, take a minute to check and see when it does expire. If you have moved and have not changed your address to your current address, you need to do that as soon as possible. Everything can be done on-line. If you are not on internet, many libraries have computers. It is always nice when I have good news to put in the newsletter instead of SK news. Congratulations to N2NRD who worked the 2006 ARRL VHF Sweepstakes using the Club Station, W2MMD, in the Single Operator, Low Power category. He managed to come in 7th in his category and 5th for the Northeast region. That was a great success for Jim and the club. But SK is a part of our world and I am sad to report that John Stull, N2SI is now a SK. John was WB2JZX, a draftsman, extra class license holder, club member of the Gloucester club since the 1960s and served the club in many ways. John had a very full life and retired in 2000. The club will miss him very much and SNJ extends heartfelt condolences to his wife Joan and the family. August is the month for the National and International Lighthouse/Lightship weekend events. SCARA will be operating from the Absecon Lighthouse in Atlantic City on August 5 and 6 for the National Lighthouse/Lightship weekend and again on August 19 and 20 for the International event. Please listen and work some of the stations and hear their stories. I am sure that the operators will be glad to brag about the places they are working from and even invite you to visit. If you are planning to work the 2006 MS-150 City to Shore Bike Tour now is the time to sign. Signing up early will help insure you first choice of location. It will also let the people running the event know where they are at for people working the event. For more information, contact Charlie, W3WF at w3wf@aol.com or at 610-970-4667 . In August the 47th Annual New Jersey QSO Party will be on Aug 19 thru August 20. For more information please the Englewood Amateur Radio Assn at Box 528, Englewood NJ 07631-0528. Stations planning active participation in New Jersey are requested to advise EARA by Aug 1 of you intentions so that we may plan for full coverage from all counties. Portable and mobile operation is encouraged. If Hamfests are what you are looking for, look no further than New Jersey. The East Coast Long Wire Association will start the season with a hamfest in North Wildwood on August 27. It is indoors and outdoors. For info contact Duke, KC2DUX or check QST. In September mark Sept 17 on your calendar for the Gloucester County Hamfest in Mullica Hill. Tailgating is FREE and the Pavilion spots are \$10 each and entrance fee is again \$6. DXCC/VUCC/WAS card will be checked and VEC Testing will be available. In October in West Windsor, NJ, Delaware Valley Radio Association will hold the second Hamfest on October 8. Meet friends and find those long looked for items. Section Traffic report for May Traffic manager, K2UL, Dan Ostroy SNJ/NNJ Section Net Reports QNI reports NJM 74 N2GJ NJPN 173 W2CC NJSN 162 K2PB NJN(E) 214 AG2R NJN(L) 172 AG2R (the above nets are dual section nets of both SNJ and NNJ. Liaisons with 2RN) SNJ Local Net

Reports JSARS 261 W2HOG SJTN 25 KB2RTZ SJVN 165 WB2UVB Station Activity Reports (SAR) WA2YL 233 K2UL 65 WB2UVB 59 AA2SV 54 WA2CUW 46 K2GW 17 KC2IYC 6 W2QOB 3 Public Service Honor Roll (PSHR) WB2UVB 250 K2GW 122 K2UL 120 WA2YL 110 WA2CUW 90 N2HQL 77 KA2YKN 63 W2QOB 27 KC2IYC 27 THE 4TH OF JULY (author unknown) Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence? Five signers were captured by the British as traitors and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the revolutionary Army; Another had two sons captured. Nine of the 65 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War. They signed and they pledged their lives their fortunes, and their sacred honor. What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners, men of means and education, but they signed knowing full well the penalty would be death if captured. Do you know who the others were? What are we willing to give up for freedom as these men gave their all in many cases for the future of our country and assurance of continued freedom??

## **Central Division**

### **Illinois**

SM Tom Ciciora—KA9QPN, ASM KB9NW, ASM W9FX, ASM-Youth KB9ZGZ, ACC K9KQB, SEC KC6VVT, SGL, K9DUE, STM K9CNP, PIC KB9WPT, TC WA9IL, OOC KB9FBI, DEC: Central N9NP, NE K9NYO, NW W8MQ, NB KA9IMX, Southern WA9APQ, SW W5DTR, VOAD W9PFD, IMERT KB9ZDM Thank you for expressing your confidence in me by choosing me for your section manager. To those that selected me, thanks; for those who did not, stick around, as I intend to make your objections groundless. Thanks to Shari, N9SH, for passing a strong management team full of promise and vigor, for her help in the transition, and most of all for her service to the Section.\*\*We start on a very sad note, as we note the passing of Christine Mack, K9RFY, President of Hamfesters RC. She was killed in an auto accident on 7 July 06. She will be sorely missed.\*\*Field Day 06 was a cornucopia of activities across the Section, with several operations resulting in wonderful press coverage. Notable was the coverage of the Chicago FM Club's operation in no less than the Chicago Sunday Tribune and the Kishwaukee ARC's coverage in the DeKalb Daily Chronicle. It's great when we tell each other of our successes, but best when we tell everyone.\*\*The State Convention at the Starved Rock RC Hamfest in Princeton was a rousing success, kudos to KC9EGB and his hamfest committee. Also a fine turnout at the Six Meter Club, Fox Radio Relay League and Kankakee ARS fests.\*\*FULL SECTION NEWS AT <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=IL>\*\*IL EMERGENCY NET--QNI 47--QTC 3--4 SESSIONS IL PHONE NET—QNI 130--QTC 19--26 SESSIONS IL SECTION NET--QNI 166--QTC 48--28 SESSIONS IL ARES NET--QNI 61--QTC 0--2 SESSIONS N Central Phone Net—QNI-106—QTC-23—22 Sessions.

### **Indiana**

The July 8th Hamfest at Camp Sertoma on the SE Side of Indianapolis was well attended. Our Central Division Vice Director Howard Huntington K9KM was at the ARRL Table representing the ARRL Central Division. The Emergency Communications Forum, moderated by David Pifer N9YNF, was attended by about 45 interested individuals. I believe that this forum had the greatest number of attendees. This speaks well for the interest of the amateur radio community here in Indiana. With the world situation as it is, and this summer's weather, emergency communications seems to be foremost on the minds of many amateur radio operators. For the third straight year, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security will sponsor National Preparedness Month. This year, the emphasis will focus on family emergency preparedness. More than 200 national, regional, state, and local organizations have agreed to take part in this event. The new updated Ready Campaign Web site is available at

www.ready.gov. The Web Site is to educate and empower Americans to prepare for and respond to emergencies. The campaign encourages individuals to learn how to put together an emergency supply kit, make a family emergency plan, and be better informed about the types of emergencies that are most likely to occur in their area. Many amateurs who are active ARES members already have a "jump kit" or an "emergency kit" of some kind prepared. If you haven't already done so, perhaps now is an excellent time to put a kit together. In the event of a local, or area emergency, you can then be prepared for what might occur, and be able to help your community instead of being a "victim". At the Jasper County Field Day site, 9 CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) individuals visited the site. I received several messages relating to Field Day this year. These messages sent from your Field Day Site are always good for extra "points" when sending in your Field Day scores. I had one individual who attempted to pass me a FD message. He did not know proper message format, and when I requested that he use the proper format, he said "it's not worth it"..... I don't mean to be hard on another operator, but proper ARRL message format is not difficult, and using it makes certain that when passing formal message traffic, we are all "on the same page". Public Service activities need to be reported on FSD-157 (available from the website), and the completed form is to be sent to the Indiana Section Emergency Coordinator, David Pifer N9YNF (n9ynf@arrl.net). ARES activity is running higher than ever in Indiana. SEC Dave Pifer N9YNF reports 21 active emergency nets, and 17 of them have NTS liaison. There are 685 registered ARES members who were reported by 60 Emergency Coordinators. 1062+ Person-Hours of public service were also reported. I am most pleased at the level of activity, and personal volunteerism. To all of the appointees who turned in reports to Dave and I: THANK YOU!! I know that during the summer time, monthly reports sometimes slip through the cracks, but please try to keep them coming. It makes my job preparing this column much easier. The following VHF/UHF Net Managers reported their net's activity during June: KC9BHJ, KE9WI, WD9HTN, KF9EX, WB9RVN, WD9BKA, WR9G, W9THD, and KC9EGN. If you do not see your VHF/UHF Net Manager's callsign here, then no report of your net's activity was sent to our Indiana Section VHF/UHF Net Manager, John Kinley KC9BHJ <kc9bhj@arrl.net>. June Section Net Activity: NET FREQ DAILY TIMES (UTC) QNI QTC QTR SESS ITN 3910 KHZ 1230/2030 2166 119 1094 53 QIN 3656 KHZ 1330/2300 212 95 1005 56 ARES 3910 KHZ 4TH SUN/MO @1200Z 7 0 9 1 HOOSIER VHF NETS 9 REPORTING 629 4 1798 51 HOOSIER DIGITAL NETS (2) 10 4 - - 60 June ORS Traffic Reports: WA9JWL 58, K9PUI 51, NA9U 43, AB9AA 19, K9GBR 17, N9HM, 15, KA9QWC 13, WB9NCE 6, NA9L 5. June Public Service Honor Roll Reports CALLSIGN 1 2 3 4 5 6 TOTAL WA9JWL 40 40 10 15 15 0 120 James S. Sellers K9ZBM Indiana Section Manager

## Wisconsin

WISCONSIN: SM: Don Michalski, W9IXG. BWN 3985 0500-0715 W9IXG. BEN 3985 1200 KE9VU. WSBN 3985 1715-1800 K9FHI. WNN 3723 1800 KB9ROB. WSSN 3645 1830 N9JIY. WIN-E 3662 1900 WB9ICH. WIN-L 3662 2200 W9UW. (All times are Central time) \*\* With regret, I am notifying you of the passing of these Amateurs: -- Jim Mercer, W5JLM, 44. Jim was a member of ECARC. -- Dennis Gilbertson, K9JCZ, 63. \*\* Wisconsin 2006 QSO Party Results! West Allis Radio Amateur Club reports the following scores: > The 2006 plaque for the Wisconsin Club Competition goes to Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club. If there is a word like fourpeat, it belongs to them. They had 19 stations enter this year, producing a total point value of 466,739 points. Congratulations to all of you who are members of FDARC. > The 2006 plaque for the highest scoring Single Operator in Wisconsin goes to all CW entry John Baumgarten, N0IJ, from Duluth, MN. John's mobile traveled through 17 Wisconsin counties, doing 581 total Qs, with 65 multipliers and 8,000 bonus points, for a total of 121,295 points. > The Single Operator Fixed category was won by Don Strom, W0EAR, who traveled from Shoreview, MN, to Burnett County in Wisconsin to operate. Don made 221 CW Qs and 291 phone Qs with 40 counties, 48 states and 4 Canadian Provinces, a total of 100 multipliers. His final score totals 110,450 points. Congratulations Don! > The Single Operator Technician category had TWO stations with the exact same score. Brian Long, KB9LRD, Adam Sprangers, KC9EKV had a total score of 10329.5.

Congratulations to Brian and Adam. > The Multi Operator Fixed category was won by N9BC with a total score of 38,880 points. Congratulations to Brent Crier, N9BC and Gregg Seidl, K9KL. > The Multi Operator Mobile category was won by NE9U. They produced a total score of 111,509. Congratulations to Scott Jasper, NE9U, and Allan Schlaugat, N9ISN. > The Multi Operator Technician category was won by K9AIH. They had a total of 825 points. Congratulations to Darrell Schreiner, K9AIH, and Christian Lantz, W9CDL. > The Multi Operator Multi Transmitter Fixed category winning entry was from the Bay Area Wireless Association, using their N9KI callsign. Their 7 operators and their total score was 291,325.5 points. Congratulations to Tom Hellem, K0SN, James Mans, AA9PB, Dwight Bosselman, W9YQ, David Cunningham, NS9R, Jeffrey Reymer, KE9S, James Callow, K8IR, and Paul Sorensen, KC8YZB. > The Multi Operator Multi Transmitter Mobile category was won by W9HB, who traveled to Wisconsin from Elgin, IL. Their 558 CW Qs and 8 phone Qs, while traveling thru 17 counties, contacting 31 counties, 35 states and 2 Canadian Provinces, produced a score of 123,148 points. Congratulations to Harold Burt, W9HB, and Roger Scott, KF9D. Our thanks to WARAC and, especially to WIQP chairman, Lynn Tamblyn, K9KR, for providing the 27 participating clubs with a great party! Full report, results, and comments can be found on this site:

<http://www.warac.org/wqp/2006/06results.pdf> \*\* 2006 Field Day! Many clubs enjoyed this year's Field Day. Bands were lively despite the bottom of the solar cycle. Here are the reports that I received: > Four Lakes Amateur Radio Club, W9JZ, operated 4A with 31 members and 9 ARES members. > Hidden Valleys ARC, operated at UW Platteville with 26 members, guests, and 14 ARES members. > Fond du Lac ARC operated from UW Fond du Lac campus with 25 members and 21 ARES members. > Ozaukee Radio Club operated from the Lazy Days campground with 22 visitors, and 28 ARES members. > Eau Claire ARC reported 20 operators and 19 ARES members. > Calumet ARC and Calumet ARES reported 13 operators. > Falls ARC operated from the Washington Humane Society with 9 members, 5 ARRL members, and 1 ARES member. > KZ9B Group operated from Mukwanago Park with had 11 operators and 12 youth visitors. > West Allis RAC operated from Crystal Ridge with 15 participants and 1 ARES member. > Tri-County Amateur Radio Club 13 operators and 11 ARES members. > Sauk County ARES reported 12 operators and 6 ARES members. > West Central Wisconsin ARES/RACES, La Crosse County ARES/RACES and Mississippi Valley Amateur Radio Association enjoyed FD with 12 operators and 6 ARES members. We appreciate all the traffic messages! \*\* Wisconsin Section STM Report June 2006 FAQ # 57-- What can we learn from public service events? Every foot race, charity walk, bike ride, weather event, or county fair to which Hams give communications support yields a lot of valuable experience. A two-meter net teaches net discipline. It's a practice field for concentrated listening. It's a low-risk occasion for new net control stations. It can include chances for relays, use of break tags, careful but quick decisions, and especially the use of concise wording. True, we enjoy communicating. That's why we're Hams. We like to converse about almost any topic. There's even a Rag Chewer's Club. But when nets are in session to perform their main function, it's not a time for visiting. Short, meaningful transmissions are the order of the day. Use every occasion to volunteer and encourage others to as well. It will sharpen your operating skills. Public service events also allow us to interact with non-Hams, to demonstrate what we do and how much fun it is. These events are good for us, good for the served agency, and good for the hobby. 73 – K9LGU/STM-WI WISCONSIN SECTION MONTHLY NET ACTIVITY SUMMARY June 2006 NET QNI QTC QTR SSNS NM BWN 1986 2527 4657 30 W9IXG BEN 512 27 913 30 KE9VU WSBN 703 71 994 29 K9FHI WNN 102 9 178 19 KB9ROB WSSN 137 18 281 28 N9JIY WIN/E 139 16 231 29 WB9ICH WIN/L 140 25 285 30 W9UW WRACES 77 2 169 4 N9VAO TOTALS 3796 2695 7708 199 Hope everyone is having a good summer and participating in one or more of the Wisconsin nets! 73, Don, W9IXG

## **Dakota Division**

### **Minnesota**

ARRL MINNESOTA SECTION REPORT JUNE 2006 SUMMARY FROM SM ++ The MN section

ARES and Traffic summaries are enclosed below. ++ See the ARRL Section web site for up-to-date information and bulletins. ++ We are planning a new communications plan for the next season. We will be accepting articles for publication on the section website. I am looking for authors for articles of regional or club interest to include in the section news and website. Please contact your SM if you want to contribute your writings and / or your opinions. ++ Support your local hamfests. Check the ARRL site for details. ++ We are always looking for ARES volunteers for members and EC positions. ++ Please go to the MN ARRL website and follow the link to the MN ARES website. Respectfully submitted by Skip Jackson, ks0j, MN SM

**MN SEC REPORT FOR JUNE 2006** Total number of ARES members reported: 165 Change since last month: na County EC's reporting: Cook (KBØBDN), Dakota (AB0XE), Itasca (KG0FD), Lac Qui Parle (KC0QED), Lincoln (WD0BZU), Lyon (WD0BZU), Scott (N0BHC), St. Louis-North (WD0GUF), St. Louis-South (KB0LC) Local Net Names: CCART, River Valley, SEMARC, Scott County, Chisago County, Carver County, Washington County, Fox Valley Monday Night Net, Mankato Area Radio Club Emergency Services Net, Marshall Emergency Net, Redwood County, Wadena Area Hamnet, Northern Lakes Radio, NE MN Public Service, SE St. Louis Emergency Service, Dakota County ARES. Total sessions: 46 NTS liaison is maintained with the MN Section, Tenth Region, and NTSD Traffic Nets by N0UC, W0LAW Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month: 5 Person hours: 162 Number of public service events this month: 3 Person hours: 579 Number of emergency operations this month: 10 Person hours: 215 Total number of ARES operations this month: 18 Total Person hours: 956 Comments: Dakota County: 2 meter net has been canceled for July and Aug, because of lack of participation. Weekly 15 meter cw net will stay Lac Qui Parle County: We also participated in a Disaster Drill with the 5 county hospitals in the area. We had 8 Hams involved with the drill and emergency communications. Lyon/Lincoln Counties: W0LAW and WD0BZU sat in on a drill at their hospital one Thursday. WD0BZU went to a meeting Monday 6/ 26 with 3 emergency people from Avera Regional. They know more about us and we know more about them. They are required to have 2 drills per year so it may be a while till there is another one. There is still some work to be done to test the station there. Submitted by: Frank Karnauskas - N1UW, MN SEC

**MN STM REPORT FOR JUNE 2006** NET FREQ TIME QNI/QTC/SESS MGR ~~~ ~~~~ ~~~~ ~~~~ ~~~~  
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 MSN/1 3605 6:30 P K0WPK MSN/2 3605 9:50 P k0wpk PAW 3925 9A-5P KA0IZA/ wa0tfc  
**MONTHLY STATION ACTIVITY REPORTS (SAR) STATION ORIG. REC'D. SENT DLVD.**  
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## North Dakota

**NORTH DAKOTA:** SM, Kent Olson, KAØLDG - Field Day -I hope all had fun this year. I was unable to make it to visit the sites this year as I usually do, do to other plans. From all the reports that I received, it looks like a lot of contacts were made, and good times were had by all. The Forx ARC had the UND hydrogen powered car out again, and used it to make some contacts. Other clubs reported a boost in attendance from hams and non-hams alike. It sounds like the Peace Gardens hamfest was a success too. A little rain and mosquitoes did not hurt the attitudes of those attending. The Bismarck

hams helped out for the annual Forth of July Parade, and the also have a new website (<http://www.thecdarc.org/>). It's never too early to start making plans for next years hamfests throughout the state. Grand Forks starts out the season on February 3rd, then Bismarck on February 24th, then Fargo on April 21st. Are there any more?? Yes, I'm still looking for volunteers for Section positions, so if you're interested, please let me know. Section's web site: <http://home.earthlink.net/~qtipf16/>. HF NM KØJIM net reports for June: Goose River Net, 4/28/0; WX Net 30/398/4; Data Net 30/468/5.

## **South Dakota**

Huron Amateur Radio Club The Huron Amateur Radio Club has finally completed the basic communications trailer. Thought you might be interested in the capability and equipment list. Three operating positions - call sign W0NOZ Two Honda EU 3000 3KW generators w/ synchronizing cable Air conditioning Mobil UHF repeater Yaesu 7000UD on 443.850 MHz, 40 watts Icom 746 all band Icom 7000 all band Icom 2720h Dual band VHF/UHF 6 FT60r Hand held dual band portables w/ extra batteries 2 Trailer mounted vertical push up masts with 2 dual band vertical antennas 2 HF wire antennas (dipoles) 2 Logging Computers (may also be used for digital communications) The trailer is 7x18, tandem axle, with a drop down ramp door on the rear, and walk in door curbside. We hope to continue with additional equipment for digital modes as funds and donations are acquired. If you have any suggestions for additional equipment, let me know. Thanks! Bill KM0F President HARC Dakota Chapter 102, QCWA The Dakota Chapter 102, QCWA will have a get together and dinner in Mobridge, SD on Saturday, August 26, 2006. We will meet and have dinner at the Wrangler Motor Inn's Windjammers lounge and restaurant. Don't forget wives are invited along with any other persons who are interested in Ham Radio and QCWA. For those who come early, Cory said we could meet at his house. Time: 5 PM for social hour and 6 PM for dinner. Cory-W0YMB has arranged for the meeting place. We will also have a short meeting before dinner and try to get a group picture of those who attend. For those who will be spending the night, the Wrangler Motor Inn's toll free reservation number is 1-888-884-3641. Please let me know if you plan to attend so we can get the number of persons attending dinner, this information will tell them how many places to setup. We will be ordering off the menus and each individual will be responsible for paying their own bill. 73 Frank-NU0F President Dakota Chapter 102 Hot Springs ARC We operated field day at the Mammoth Site again and things went real well. We set up our trailer and crank-up tower with the tri-band yagi at 40 feet. Operated 6 meters as well. Lots of new operators this year and of course the big cook out was a success. It looks like the Chadron, Nebraska club beat us this year for the traveling trophy. We also have 13 direction finding kits to construct as a club project. This will help get our fox hunts in gear later this summer, hopefully. We also are making plans to install our new hf yagi and rotor at the club shack. With the equipment that has been donated to the club, we are also working on a radio loan program for hams that don't have gear to use. KC0QXU has moved back to town, welcome back Ron. Spearfish Area Breakfast Club A small group of Hams meet at a local restaurant each Saturday morning at 7:30 AM. Normally we meet at the Millstone in Spearfish but have been known to change locations occasionally. Contact Bob Weaver, KØGZL at [rhweaver@rushmore.com](mailto:rhweaver@rushmore.com) if would like to be notified of the location via Email. Northern Hills Amateur Radio Club President Jerry Hawley, KG0GG, called the meeting to order at 1930. 7 members and guests were present. Committee Reports: · Public Service Events: · Please check the NHARC web site (<http://www.northernhillsarc.org/events.htm>) for more information. If you can help, please contact the person listed · The Big Mic Ride was a success with communications working as planned. · Technical Committee: · The Bear Mountain repeater has been having some problems lately. ARES: · The next Hermosa meeting will be September 10th, 2006 at 1330. · The MOU with the State of South Dakota is nearing completion. · The Emergency Coordinator position for Lawrence County is still vacant. Reports and Announcements: · Linda Hawley, WD0EUK is in Rochester recovering from surgery. Special Presentations: · Doug Aldrich, W0WSP reported on a company that has very reasonable process on low voltage, high current wiring device, fuses, circuit breakers, and terminal covers. Their web site is <https://www.stellmar.com/index.php>. There being no further business, the meeting was

adjourned at 1947. Respectfully submitted, Doug Aldrich, W0WSP Secretary

## **Delta Division**

### **Arkansas**

Field Day From 5,000 ft! NWA News– The highlight of K5UZ's Field Day was the trip to all the sites around Arkansas. There was a new twist this year as PIC Lindy WW5AA volunteered his expert service as a pilot and the use of his Piper Tomahawk for the long trip to Northwest Arkansas. It was a real experience to work K5UZ/AM5 1C from the "EWO" seat. Approximately 50 contacts were made from all over AR, MO, OK, NTX and KS with a 5W 2m FM handie and a "duck". Height does matter! Washington Co. has a great new EOC with amateur radio figuring prominently in the radio room. Director John Luther should be proud of this facility. At the EOC, We operated 1F for the cameras and TV newscasts. K1ARK, WW5AA, N5XFW and K5UZ interviewed for TV stations KNWA and KFSM which gave some excellent coverage explaining amateur radio on the local news. KFSM reporter Ashley Ketz is also the granddaughter of long time Batesville ham Dr. Wes Ketz (SK), which added to the trip. It was a great "homecoming" visiting the revived ARCUA FD site, and it sure brought back fond memories hearing K5GOE's call on the air again. We also visited the combined Ozark Wireless Society/ ARKAN Field Day Site. From NWA, we started to Ft. Smith, however WX, time constraints and military air traffic forced us to land at Booneville instead, visiting W5MAG. With the WX clearing we decided to make a break for it and back to Batesville via Russellville. Although we did not land at Russellville, we did manage to work the Field day site on 2m and visit with Sergio and Dennis on the air as we flew directly over the site (we sure missed having that cake!). Next year we are planning an earlier start with more stops! I want to thank N5XFW for the ground transportation, Washington Co. OEM, K1ARK, W5MAG, ARCUA, ARKAN, Ozark Wireless Society, those that worked K5UZ/AM5 and ace pilot Lindy, WW5AA. ARVARF News-Did you see our FD picture on the front page of the Courier? If you didn't you missed a great picture showing two of our members in the middle of working QSO's. And if you didn't go to FD then you really missed out. Everything went perfectly. Well, not exactly but pretty darn near. If it really had been an emergency we wouldn't have missed a beat. Of course, having a Kroger store and a gas station nearby helped out. Which in an emergency might not be available. But we'll work on that too. We had a lot of people at the beginning and at the end, which is when all the hard work of putting up and taking down occurs. But we also had many ham visitors in between, which is good also. Go to our website(s) and see all the great pictures. We've got another foxhunt in the planning stages. It's great fun and, like FD, it also has a serious undertone. Come on out and participate and bring your friends, kids and grandkids with you. They'll love it! 73, Sergio ARES/RACES. Our July ARES/RACES meeting will be Tuesday, July 25th, at 7:00 p.m. at the 911 building. Everyone is welcome. We will continue our "basic training" for emergency operations. The ARVARF Field Day was entirely successful. As an emergency drill, we tried out new equipment, tested antennas, and tried out old equipment to see if it still worked. We got experience running on generators and learned some valuable safety lessons. Wayne, N2WV, worked hard at the GOTA station. I don't know if we've ever made the front page of the local newspaper before, but John Evans and Sonia Picado were featured in the Russellville Courier. There were also some nice pictures in the Atkins Chronicle. No one can be 100% prepared – there are just too many details. ARVARF had a good idea what was needed and was able to put out a good signal on all bands. Some field repairs were necessary, but were made with competence. Will we win the contest? Probably not, but we can be very proud of the number of contacts we made, the number of bonus points we earned. 73, Dennis W5RZ Batesville ARC News- The BARC has had a busy month of June and July is just as full of scheduled events. If you are bored with amateur radio then you need to volunteer to help with some of this summer's exciting events. June was all about emergency communications and the Annual ARRL Field Day Event. David, K5UZ now has a tower trailer built with the help of hams from here and Judsonia. This trailer proved functional during the field day operations. David has a few changes and additions in mind for the trailer that will make it even more

useful in the future. With field day barely behind them, area hams went back into action for the VE Testing Super Session on July 1st. Simultaneous test sessions at hospitals throughout the state were part of the plan for implementing an emergency communications network using amateur radio at the hospitals. Five men passed the technician exam at the White River Medical Center in Batesville that day. Other activities scheduled for July include our usual Special Event Station at the Annual White River Water Carnival and new for us this year – the 40th Annual National Invitational White River Canoe Race. 73 DE KC5EVZ Benton County RC News- The Benton County Radio Club will not have a radio class in July. There will be a test session at 3:00 PM , July 29 in the basement of the county administration building. The address is 215 east Central, in Bentonville, AR Fort Smith Area ARC News - Not much to report on weather other than it has been pleasant the past few weeks and no severe weather. Summer season will be here soon and we hope the high temperatures and severe weather stay away. The following article might be of interest to some of you, I thought it was a good lesson for those who chase severe weather: Chasers Become Chasees! Storm chasers Jeff Piotrowski and Brian Stertz found themselves in a pickle when the drive shaft failed on their vehicle as they were chasing a severe thunderstorm about to produce a tornado near Edgar, Nebraska. With nothing between them and the rapidly widening tornado, they made the decision to abandon their van and run to a nearby farmhouse. As they ran toward safety, they could hear the tornado's roar increasing as it bore down on them, less than a mile away and threatening to catch them before they reached safety. Baseball-size hail began pelting them as they sprinted for the house through 80 mph winds. As they reached the front porch, the large tornado was less than 200 yards from them and closing. The owner of the house met them at the door with a flashlight as 100 mph winds began ripping the porch off the house. They dove for the stairs to the basement as the house began to shake. The tornado ripped off the roof and destroyed the outbuildings the chasers had luckily not chosen for shelter. Fortunately, everybody was okay. Ironically, the van they abandoned was untouched. The moral is to keep safety in mind when your chasing storms. Repeater workday will be soon after Field Day. We need to do some clean up work around and inside the building and finish up some re-modeling inside the building. Also Tom N5HIG has promised to do some more work on the repeater system. ARRL MONTHLY TRAFFIC REPORT FOR JUNE 2006 ARKANSAS SECTION TRAFFIC MANAGER - TERRY R. BREWER WB5HIL ARKANSAS PHONE NET ARK. MOCKINGBIRD NET ARK. RAZORBACK NET SESSIONS 26 SESSIONS 22 SESSIONS 30 QNI 495 QNI 615 QNI 1949 QTC 24 QTC 16 QTC 67 TIME 775 TIME 428 TIME 681 NET MGR. W5SXV NET MGR. WB5YLI NET MGR. K5BOC ARK. OZK CW NET ARK. SECTION NET ARK. STA ACTIVITY SUMMARY SESSIONS 26 SESSIONS 1 K5BOC 32 QNI 53 QNI 28 K5WTH 20 QTC 2 QTC 0 WB5HIL 18 TIME 131 TIME 45 AD5JA 14 NET MGR WA5JAN NET MGR K5UZ KA5RRK 2

## **Louisiana**

LOUISIANA SECTION NEWS – JUNE 2006 Everyone interested in emergency communications is encouraged to file comments in response to the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) regarding recommendations of the independent panel that reviewed Hurricane Katrina's impact on communication systems. Some of the proposals in the NPRM could affect the Part 97 Amateur Radio Service rules. Three specific areas for consideration offered by the NPRM are waiver of amateur radio and license-exempt rules, waiver of application filing deadlines, and a streamlined special temporary authority (STA) process. Comments to the NPRM are due August 7 and reply comments are due August 21. More details on the NPRM are available at <http://www.arrl.org/?artid=6584> New ARES leadership appointments include Jim AI5B, District Emergency Coordinator for Southeast LA; Kevin KB5HFM, Emergency Coordinator for St. Tammany Parish; and John W5JFW, Emergency Coordinator for Cameron Parish. Lonnie N5LPJ is a new Technical Specialist. Congratulations to all and thanks very much for your interest in serving the LA Section! Field Day documentation has been received from the Central LA ARC (N8OO) and the Atchafalaya Amateur DX Association (WA5MC). Affiliated clubs that wish to be considered for this year's LA Section FD plaque program should send me copies of their



entry forms submitted to ARRL Headquarters. The 2006 Field Day plaques will be presented in November at the Twin City Ham Club Hamfest/LA State Convention in Monroe. If you have recently passed Levels I, II, or III of the League's emergency communications course, please send an email to Ellen K5LND (LA Section Web Master) at [dupuy\\_s@bellsouth.net](mailto:dupuy_s@bellsouth.net) so that she can update the list at [www.laarrrl.org/laarecc.htm](http://www.laarrrl.org/laarecc.htm) on the section web site. You should also let Ellen know if you have completed ICS 100, ICS 200, ICS 700, or ICS 800. As discussed in the February 2006 report, check out the FEMA Independent Study Program at <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/crslist.asp> to sign up for the free NIMS/ICS courses. Upcoming hamfests include the Piney Hills ARA Hamfest on July 22 in Ruston, the West Central LA ARC Hamfest on August 12 in Leesville, the Southwest LA Amateur Repeater Club Hamfest in Lake Charles on September 16, the Central LA ARC Hamfest on October 14 in Pineville, and the Twin City Ham Club Hamfest/LA State Convention on November 11 in Monroe. It's just been announced by ARRL Headquarters that the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association will host next year's Delta Division Convention on May 25-26, 2007 in Rayne, LA! Traffic totals: K5MC 103, WA5LQZ 60, N5KWB 23, AE5V 17, WC5M 12, W5PY 9. Public Service Honor Roll: N5MEL 263, W5HUD 263, K5ER 210, W5PY 149, K5MC 110, N5KWB 80, AE5V 71, KD5ITA 65, N5HMH 35, KB5UHH 33. Section net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Louisiana Traffic Net: 27/312/26. Louisiana ARES Net: 4/74. Local/district net reports: sessions/check-ins. Calcasieu Parish ARES Net: 2/12. Cameron Parish ARES Net: 4/4. DeSoto Parish ARES Net: 4/14. East Baton Rouge ARES Net: 4/4. Ouachita Parish ARES Net: 4/98. Rapides Parish ARES Net: 1/10. Red River ARES Net: 4/2. Richland Parish ARES Net: 8/91. St. Mary Parish ARES Net: 4/17. St. Tammany Parish ARES Net: 4/30. Union Parish ARES Net: 4/28. Washington Parish ARES Net: 3/56. ARES reports: parish/EC. Allen/KA5NXT, Avoyelles/KD5IGG, Beauregard/KC5AHA, Caddo/Bossier/NZ5S, Calcasieu/KC5FGO, Cameron/W5JFW, Claiborne/KD5JJP, DeSoto/AA5HY, East Baton Rouge/N5ULA, Franklin/N5ASA, Jefferson Davis/WA5LQZ, Lafourche/N5PZJ, Morehouse/KB5SAR, Orleans/NO5FD, Ouachita/K5ER, Rapides/KD5DFL, Red River/KD5IUZ, Richland/N5MEL, St. Charles/K5CFJ, St. Mary/KA5LMZ, St. Tammany/KB5HFM, Union/KA5JNL, Washington/AI5B, West Baton Rouge/KB5YHI, Winn/KC5EWJ. 73, Mickey Cox K5MC LA Section Manager Email: [k5mc@arrrl.org](mailto:k5mc@arrrl.org) LA Section Website: [www.laarrrl.org/](http://www.laarrrl.org/)

## Mississippi

SM: Malcolm Keown, W5XX. Mississippi Section Web Page at [arrrlmiss.org](http://arrrlmiss.org). Web Master W5KWB at [w5kwb@arrrl.net](mailto:w5kwb@arrrl.net). STM: N5FP. NM: WB5ZED, K5NRK, KB5W, AD5J, W5NCK, W3TWD, KA2KMU, K5ASL, and KM5UH. Field Day 2006 is now history. From all reports Mississippi hams really enjoyed themselves. Because of the lousy radio conditions and weather, most groups seem to concentrate on fun and family. Heavy rain almost put some Field Day Sites underwater for a while and radio operations were generally limited to 40 and 20 with an occasional 6-meter opening. Fortunately 20 stayed open most of the night keeping operators from drifting off into dreamland. As of this writing the following clubs/groups were known to be on the air: Alcorn County ARES, Chickasaw County ARA/DeSoto County RACES, Columbus/Starkville ARCs, Delta ARA, Hattiesburg ARC, Jackson ARC, Magnolia DX Association, Meridian ARA, Mississippi Coast ARA, Olive Branch ARC, Pine Belt DX Association, Tippah County ARA, Tupelo ARC, University of Mississippi ARC, and the Vicksburg ARC. EC AG5Z reports the Hattiesburg ARC has licensed over 30 new hams in the past couple of months as the result of classes offered at a local church and at Forrest General Hospital. Many of these new hams took part in the HARC Field day. New classes are scheduled to begin on July 11th at the Wesley Medical Center. DEC KA5ICO reports the organization of the Sundancer ARC in Houston. The club name comes from the world-champion Sundancers Solar Racecar Team at the local high school. A simplex net has been started and a repeater will be on the air shortly. DEC WB5CON reports that he had a one-hour interview on a local Corinth radio station which went well. Fred was able to pass out a lot of ham radio information to listeners and had the opportunity to mention the ARRL and Hello-Radio web sites several times. Certificates and results for the 2006 Mississippi QSO Party have been sent out. If

you didn't send in a log but would like a copy of the results, send an email to w5xx@arrl.org. Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KB5DTX -- Bassfield and KE5ELS - Poplarville. Also congratulations are in order for KD5GWM on completing FEMA Courses IS 100/200/700. Welcome to new Mississippi Hams: KE5IHN, Lance -- Petal; KE5IHO, Terence -- Hattiesburg; KE5IHP, James -- Hattiesburg; KE5IHQ, Robert -- Hattiesburg; KE5IJX, Robert -- Wiggins; KE5IJY, John -- Biloxi; KE5IKC, Reo -- Purvis; KE5ILZ, Heather -- Tylertown, KE5IMG, Roger -- Brandon; KE5IMH, John -- Pearl; KE5IMI, George -- De Kalb; KE5IMK, Britt -- University; William, KE5IPO -- Tishomingo; KE5IRP, Samuel -- Holly Springs. In addition, welcome to new ARRL Members KB5AAB, KB5BIU, WD8CWD, N5DAM, KB5ECY, AB5FI, W5GRU, KE5HYS, KE5HZF, WB0IAW, N5LOK, N5RTI, K5SHE, KM5UO, K5WNU, WB5WSK, KB5VLD, and WB5YFS. Regret to report the passing of KB5QDX of Forest, KB5DKW of Basic City, and WB4WFH of Barton. Newsletter/Club Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), Tippah ARC (N5TBB), Vicksburg ARC (W5WAF). DEC/EC Reports: KD5CQT (Jackson), WV5D (Jones), KC5EAK (Pearl River), KD5GWM (Lauderdale/Clarke), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), N5TBB (Benton/Tippah), K5WSY (Tishomingo), AG5Z (Forrest) PIC Report: N5TBB Net Reports: Session/QNI/QTC (Net Manager) DRN5 60/MS 100% represented/159 (WB5ZED) MSPN 30/2248/53 (K5NRK) MS TFC Net 30/129/6 (KB5W) Magnolia Section Net 30/964/5 (AD5J) Jackson Co ARES 30/305/5 (KD5CQT) MS Slow Net 21/70/1 (W3TWD) MLEN 4/36/0 (K5NRK) Meridian Area EN 4/39/0 (KD5GWM) JARC EN 4/33/1 (AB5WF) Monroe Co ARC Net 4/78/0 (AD5DO) Hattiesburg AEN 4/42/0 (N5MZ) St. Tammany/Pearl River ARES 4/30/2 (KC5EAK) Lowndes Co ARC Net 4/32/0 Itawamba Co ARES Net 4/60/0 MS Baptist Hams Net 3/23/0 (WF5F) PSHR (minimum 70): WB5ZED 150, W5XX 105, N5FP 100, KD5FUY 77 Traffic: WB5ZED 1504 (BPL), N5FP 40, W5XX 7 Compilation of Net and Traffic statistics provided by N5FP, Mississippi Section Traffic Manager.

## **Great Lakes Division**

### **Michigan**

Greetings to everyone in this mid-summer season. Congratulations to the Adrian Amateur Radio Club for being selected as the Michigan Gateway Station for 2006-2007. The AARC and its club station W8TQE will serve in the capacity of being the first contact point for NTS radiogram traffic for the State of Michigan during a major disaster. This position is offered each year to qualified groups or individuals who volunteer to serve in this public service capacity. The Michigan Summer Campout reports another success this year, with good attendance, excellent workshops, our first Campout Foxhunt and campfire fun-extraordinaire. We all extend our sincere thanks to the team that puts this together every year, Debbie KA8YKK, Roger WB8WJV and John N8ZE. They each go well beyond expectations to make this annual event a spectacular success. Special Guests included Denny VE3EUI From Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, ARRL Vice Director Gary KI4LA and Ohio Section Manager Joe K8QOE. KY SM John NB4K sent his greetings and regrets that he was unable to visit with us this year. Make your plans early, the next Campout is set for July 12-15, 2007. From the The Auto State Young Ladies' TASYLS Newsletter, a recognition for several outstanding achievements: Happy 97th birthday to Inez Pearson on July 5, 2006. Inez got her ham license June 6, 1978, when she was 69 years old and she quickly advanced to the Extra Class. It was through her brother that she got into ham radio. He had been a ham for a long time and talked to her about getting her license. With her brother's and nephew's help she learned morse code. Inez has been a TASYL member for 25 years. Several years ago Art Wainwright interviewed her for Lansing magazine. She is a member of the Quarter Century Wireless Association and a lifetime member of the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club. It was through the CMARC club that she was presented the Ziegenbein award. She has been a VE (Volunteer Examiner) for CMARC for several years. One of the ways that Inez has helped people on the radio happened several years ago. Relatives of a woman from Colorado were attempting to locate her because of illness in the family. Inez was able to track the lady down through her radio and the woman was able to fly back home in time to

be with her dying mother. We are honored to offer this recognition to Inez, not only on the occasion of her 97th birthday, but also for her serving as an outstanding example for us all. A reminder, MiTN, the Michigan Traffic Net needs a few volunteers for open NCS time slots. This net meets daily at 1900 local time on 3952 to handle NTS traffic. All comers are welcome, regardless of experience. Net regulars will always take the time to assist a newcomer to the process of traffic handling. Our New Michigan Section web page has been introduced through the efforts of Dan KB6NU, our Affiliated Club Coordinator. This replaces the page formerly hosted at the League's server. The new site address is <http://www.arrl-mi.org/>. There is a link to this new page on the former page. By using an independent host we are able to offer the ability to include pictures without some of the constraints we faced in the past. You will see these phased in over the next couple of weeks. All of the material from the old site had been relocated to the new one. All links have been moved to the new page and you will see more features added on a frequent basis. Articles of note from Michigan club newsletters are already a feature of the new page. This is part of our goal to share ideas and "what works" with one another. Net reports? Is your local net reporting its activity? Your net need not be a "traffic" net to report, but can be any type of net. We are interested in hearing from all local nets, what you are doing, how often you meet, and how many folks participate. We will be pleased to list your activities at <http://www.mi-nts.org/netinfo.php>, all you need to do is report what is happening to John WB8RCR [wb8rcr@arrl.net](mailto:wb8rcr@arrl.net) to be included. Let's show the rest of the world how many active nets Michigan has. Station Activity Reports for June, 2006: K8KV 325, K8LJG 171, KC8MLD 128, WB8RCR 121, K8ZJU 110, WD8USA 106, K8AMR 96, K8AE 84, KD8AMR 62, WB8TKL 46, W18K 42, W8RNQ 36, KD8BGQ 26, KV8Z 22, WA8OOH 4, AB8CB 4, KD8BMV 4, NX8S 3, KC8ZGB 2. Public Service Honor Roll Reports for June, 2006: KD8BGQ 230, K8AE 210, K8KHZ 204, WB8RCR 135, K8ZJU 125, K8AMR 120, K8KV 110, KV8Z 103, K8VFZ 63. June Official Emergency Station reports came in from K8COP, KC8ULE and N8HA. PSHRs and SARs should be filed monthly with WB8RCR and your OES reports with WA8EFK. 73, Dale

## **Hudson Division**

### **Northern New Jersey**

SM Bill Hudzik-W2UDT, ASM-N2WZB, STM-WB2FTX, ACC-N3RB, SEC-K2SO, OOC-K2ZD, PIC-W2WJO, TC-NR2H NNJ Webpage: [www.hudson.arrl.org/nnj/](http://www.hudson.arrl.org/nnj/) MONTHLY ARES NET: Second Monday of each month (8PM) on the Morris County OEM Repeater; WS2Q 146.895 MHz (PL 151.4) minus 600 Hz. Field Day 2006 by all appearances was, in spite of all the rain, another successful operating event for NNJ. Thanks to all the clubs/groups that sent me their Field Day Report as well as copies of newspaper articles. One of the better articles was one appearing in the New Jersey Herald about the Sussex County ARC's activities. It seems every year brings out more news articles about how Field Day is the annual emergency operation drill for Amateur Radio. These only come about because more clubs are reaching out to their local papers and elected officials and inviting them to visit during the weekend and learn about Field Day. Also, I believe the "F" Class addition has helped as well by bringing amateur radio into the EOC through partnering with local government. Check our section webpage shortly for a summary of the Field Day tour N2FF and I took that Saturday. What was really evident during our travels was that the inclement weather didn't turn people away but rather showed what could be done when everyone worked together. The recipients of this year's Hudson Division awards are: Amateur of the Year- Barry Cohen, K2JV; Technical Achievement- Elmer Sharp, WA2YSM; Grand Ole Ham- Bob Raffaele, W2XM and a Special Recognition for Public Service Excellence will be presented to Jeff Schneller- N2HPO. As announced last month this year's Hudson Division Awards Dinner will be held on Saturday November 11, 2006 at the Holiday Inn (at I-80) in Saddle Brook, NJ with the Bergen Amateur Radio Association as host club. Ticket order forms are available on the Hudson Division website as well as the BARA site ([www.bara.org](http://www.bara.org)). Sponsors are also being sought for the awards journal and, that information can be found on the BARA site as well. Please show your support for the Division and amateur radio by attending, what will certainly be, another great

evening of friendship. Next month is the 47th Annual New Jersey QSO Party sponsored by the Englewood ARA. The contest runs the weekend of August 19-20th. There are two operating periods: one from 4PM local time Saturday to 3AM local time Sunday and the other starting at 9AM Sunday to 10PM Sunday. Pick a time slot to get for awhile. You will be surprised how many people are looking for New Jersey counties! Rules are in QST. Unfortunately, participation has been low the past few years in spite of Top Single Operator plaques being donated by both NJ Section Managers. So, let's try to get a big turnout for this year's QSO Party. I even plan to get on! Also, in early August the Tri County ARA is planning a day trip to ARRL Headquarters if you are interested in joining the club members contact Jeff-NJ5R at: nj5r@arrl.net. The HQ tours are a fascinating behind-the-scenes look at how the ARRL operates and includes some time at W1AW. It's definitely worth the drive time. 73, Bill Hudzik-

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## Midwest Division

### Kansas

Kansas Section News Summary- June 2006 SM, Ron Cowan, KB0DTI-- SEC/OOC: Robert Summers,K0BXF ASM: Orlan Cook,W0OYH ASM-Youth: Emily Stewart, KC0PTL SGL: Steve Hamilton, KB0JYL PIC: Larry Staples, W0AIB Silent Keys: W0LEQ - Charles McCune Jr. "CV"-, Overland Park KD0NC - David Price, Coffeyville WB7VQH - Irv Ostrich, Overland Park KB0APX-Curtis Stevens, Horton ----- As always June is Field Day time and we had our share of activity. We had 21 clubs that planned to participate this year. I hope you all will turn in logs because it's fun to go thru QST looking for your group. My club was always easy to find, we just went to the end of 2A and worked back. Starting at the beginning required too much work- Hi. This time I went out in the state and spent time with groups in Hesston, Hutchinson and Wichita. I started Saturday off at the all Ham breakfast in Wichita. It's a little early for me but I have come to accept that hams don't need sleep and therefore 7AM is a normal time for Hams to meet. The get together is every Saturday just South of I-135 & K96 and draws an assortment of operators. I was all set up to receive FD Messages from the various clubs at Reno Co. site but just when the time came 75 meters developed terrible noise at least at that site. Couldn't hear any one on the band. Sunday morning the B.E.A.R.S club let me pick up some of the messages using their station. That worked fairly well although the signals were weak at 8AM. The other sites I toured were Newton ARC, Wichita ARC and Southern Plains Contesting Society. Orlan told me he got a little damp on the East side of the state. We've all been rained on and rained out at some point in our FD memories and it's just another part of our experience. There are plenty of FD pictures o the KSN page at <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=KS> and more will be put up when I get some time. ----- Our Kansas convention is a few short weeks away. I hope you are planning to attend and support Amateur Radio in our state. N0BFB- Norm has taken on Central States Traffic Net. A familiar voice to the daytime crew, Norm agreed, with some coaxing I think, to be the manager, liaison order keeper for the CSTN. Norm began taking reports a couple months ago. 40 meters seems to be doing better the last week or two which makes everyone happier so stop by 7253.5 between 17:30 and 18:30Z. Chippewa ARC picnic was hosted this year by KA0VCR- Belinda. A pretty good turnout and lotsa good food !

## SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

REPORT for April and May 2006 Activity June 1, 2006 For the month of April we had 18 ARES Zones reporting 117 net sessions with 1059 QNI and 56 QTC. RACES reported 1 session 7 QNI counties represented were Riley Linn Johnson Montgomery and Brown. Sorry the report was late due to my XYL and myself were involved in a Hit and Run accident. Totaled the Car, I suffered 2 fractures to the right wrist (put in cast) and was unable to use the computer for a few weeks. New car running without HF mobile gear at the present. For the month of May there were 16 EC Zones reporting with 142 net sessions 1256 QNI and 41 QTC. RACES reported 12 QNI on the monthly net with Shawnee Johnson, Atchison, Saline, Riley, Montgomery, Wyandotte and Linn Counties represented. Army MARS reported 693 man hours on the air with 819 messages org. and 2906 messages handled for the period. -----

----- Newsletters received: The Transceiver, Feed Back, Trojan ARC Harmonic, DCARC Newsletter, QRZ, QNU H.A.R.C. , M.E.M.O , SMMC ARC May Sessions/QNI/QTC/Mgr:

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receive or contribute to Orlan's Kansas Amateur Radio News E-mail News Letter contact Orlan-

W0OYH-Editor at W0OYH@arrl.net See KSN on ARRL Website for detailed PSHR and more Kansas news: <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=KS> -----

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## Missouri

JULY 2006 MISSOURI SECTION NEWS The results of the 2006 Missouri QSO Party are now in and 49 amateurs submitted logs to the Boeing Employees Amateur Radio Society (B.E.A.R.S.) this year. A big Thank You goes out the B.E.A.R.S. and to Jim Kinser, NØAJ for leading the B.E.A.R.S. in the sponsorship of the Missouri QSO Party again this year. The top fixed stations in 2006 was the JPL Contest Club, WØJPL of Chesterfield, MO. They racked up 43,120 points with 616 points and 70 mults. The top Missouri Rover was Tom Hammond, NØSS and his assistant Bryan Braunschweig, WØESE They logging 632 points, 42 mults and a score of 26,544 points during the QSO Party. Topping the non-Missouri participants again was Paul Newberry, N4PN of Macon, GA. Who had 202 points, 28 mults and a score of 5656. It was interesting that a DX station OK1AOV of the Czech Republic was in second place with 148 points, 23 mults and a score of 3404. If you would like to check out all the scoring, click on the link to the BEARS website. [http://www.qsl.net/w0ma/mo\\_qso\\_party\\_results\\_2006.htm](http://www.qsl.net/w0ma/mo_qso_party_results_2006.htm) Judging from the number of Field Day messages sent to me this year, there were lots of Clubs and individuals participating in Field Day this year. Conditions were far better this year than last on 15 meters. That is a little difficult to understand since we are at the bottom of Sun Spot Cycle 23 and there were no visible sun spots on Field Day. There must have been lots of sporadic E openings. I hope everyone had lots of fun and gained some valuable experience during this year's Field Day. MISSOURI HAMFEST JULY 2006 The Warrensburg Area Amateur Radio Club's July 15, 2006 Hamfest will be at the Johnson County Fair Grounds on Hwy 50 just west of the Warrensburg city limits. Tables are \$10.00 each which includes admission and a door prize ticket. The site is air conditioned and will include a testing station for your new rig. Contact Keith Raihala nØvj@arrl.net or phone him at 660-422-7273 to sign-up for the Hamfest. On July 16, The Zero Beaters Hamfest will be held in Bernie Hillerman Park in Washington, MO To get more info, check out their website <http://www.wa0fya.org/> The Talk-In will be on 147.240 + The Contact person is Craig Brune, NØMFD and he can be contacted at Phone 636-211-1101 Fax 636-239-0060 or e-mail [cbrune@yhti.net](mailto:cbrune@yhti.net) The Zero Beaters Hamfest is according to most folks the best

outdoor Hamfest in Missouri. AUGUST 2006 Central Missouri Radio Association  
<http://www.qsl.net/cmra> will be holding their Hamfest on August 19th at the Ashland Optimist Complex  
 in Ashland, MO. Ashland is about 9 miles south of Columbia, MO / I-70 on Highway 63. Last year was  
 a real nice Hamfest and well worth the trip. For more info, contact Daniel Johnson, KC0UTW 18357  
 Old Highway 63 South Ashland, MO 65010 Phone: 573-635-6311 Email: [kc0utw@yahoo.com](mailto:kc0utw@yahoo.com). The  
 talk-in will be on 146.76- (PL 127.3); back-up 146.610- (PL -127.3) The St. Charles ARC is sponsoring  
 their annual Hamfest August 20th at the American Legion Post 312 , 2500 Raymond Drive Street in  
 Saint Charles, MO. This a great St. Louis area Hamfest and always has lots of quality vendors and flea  
 marketers. For more info you can check out the website <http://www.wb0hsi.org> or contact Lee Hilliard,  
 K0MMT PO Box 658 St. Charles, MO 63302 Phone: 636-734-3292 Email: [lee.e.hilliard@netzero.com](mailto:lee.e.hilliard@netzero.com)  
 The Talk-In will be on the 146.67 machine. Joplin Amateur Radio Club are sponsoring the JARC  
 Hamfest 2006 on August 25th and 26th at the John Q. Hammons Convention Center in Joplin, MO. The  
 Hamfest has the advantage of attracting lots of Amateurs from Oklahoma and Arkansas as well as the  
 usual large turn-out of Missouri Hams. For more information you can check out the website at  
<http://www.joplin-arc.org> or contact Jim Johannes, N0ZSQ, PO Box 2983 Joplin, MO 64803-2983  
 Phone: 417-781-2211 Fax: 417-781-2234 and Email: [jimjohannes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jimjohannes@sbcglobal.net)

**AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS**  
**KEITH HAYE, WEØG, ACC** The Affiliated Club News comes to some extent from newsletters  
 either paper or e-mail that are sent to the ACC and/or the SM. If your club has done something  
 interesting or has a great project going forward, then please send that information to either WEØG  
[we0g@earthlink.net](mailto:we0g@earthlink.net) or KØKY [k0ky@arrl.org](mailto:k0ky@arrl.org). Rick Crockett, WØPC reported that at the St Charles  
 Amateur Radio Club Field Day site they had a VE Testing session. Two kids earned their license, Ryan  
 Truss age 13 (KCØYBV) and Sarah Bird, student at Univ. of Missouri at Columbia (KCØYBW). They  
 also had one upgrade Bob Osterloh, KØRAO, moved up from Technician to General Class. Both of the  
 new hams were put in the operators chair and made contacts. Rick expressed it well when he said ?It  
 sure it great to see young kids get pumped up over ham radio.? It was impressive to see that testing was  
 done on the 24th of June and the licenses for Ryan and Sarah were issued by June 30th. MidMO ARC  
 holds their CW Class meets at 6:45 a.m. on Saturdays, in the basement of Mel's Country Café in  
 Jefferson City. The class has now been going for 2-1/2 years, pretty much every Saturday morning... and  
 everyone is still enjoying it. Following the CW Practice at 7:45 a.m. the Breakfast begins for the rest of  
 the club members. Tom Hammond, NØSS and Kent Trimble, K9ZTV have been the leaders of this fun  
 activity. This is a great way to stimulate interest in Amateur Radio and CW operation. The Joplin ARC  
 newsletter had an interesting article by John Tudenham, WØJPR about operating on the 6 meter Band.  
 John discussed the Sporadic E season, multi-hop openings, beacons and a host of other useful tips. Jim  
 Scott, WBØIYC, recently talked about a ?Radio Kit? that he had been working on that might be useful  
 in spurring interest in Amateur Radio.

**SECTION ARES REPORT FOR MAY 2006**  
**DON MOORE, KMØR SEC** Total # of ARES members: 448 Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month: 89  
 Man hours: 1918 Number of public service events this month: 3 Man hours: 90 Number of emergency  
 operations this month: 22 Man hours: 969 Total number of ARES operations this month: 118 Total Man  
 hours: 2981 Comments: 5 of 9 districts reporting To view this and other Monthly Section ARES reports  
 go to <http://www.ares-mo.org/currentsec.asp>

**SECTION TRAFFIC REPORTS FOR APRIL 2006**  
**DALE HUFFINGTON, AEØS, MON** - CW Sessions 53 QNI 76 QTC 24 NM K9ZTV MO Phone Sessions 30  
 QNI 535 QTC 74 NM KØDAT MESN Sessions 4 QNI 125 QTC 2 NM AEØS Audrain AARC Sessions  
 5 QNI 50 QTC 0 NM KBØKWC Callaway CARL Sessions 3 QNI 36 QTC 0 NM WBØHKN Boone Co  
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 Co Sessions 8 QNI 62 QTC 2 NM KØRWL Jackson Co ARESR Sessions 3 QNI 46 QTC 0 NM  
 KØUAA Macon Co Sessions 5 QNI 35 QTC 0 NM KØKY Rolla RRARS Sessions 26 QNI 440 QTC 10  
 NM NAØV WAARCI Sessions 4 QNI 107 QTC 0 NM KØDEC 10th Reg Sessions 60 QNI 85 QTC 85  
 MO 60 % with K9ZTV, WØSJS, WØSJS, NM WØSS

## New England Division

## Connecticut

although the weather during FD was indeed different from recent years, what I saw in visiting you was a wonderful spirit of enthusiasm and careful, creative planning. K1SFA, K1MK, DEC K1WMQ and I were among the leadership team visiting FD sites this year! It was wonderful to see members of The CT Amateur Radio League of Youth visiting FD sites as well with their advisor K1LEF. Check out the Section Page on the ARRL Web site for FD pictures and several proclamations both from the Governor's office and from State Senator Billy Ciotto and State Reps Sandy Nafis, Tim O'Brien and Anthony Guerra. Many thanks to John W1JMA and Al W1FXQ for their work in getting these written. Several leadership changes have occurred this month: Al W1FXQ moved from PIC to ASM; K1SFA is our new PIC; N1FNE is now ASM and ASEC; K1BRF moved from ASM to SEC. Many thanks to Al, W1FXQ for his very fine work on my cabinet for many years; he has been wonderfully supportive and full of good ideas. I'm so pleased he can stay on as an ASM--great--keep coming to the meetings Al and help us all out; you always know how to get us out of our dilemmas! A warm welcome to one of our newest ham ops Khrystyne Keane, K1SFA who is very enthused about becoming our PIC. She has studied journalism and is currently on staff at Hq as an Assistant Editor for QST. I know you'll all give Khrystyne a hand learning who's who around the Section. Email: k1sfa@arrl.net . I will be giving her my club email list so she can soon contact clubs and hopefully find additional PIOs. I had the pleasure of awarding certificates to both Khrystyne and Al at the NARL FD between the drops of rain! I want to publicly thank Rod Lane, N1FNE for serving as our SEC for the last year. He explained to Brian and me that he had figured on doing the SEC job for a year and wanted to return to his role as assistant. We have had a lot of fun together working through the usual organizational details so I am very happy that he is staying on the leadership team as ASEC with an ARRL appointment of Assistant Section Manager. We will all benefit from his creative ideas! Rod, thank you for your time, energy and enthusiasm for ARES and for always being there to lend a helping hand. And thanks for continuing on the cabinet! Be sure to read his letter to the Section at <http://www.ctares.org> or on the Section Page ARRL site. Brian Fernandez, K1BRF, has accepted the appointment of SEC effective July 1. I have worked with Brian for many years in his role as Assistant Section Manager and I very much appreciate the unique perspective he brings to the cabinet. Thank you Brian for taking this important position within the Section. It is a privilege to have both K1BRF and N1FNE on my leadership team. Please give them your full support.—K1EIC SM And now, here is our new SEC's letter of introduction. Introductions in a new position are sometimes difficult, especially when following talented and capable people (and personal friends) like Rod Lane, Chuck Rexroad and Allen Pitts. So while I am enthusiastic about ARES and its future and look forward to working with all of you, I know these particular SEC shoes are hard to fill. It is fortunate for all of us Rod and Chuck will remain in key roles and will be working with us. ARES makes serious and valuable contributions to the public good. But while performing its role it is important that we have some fun while contributing our time. The most important asset of ARES is you and the time you have devoted toward making it such a great organization. Thank you sincerely for your past support and efforts. I hope that working together we can create the enthusiasm and enlarge our talent pool so ARES can move to an even higher level of operating excellence. To change gears a bit, let me give you some of my background as an initial introduction to those I haven't yet met. I've been active in emergency communications for about 15+ years. In California, where I went through basic NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Training) with the San Francisco Fire Department, I supported OES emergency communications in a variety of positions from ERD Post Support at a Fire House to Acting Director of Auxiliary Communications and even wrote the flip-open communications response manual. Net control is deadly serious in the land of earthquakes and it served as an excellent introduction to a highly focused, well-supported, rigorously trained and very strong emergency response culture. ARES and Red Cross activity became my primary focus when I returned to the East Coast where I have been involved as DEC and ASM in a number of responses including a 30+ day stint acting as field operator, net control, and night shift (5PM to 8AM) communications coordinator for the World Trade Center communications response. Within the Red Cross framework, I have worked as Reaction

Technology Team coordinator (radio and sat communications, telephones, wireless communications networks, etc.), TOPOFF3 communications Officer, and so forth. All this is just to let you know that the ARRL training (and as one of the contributors to their emergency training courses), and FEMA, DHS, Red Cross, etc. courses, have been paired with some reasonable real-world field experience working directly with valuable served agencies under difficult conditions for extended periods of time. You haven't lived until the situation is chaotic, everything appears totally confused and no equipment or systems work as they are supposed to. In emergencies, you don't always rise to the occasion, but you definitely fall to the level of your training so training is something I support: not as a rigid and enforced arbitrary requirement but as a learning experience and a way to build knowledge and confidence. The more you know, the better off ARES and you will be when things go terribly wrong because, as Katrina vividly demonstrated, things do and can go wrong. I'm obviously a strong supporter of ARRL. On a personal and professional level, following the pursuit of mathematics and physics (and some other things) at Princeton, etc., I've spent most of my time in the global financial and management world, initially as a technology research analyst, technology investment banker and finally as a manager of venture capital, private equity funds and investment banking firms, largely operating in the technology and alternative energy arenas. I've also served as a consultant to a number of government agencies on global technology, organization, and financial policy/operational issues. My wife of 30+ years is a lecturer in medieval art, a classical goldsmith; we have 4 children. The door to my virtual office is open pretty much 24/7 via e-mail (phone if you prefer) and I'd like to invite you to let me know if you have suggestions for improvement, ideas we should explore, etc. I'd like to hear your input. If you have a complaint, that's fine, too but it would be really helpful if you also attached your suggested solution to the problem or issue to speed resolution. I look forward to meeting you and working with you. -- Brian Fernandez, K1BRF, SEC CT Section; k1brf@arrl.net. Brian immediately appointed Chuck Rexroad, AB1CR as DEC and Digital Communications Coordinator. for the Connecticut Section. "It's important we have dedicated focus on our existing valuable packet network so it will be there when we need it. In addition, Chuck will be the focus for examining new ways of communicating. To implement this tasking, Chuck will chair a fast-moving and compact Steering Committee which will explore various options, make recommendations to the leadership team, and actually build pilot implementations."—K1BRF. A warm welcome back to the leadership team Chuck.—K1EIC

## **Rhode Island**

Greetings fellow Rhode Islanders: Field Day 2006 is now another series of entries in the ham history book. In RI, at least seven clubs put on a valiant effort despite the terrible weather conditions. I hope you were able to take part or at least visit one of our RI club set-ups between downpours. I'm not aware of any claimed scores but I know that some groups invested serious operating time, so scores should be quite respectable. Field Day is intended to be a test of emergency preparedness and this year, it was more than a dress rehearsal on a gorgeous June weekend. It really felt as though we were in the midst of an actual disaster. We surely didn't have to simulate emergency conditions. Normally, as your Section Manager, I would have made a special effort to travel to each ARRL affiliated club's FD site to offer encouragement and a bag of homemade cookies. This year, my intentions were to once again drive the 300 miles touring our little state to offer personal greetings but caring for my wife who isn't well combined with very poor driving conditions forced me to change my plans. I can't be away from home for long periods of time so I only visited two club sites; Fidelity in West Greenwich and Blackstone Valley on Chopmist Hill in Scituate. My apologies are extended to the other clubs who were active; ARASNE, PRA, NCRC, PVARC and Narr Bay. I wanted to drop in but couldn't. Again this year, our Narragansett Bay ARC yachtsmen and ladies operating aboard a vessel anchored off Prudence Island. I doubt that I could have visited that site even without my constraints. Congratulations and thanks to all FD participants! On Sunday, September 10th, the Meshanticut Park Church will be the site of "Launch Sunday" at their facility, 180 Oaklawn Ave in Cranston. It will feature a special program entitled "Hello to Ham Radio" and will activate a special event station under the call sign, W1L from 1 to 4 PM or later.



W1L will be active on 7.280, 14.250, 21.230, and 146.420 MHz. Certificates will be issued to lucky Amateurs who work W1L. They will feature two live bands, Radio Disney and a barbecue. For more specific information or to personally take part, please contact Dan Roy, KA1BNO at [ka1bno@arrl.net](mailto:ka1bno@arrl.net) or 401-823-8947. On June 28th, a new entity was added to the list of countries, reefs, rocks and political subdivisions of land in the world. This one will be the 336th that are workable today. Of course, other than for a few cubic yards of earth being added daily around the Kilauea volcano in Hawaii, no new land is ever actually created in the world. Land is merely divided and named differently following mergers, annexations or wars. Keeping the fact in mind that all land is preserved and none is ever created, there are 58 places that once did but now don't exist any longer. So in this zero sum game, as of June 28th we will recognize the newest nation of the world, Montenegro. This latest independent entity is the result of a reshuffle of land that was previously named Serbia and Montenegro and before that, a portion of Yugoslavia. A major International Festival has been scheduled from July 20 through August 12 that will kick off activity from this "new one". A blue ribbon band of world class operators from five countries will staff the festival station and plan to log 200,000 Qs. More details may be found at <http://www.yu6scg.cg.yu/international-dx-festival.html>. Everyone who wishes to contact this new one should be easily able to succeed, probably on multiple modes and bands. While I'm thinking about gatherings and festivals, I'd like to recommend that you make plans to attend the Boxboro New England ARRL Convention. The First Call Area Convention is held on even numbered years and in 2006, it will be August 25, 26, and 27. Full event details, including ticket ordering information may be found at <http://www.boxboro.org>. Boxboro will have plenty of new products on display and company reps to answer all your questions, except possibly how to pay for some of them. There will also be forums to serve special interests. Details of events are listed on the website above. Your registration ticket is also a raffle ticket for several dozen great prizes. Prizes are awarded throughout the convention and the major prizes are drawn on Sunday afternoon. All in all, Boxboro is a fun event and well worth the sixty (+/-) mile drive up Rt 495 to exit 28. Pool with a friend and split the cost of gas. I hope to see you there. As you may know, my DX Elmer, W1FH became a Silent Key in January at the age of 91. ARRL asked me to write a tribute to Charlie Mellen, the holder of DXCC certificate #1 for publication in the annual DXCC Yearbook. This publication summarizing DX news for the year is sent only to active DXCC members. If you did not receive the Yearbook but would like to read the tribute, drop a line to me and I'll see that you receive a copy of it. The Southern New England DX Association received permission of Charlie's family to adopt his call as a permanent memorial to Mr. DX. Therefore, you will once again hear W1FH in DX pileups and contests. I received a note a few days after I filed the June report stating that the MA and RI SATERN members provided communications for the Gaspee Day Parade in Warwick and Cranston on Saturday June 10th. The SATERN Canteen provided a party for participants at their HQ after the parade. Despite the rain, the parade went on and everyone who supported the communications effort had a good time. RI ARES net meets on the first and third Mondays at 8PM on the 146.70 MHz repeater. Members and guests are welcome to participate in different activities selected for the user friendly session. Becoming a member of ARES is a very simple matter. All you need to do is complete form FSD-98, copy at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/forms/fsd98.doc> and send it to our Section Emergency Coordinator, Sean Brennan KE1AB at [ke1ab@arrl.net](mailto:ke1ab@arrl.net) or by snail mail. You may find Sean's address at <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=RI>. Of course, there's no cost associated with ARES membership. And finally, just about every day during June and July, I've noticed activity being spotted on the DX Cluster on 6 and 10 meters. On many days, there are nice openings to Europe and all over the US. Sometimes, the band is open well into the evening so check the bands now and then. Just because we're at the bottom of solar cycle 23, you shouldn't assume that the upper HF bands are dead. There are stations on the air. No, they're not very strong but very workable. Even if you hear nothing, try calling CQ. If everyone only listens and never calls CQ, no one will ever hear anything. That's about all I have for this month. Best wishes for a happy summer and 73, Bob Beaudet, W1YRC

## **Northwestern Division**

## Montana

This years RATPOD race in the Dillon area was a great success! Over \$140,000 raised for Camp-Make-a-Dream that supports kids with Cancer and provides a camp experience for them. This event is a 157 mile race around the Pioneer Mountains in Southwestern Montana, through the Big Hole Valley, a premier trout stream. The riders start in early morning, around 5 am. Two mountain passes are along the route, one at nearly 8000 feet. Other obstacles must be avoided, not to mention cattle being moved along the highway to Summer pasture. First riders to finish came back into Dillon around 1 pm. The communications side of the race was again organized by Larry Anderson, N7YET, with support from Bill Erhardt, K7MT. When we arrived on site, all the plans had been made, assignments were set up and went smoothly. Several Montana Amateurs helped out with equipment and travel to various points along the route. Special mention should go to Jack, KD7HWV and his XYL Glenda for operation of "Race Control". At times, things were busy, but they handled it all. Traffic was handled on 2 meters, 75 meters and 450 mhz, with much support from the Butte Repeater, 146.94 Mhz. Since the annual Field Day was going on at the same time, the cooperation from other groups out in the field was appreciated. Todd Gansel, AE7Z traveled from Billings to Dillon to participate, a long trip. It was a great time, the weather was super and we all had a long but enjoyable day.....rattlesnakes notwithstanding. Glacier Hamfest is next week! Starting on the 14th, it runs through the 16th at Glacier Meadows Campground 11 miles West of East Glacier, MT on highway 2. Bring your "stuff" for sale, your tent or RV and join the fun. Great work is being done by unsung heros/heroines in the realm of traffic handling. IMN/MTN members continue to support movement of message traffic via these and other nets. If you are at all interested in learning or improving you skills with QTC, check into one of these nets. Listen for a few days until the routine becomes familiar, then get your feet wet! It's a great way to support your local community and the hobby in general. IMN is on 3647 at 0300 GMT each nite, MTN on 3910 khz at 0030 GMT every evening. Both nets are active and set a great example for new hams to follow. The Bozeman Club is working on a move for the 88 repeater, located on Briger Peak. Antennas and tower shifts are in the plan. Lots to do and hopefully, some good weather to work in at 11,000 feet! MTN is still in need of additional NCS stations. Pls contact Jack, KD7HWV to sign up. MTN-KD7HWV, QNI 1151, QTC 39 IMN-W5UYH, QNI 465, QTC 91 Thanks to all who make Montana Section a great bunch to represent. 73 Doug, K7YD

## Oregon

Welcome to my first monthly report to the section. The first draft of my report was over three times the length allowed for this report by the ARRL server, so I provided the information to Everett Curry W6ABM to post on the Oregon Section page of the ARRL website. I have also provided the list of appointees that will be posted there as well. This list is directly from the ARRL database and needs some cleanup that is in progress. There are some very old appointments listed that need to be cancelled as well as some EC's who have been doing the job for some time that are not on the list. The list is being circulated to all the section leaders and updates will be made as their input is received back. Now that I am learning how this report works, I will send out some of the reports as individual emails to the section separately from this monthly summary report. I am back on packet. If anyone wants to contact me in that manner, you can send me a message at ab7zq@w7trr.or.usa.noam. I am looking for a few geographical assistant section managers to help with communications across the state. If you are interested or have someone to recommend, please contact me. I would like to find one for Southern Oregon, one for Central Oregon and one or two for Eastern Oregon. Dean Davis, KL7OR, has volunteered to develop a section website. Once this is complete, we will link to it from our ARRL page, rather than posting duplicate information there. I received three pieces of NTS traffic reporting field day activities. These came from Washington County ARES/RACES, Hoodview Amateur Radio Club and Southern Oregon Amateur Radio Club. You will continue hearing me on nets as often as my schedule allows and am always interested in hearing comments and ideas you have for the section. One of the reasons I am a

proponent of nets is because many times I have learned about activities and information I needed in my ARES role from announcements on a net. Emails get hung up in someone's inbox and don't get out to everyone who needs them. Because of this I think it is very important for leaders at all levels to participate in nets they are responsible for overseeing. The affiliated club coordinator, Will Sheffield N7THL, is busy encouraging clubs to update their annual status and their special service club status. Check the ARRL website and search for your club. If that information has not been updated, please make sure Will has the correct contact for your group and bring it up at your meeting also. Don't risk dropping off the affiliated club list. The newest affiliated club in the state is ROADS, Radio Operators Association of Dallas. The newly elected club president is Harry Martin AB7X. He has taken over the club reins from Bob Boswell W7LOU. NTS Station Activity for June 2006: W7IZ 189, N7CM 158, K7PMB 124, N7YSS 123, W7IG 108, KD7ZLF 78, K7EAJ 65, W7VSE 53, KC7SRL 36, WS7L 24, N7HAE 23, KK1A 10, N7APE 10 Public Service Honor Roll for June 2006: K7EAJ 295, N7CM 220, KD7ZLF 140, W7IG 135, KL7OR 110, N7YSS 110, KK7TN 94, W7VSE 88, N7HAE 73, KD7THV 74. For the month of June, 4 active official observers reported a total of 349 hours. We need more active observers. If anyone is interested in joining this group, please complete the FSD-187 form and submit to Mike Califf Sr. AB7OE or complete the online version of the form. You must have been licensed for four years. After your application is received, ARRL will provide you with a study guide and open book test to complete. I would like to report on club activities. If those are sent to me each month, I will list what I can in this summary and post the rest of the information on the section page. Bill Morris W7IH, the Section Emergency Coordinator, has made one new DEC appointment along with a realignment of the districts. Hugh Flint KF7LN is the DEC for District 2. Also for those who are not aware of it, a couple months ago Walter Cooper WA7VGR was appointed DEC for District 6. All districts are staffed with a DEC now. Recent EC appointments include Marsh Johnson KK7CW as Wasco County EC to replace Hugh Flint KF7LN. Also Martin Anderson KC7ILK had been continuing as Columbia County EC since his DEC appointment in District 1. He has found a new EC to take on that responsibility. The new Columbia County EC is Dave Morrisson W7OR. David Kidd KA7OZO, Clackamas County EC reported supporting the county public health department's exercise on June 21 and responding for a 9-1-1 outage as a result of a fiber optic cable being cut on June 20. Dan Hillgaertner WA7TEM, Clatsop County EC reported a brief activation on June 9 when the emergency manager from Yamhill County, Paul May KC7MBW who was maritime mobile near Astoria called for any ARES station on the 146.660 and requested that they reach his emergency operations center by radio. He had been paged and could not reach it by cell phone. WA7TEM and others from Clatsop County responded and informed Paul that there was a phone outage in Yamhill County. During this same event, I was requested to activate Yamhill County ARES for the 9-1-1 outage in Sheridan and Willamina and we responded to that request. Tom Hyers W7TCH, Douglas County EC reported participation in an emergency communication exercise on July 1 and 2. His group provided flight line safety teams for a 3 day air show. Public service radios were used. I have received a list of activities for the year from Benton County EC, Kathleen Brindley KC7QAE. They perform public safety communications for many community events, which is something we are trying to get more involved with in Yamhill County. Since they are less than an hours drive from my house, I hope to participate in some of their activities and learn from them. They are a very active group. Now that I know how these reports work, I will report differently next month since there is so much going on in the section to tell you about. Bonnie Altus AB7ZQ Oregon Section Manager

## **Western Washington**

In District 1, DEC Bill, W7ARC reports Island County had eleven members support the June 4 marathon event. Skagit County says ""Thanks to WWA Section Manager Ed, N7NVP and WWA Section Emergency Coordinator Ken, K7TAG for their visit to our Field Day site this year In District 2, Jefferson County ARES participated in Field Day. Clallam County ARES was invited to participate in the June 17 tsunami exercise involving the U.S. Coast Guard - Port Angeles and Clallam County's

Emergency Management Department team. A simulated loss of communication with Neah Bay resulted in a Clallam County ARES/RACES ham radio operator (Bill, W7WEC) being deployed to Neah Bay via Coast Guard helicopter. Communications were established with emergency radios and messages were passed between Neah Bay and Port Angeles. Communication was also established with Forks, WA (Howard, AC7TZ) and Diamond Point, WA (Dan, N7DWA) simulating additional isolated communities. CCARES Training Manager Paul, W6IAM also participated in the exercise and noted that the professional handling of communications and net control functions on non-amateur radios may be required by our served agencies and will be the subject of cross-training for CCARES members and served agency staff in 2007. On June 6th ARES/RACES members participated with Emergency Management Department staff in the County's Safety Day event, manning the EMD tent and demonstrating Field Day-style setups of HF and VHF equipment. District Emergency Coordinator, Owen Mulkey, N0WO visited our June monthly meeting, answering member's questions and presenting former EC Richard Edes, WA6CUE with a certificate of appreciation for his service to the group. In Kitsap County on June 24th, 24 volunteers provided communications support to the South Kitsap Volunteer Fire Department's Hotfoot 5K Run, making the run safe and successful, and then many headed straight to Field Day sites to start operations. The South Kitsap, Bremerton and North Kitsap clubs each ran successful Field Day operations, enhancing our preparedness for providing emergency communications. We tell our served agencies we have the skills, training and equipment to provide emergency communications at anytime, from anywhere, to anywhere, under any conditions and our successes with Field Day demonstrates this and helps keep us prepared. In District 3, DEC Duane, WB7ROZ reports the Pacific County ARES team participated in Field Day and training sessions. The Thurston County team along with their weekly nets and monthly meeting, participated in the Swede Day Parade in Rochester, and held Field Day in front of the Washington State Capital building. Mason County had a great Field Day in Victor, thanks to N7YGE and KC7CEC, Jerry and Sherri. They are also preparing for a Mason County Fair special Events Station July 27-29. During the three day event there will be mentoring on the transmission of third party radiograms using the station N7SK. Contesting will be conducted in both voice and CW, using station NM7E. They are planning some Radio Direction Finding Activity for beginners and are open for more advanced demonstrations. In District 4, Clark County EC, Bob K7YFJ and assistant met at CRESA each Tuesday with the DEM staff for the weekly update. The team leaders and assistants met for lunch on June 13 to review the May 31 exercise and discuss the June 19th simplex test. The Digital group met on Monday June 12th to review packet radio and WinLink capabilities. For their meeting on Monday June 19 they had a simplex test to the CRESA EOC. This test gave them a good idea of the areas that weren't able to communicate with the EOC on a simplex basis. Several ARES/RACES members participated in the Clark County RC Field Day activities. In Cowlitz County EC Randy NU7D, attended the Cowlitz County SAR Council Meeting where the need for all SAR Council Units to complete the ICS 100 & 700 complete the ICS 100 & 700 Course as soon as possible was stressed.. On June 24th, nine Hams assisted with communications for the Tour-De-Blast Bike Ride and thirteen Hams participated in Field Day. In District 5 Pierce County ARES/RACES provided support for the Sound to Narrows Run, Lakewood Summerfest, and enforcement operations with Parkland and Lakewood Police Departments. Performance was excellent and our served agencies were very grateful of our support and high level of expertise. In District 6 the Federal Way, Maple Valley, North Bend, Redmond, Shoreline, and Vashon Island teams participated in Field Day '06. Net and meeting participation was down for June, as sun fever spreads throughout the region. In District M, ASEC, Marina, N7LSL reports that on the 10th the MST team conducted a Helicopter Awareness level class, put on by Airlift NW Chief pilot, Art KD7POP. Well attended by MST and members from other teams. Got to see and touch their newest helicopter which is much larger than the older ones. MST will soon be adding a couple of additional repeaters into the system to expand the radio coverage for the team. They are looking forward to being able to talk into more of the greater Puget Sound region. The SM Ed, N7NVP and SEC Ken, K7TAG wish to thank everyone who participated in Field Day '06. They were able to visit 20 Field Day sites and are sorry that they were not able to visit more.

## Pacific Division

### Nevada

Nevada Section News Summary See the Nevada Section website at <http://nv.arrl.org> for the complete, unedited stories. July 11, 2006 - Lyon county ARES planning license class - The Lyon County ARES team is planning a Ham Cram class on July 22 in Yerington, Nevada. Anyone who is interested email Frank Walsh at KE7AJO@GBIS.com. July 11, 2006 - ARES Monthly Report for June'06 SEC Summary - June proved to be a busy month for many of our troops. With the start of a very volatile fire season, many fires around the northern half of the state especially, prompted several callouts and activations, as you will read. Words cannot express our thanks and gratitude to the many who took time from their schedules to provided much needed communications at shelters and fire sites. Thank you one and all for your contributions. With numerous thunderstorms and the continued potential for lightning, our Skywarn program prompted several activations to the NWS as well. Thanks too to those who feed continuous real-time reports to this served agency. It is through these activities that our training and preparation pays off. June was also Field Day month, and you will read of the many activities in our section with great participation and some demos to the public for the occasion. We also have a couple of new appointments which you will read of, including an ADEC in southern district, and a new EC for Washoe County in Northwest. It was a pleasure to check out several of the Field Day sites in Northern Nevada. Thanks to Otto Tune, KV7J, from the Department of Emergency Management from Carson City for making the tour with me. -- Don Carlson, KQ6FM NV Section SEC/PIC. SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORT: A Mosquito Hunt? Yes, southern section participated in what just may be a first! Due to the threat of West Nile Virus, hams were asked to cover a large area around Pahrump, and continuing to Armagosa and Beatty, searching for potential places where mosquitos could be found, especially in horse and livestock prone areas. This is a countywide project which could continue into the middle of July before the monsoon season sets in. Nye County Emergency Services trainer set up for Field Day, with 4 HF units in operation. One was PSK and the others SSB. Reported about 200 contacts, with the biggest turnout of operators this year. Great job! Discussions by Charlie, AA5QJ with Clark County Health District for potential health crisis. DEC, Glenn Hale, KB7REO along with newly appointed ADEC, Bruce Wilson, KY7B attended the Chief Radio Officers meeting in Riverside, CA along with CRO s from several southern California areas. Skywarn Net Control meeting was held June 15. Tabletop exercise held on June 19 called operation Slam Dunk which was designed to improve the ability of UNLV and local governments to prepare for, manage and respond to a mass casualty incident. Hosted by Jim O'Brien, Clark County Emergency Manager, attendees included law enforcement, fire and medical from local, state and federal agencies. Jeff Green, KC7PK reports 2 Skywarn Activations on the 27th and 28th. NWS requested support for some distant areas, including the fielding of reports from San Bernardino County in California to Las Vegas NWS. Kudos to Sam, N2CGG for spending about 6 hours with NWS fielding reports and aiding the agency. NCO paging finalized this month. This will notify net control ops of a Level 3 activation and request availability for travel or net operations from their own stations. Weekly tests to begin in July, with test scenarios planed for July and August. One will focus on the use of Amateur Radio's role as backup communications, while the other will focus on improving coordination with Skywarn during such an activation. Great work Glenn and crew! -- Glenn Hale, KB7REO NV Section ARES S DEC NORTHEAST DISTRICT REPORT: Elko ARES opened a special net in support of the Barrick Goldstrike Mine EOC training drill. Approximately 5 members checked in. No traffic handled. It was good to see some participation for a daytime net. HF Section Net participation is status quo. Joe Giraudo, Net Manager was out of state for most of the month and was relieved as NCS by KC6ILH of Pahrump. -- Joe Giraudo, N7JEH NV Section ARES NE DEC NORTHWEST DISTRICT REPORT: Summer activities have started. The fire season is in operation. ARES teams were activated for the Lineham fire in Lyon County. Harry Bryant, Lyon County ARES EC, initiated the initial ARES call-out and manning of the stations. Later that night came the call for mutual aid. Douglas County EC, Glenn Thomas, WB6W, and Dale Anderson, KV7S, formed a team to

man the shelter for the night. After the Lyon County team got some R&R, they were on duty for the following day. Also, the Washoe County ARES manned the Red Cross Headquarters during the operation. The Red Cross Communications was manned by Gary Grant, K7VY, Erv Horton, KB7IWT, Gordon Milldrum, WB6JAD, Frank Walsh, KE7AJO, Bob Miller, WA6MTY, and Doug Abramson, KA7FOO. The Lyon County ARES team members were Gayanne Bryant, KD7KAY, Carron Bryant, KD7KKN, Shaunya Thuemler, KD7ZMN, Bob Freeman, KA7ATZ, Gene Willard, KE6VIM. Bob Miller, Washoe County EC, accepted this position at the first of the month. He brings to the position many years of experience being licensed in 1961. There have been some actions happening in the Served Agencies that are finally coming forth, looking to ARES for their expanding communications needs. A couple meetings in June were attended by ARES members with good results. The doors are opening for the Washoe County ARES to be involved. DCART supported Lyon county ARES on a mutual-aid callup during the Lineham fire. DCART provided a total of four responders, Will KD7NIR, Phyllis KD7OKI, Dale KV7S and EC Glenn WB6W. All were delayed by the closure of US50 due to smoke. In the interim the intended assignments evaporated. KD7NIR and KD7OKI were released. WB6W and KV7S were redirected and provided overnight communications to the Red Cross Shelter at Dayton High School. Special thanks to all who participated under trying conditions. -- Doug Abramson, KA7FOO NV Section ARES NW DEC June 26, 2006 - "Vegas to Reno" off road race - The countdown has started to the Longest Off Road Race In The United States the "Vegas to Reno" off road race. With the 2006 Field Day complete Best In The Desert would like to invite all interested Amateurs to join the hundreds of other volunteers in the beautiful Nevada desert on Friday August 25th, 2006. Many of you have joined us in the past to make this and other races across Nevada the safest, best organized events for all, and here is your chance to join the excitement. The Amateur volunteers will join with first aid and other course volunteers at gas stops, check points, and road crossings to make the over 500 miles of the best Nevada has to offer safe and memorable for racers, support teams, volunteers, and all involved. For more information or to join the team please fill out the volunteer form at the BITD site (<http://www.bitd.com>). Please include your call in the the name section. ...or contact Keith Pural KC7HT at [kc7htkeith@hotmail.com](mailto:kc7htkeith@hotmail.com) -30-

## **Pacific**

Pacific SM Report for May & June 2006. Please consider Joining the ARRL. The best deal is the Life membership. Hurricane Season Officially started June 1. It is time to recheck your equipment, supplies and training. All appointment certificates have been sent out. If you have an ARRL appointment and did not receive a certificate, please let me know. Chances are your appointment is not registered in the database or your address is wrong. This report is late. We were on a personal trip to the mainland. Over 250 e-mails were waiting upon my return. If there had been no spam filter, it would have been much more. Spam harvesting is one reason the appointees do not have clickable e-mail addresses on the Pacific Section webpage. If you sent an e-mail to me recently, there may be a delay as it takes time respond. Again please let me know of any concerns, needs & news. Some of this report came from Ron Hashiro, AH6RH. Please visit his webpage at <http://ronhashiro.htohanet.com/am-radio/in-hawaii.html>. Harvey Motomura (AH6JA), Ron Hashiro and others are experimenting on ways to send and receive e-mail using an RF interface. Harvey sent a message during Field Day via radio. The interface is at Hawaii Community College in Hilo. Ron Hashiro and others managed to get an Icom ID-1 radio on 1.2 GHz to pass e-traffic May 28 and they continue working on the interfaces. IRLP, Echo Link and other internet interfaces are growing in popularity. Ron Phillips, AH6HN, recently got an IRLP link going on 146.46 MHz from Paradise Park on Hawaii. We were able to dial up the "western reflector" Sunday night July 9th and talk to the Guam AREA net on Monday night. Who says we can't talk to the future with Ham Radio. (Actually Guam is on the other side of the dateline.) Carter Davis, AH6CP, has established IRLP nodes in several locations including Round Top in Honolulu, Hawaii County CD and Guam Island. Look at the IRLP and Echo Link Indexes on the web to see there are other links throughout the Pacific Section. For more information go to: <http://www.irlp.net/> or

<http://www.echolink.org/> . From the early days of Ham Radio there is normally some new technology that is in the forefront of development. Voice over IP in various forms seems to be the present “new kid on the block”. Another new technology is ARPS. Automatic Position Reporting System is a means of reporting your position using GPS, Global Position Satellites. Some newer radios even have this capability built in. Museum Ships Weekend was June 02 with the Battleship Missouri on the air from Pearl Harbor in Honolulu. HF operations remain strong. Please note the many HF nets on the Pacific Section Webpage. Let me know of updates. Most Field Day stations reported somewhat poor propagation and lower attendance. DX hunters report good hunting despite the mediocre propagation. Don't forget the Hawaii International Hamfest at Waimea on October 21. There are many write ups about BPL (Broadband over Power-lines) throughout the ARRL pages. An e-mail was sent out to ARRL e-news subscribers telling about a push to have congress force compliance with existing laws about harmful interference. It appears the present executive branch leaders and FCC officials may have been sold a bill of goods about the benefits and not really told about the dark side of BPL. If you are an ARRL member there are several free E-mail notifications options. These include one button “stop all” for when you are on a trip, notification of membership & license expiration, ARRL letter, Contest rate sheet, ARES newsletter, Director & SM news, W1AW bulletins of several types and special announcements. Go to Members only and select “Member Data Page” to sign up or change your options. E-Mail forwarding service is also available but be aware that it increases the chance of getting SPAM. With the War in the Middle East heating up, it is even more necessary for us to be prepared in case of an emergency. Emergency preparedness and emergency communications are the justification for keeping Ham Radio around. We have proven our worth many times. Let's keep ourselves fully prepared so we don't lose the hobby we all enjoy. Let us remember the Amateur Radio Code. A Ham is Considerate, Loyal, Progressive, Friendly, Balanced and Patriotic. “Balanced” means that even though one aspect of the hobby is important to you, other parts are important too. 73, Bob Schneider, AH6J

## **Sacramento Valley**

Hope all of you had a safe and sane 4th of July. The weather was comfortable, at least in the Sacramento area. The Susanville area and the Sierra crest have had a considerable number of fires, mostly sparked by lightening strikes. The ARES groups have been on alert several times. This year is specially dangerous, because of the late rains and the high foliage growth of grass, brush and trees. So, keep those Ready Kits filled and be prepared to help out if needed. Contact your County Emergency Coordinator or the Section Emergency Coordinator, Dave Thorne K6SOJ at [k6soj@arrl.net](mailto:k6soj@arrl.net). If you are not a subscriber to Dave's EMCOMM Monthly, then you should be. It is free – contact K6SOJ. FIELD DAY: Field Day this year was a scorcher! Jim, K9JM, Manager of the Northern California Net, reports the temperature, near Red Bluff, was 107 degrees at their FD site and that the rattlesnakes were plentiful – picture on his web page at, [http://james.michener.com/img\\_2107a.jpg](http://james.michener.com/img_2107a.jpg). The Southern part of the section was a couple of degrees cooler. The weather and my wife's illness kept me from completing my planned route to FD sites. The Mother Lode DXCC reports a new record for club contacts. I haven't received any reports on what other clubs did this year. Band conditions should start to pick up next year and improve for a few years before again decreasing, SPECIAL EVENT STATION: Patrick, N6ARO, reports that there will be a special event station, again this year, at the California State Fair, in Sacramento on August 26, 2006, from 10 am until 10 pm. Proposed frequencies are; 14250, 7250, KHz, 146.200 and 147.555 MHz simplex and 147.195/123.0 and 147.255/136.5 MHz/Hz. Spend a day at the fair and operate the station for awhile, and there are always plenty of Corn Dogs to eat. There are always a lot to see at the fair. River City ARCS has operated a booth at the fair for several years. OCTOBER: It is early, but it is time to plan on operating during the California QSO Party the first weekend of October. There are several free computer logging programs available for this contest. This is a contest where everyone is looking for California on the bands – it is the largest of the State QSO Parties. See you there! For more information, go to [www.cqp.org](http://www.cqp.org). The third weekend of the month is the annual Pacific Division Convention – PACIFICON – to be held in San Ramon. More information and registration can be found

on [www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org). The Contra Costa radio club does an excellent convention. EL DORADO RC: The club will activate the Sugar Point Lighthouse on the West shore of Lake Tahoe on August 5 and 6. This will be for the North American Lighthouse/Lightship Contest. They will be camping and operating on non-commercial power. For more information contact Michal Warzecha, WA6RZ, at 530 344 1060. The club call is AG6AU – Silver and Gold! YUBA SUTTER ARC: The club's Newsletter has a new editor and webmaster. Sean, KI6BKL, takes over as editor of The Valley Ham News from Herb, W6HBU. Herb has been the editor for many years and done an excellent job and his Editors Ramblings will be missed. Have fun in your retirement Herb! YOLO ARS: The club conducted Field Day as a joint activity with the Yolo District Boy Scouts. Their half of the event was called Radio Daze. They hosted about 15 Scouts for 24 hours of Radio Merit Badge, building a crystal radio, fox hunting and operating a GOTA station. The site was at Nelson's Grove, north of Woodland. Bill, K6INB, was the coordinator of the event. NORTH HILLS ARC: The annual joint campout was held at Casini Ranch on the Russian River. There were RVs, Tents and a Motel used by some of the attendees. Local sightseeing and in-camp activities were planned. Les, W6TEE, coordinated the affair. Les writes an article on Mobile operating for World Radio Magazine. MOTHER LODE DXCC/NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CC: The two clubs will hold their annual joint meeting and lunch in Jackson, at the Senior Center, on July 22, 2006. Each club will hold a short meeting and distribute awards. Lunch is a Pot-Luck. A program will be presented after lunch. CLUB WEB PAGES: In checking through my list of URLs, I find less than half are up to date. Some were last updated early last year and several were January through May this year. I know it is hard to get webmasters, but once it is set up, it would not be too hard or time consuming to at least have the date and time of the next meeting or event. I reference these pages quite often to hams that contact me about clubs in their area, and in some cases there is no reference to where or when the club meets. PLEASE update them. End of soapbox. MISC: A slow month as far as section news goes. There are some clubs that do not meet during the hot summer months, but hope by September there will be more activity and things to write about. I don't want to write a Novel, I want facts. Hi hi Keep an eye and an ear out for fire season and enjoy the summer. 73, Jettie W6RFF --... ..-.- ..-.- ..-.-

## **San Joaquin Valley**

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for the month of June 2006: 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. An Emergency Coordinator is needed in Merced County. Contact N6ZFN ([n6zfn@bak.rr.com](mailto:n6zfn@bak.rr.com)) or W6DPD ([w6dpd@arrrl.org](mailto:w6dpd@arrrl.org)) if you can help. Mark your calendars. The 64th Fresno Hamfest will be August 5, 2006 at the Satellite Student Union on the CSUF Campus in Fresno. Check [www.w6to.com](http://www.w6to.com) for information. San Joaquin Valley ARS presents the Harvest HamConVentioN Sept 15-16 in Fresno. Check [www.sjvars.com](http://www.sjvars.com) for information. Amateur Radio Awareness Day is Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006. The 2006 California QSO Party is October 7-8. Check [www.cqp.org](http://www.cqp.org) for information. Pacificon 06 will be October 13-15, 2006 at the San Ramon Marriott. Check [www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org) for information. The International DX Convention is April 27-29, 2007 at Visalia. Check <http://www.dxconvention.org/> for information. EMCOMM West is May 4-6, 2007 at the Atlantis Resort and Casino in Reno NV. Check [www.emcommwest.org](http://www.emcommwest.org) for information. Field Day 2007 is the fourth full weekend of June. 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.arrrl.org](http://www.arrrl.org) for exam information. You can also search for Amateur Radio Classes in your area. 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. The California Traffic Net meets daily on 3.906 MHZ and 6:30 PM local time. The California QSO Party, CQP, is October 7-8, 2006. This is a good opportunity to put your county on the air and be sought out by stations across the United States and around the world that are participating in



the party. The Northern California Contest Club has a great award program for participating stations. Check out [www.cqp.org](http://www.cqp.org) for information. It is my sad duty to report that W6OWT, WB6SNB, and KB6QIB are Silent Keys. They will be missed. ARES/RACES members in Ridgecrest did a superior job during a low power outage on May 12. The served agencies were very grateful for the job the hams did in providing communications support. Amateur operators have been providing communications support to the fire fighters attacking the grass fires in California. SJV stations active in the ARRL International CW DX Contest placed as follows. First was W6FRH, N6HK was second and KI6VC was third. W6FRH placed eighth in the Pacific Division. Congrats to W6RFL on making the DXCC Honor Roll. Madera ARC officers for 2006-2007 are pres KF6ZXO, vp KG6SUN, sec KG6DAK and treas KG6KYT. Check [www.w6wgz.org](http://www.w6wgz.org) for information. Don't forget to submit Field Day contact lists and supporting bonus information to ARRL by July 25. Traffic for June: W6DPD 3, K6RAU 24, and N6SUZ 205; Total 232 PSHR K6RAU 65 N6SUZ 100.

## **Santa Clara Valley**

SANTA CLARA VALLEY: SM, Bill Dale, [n2rhv@arrl.org](mailto:n2rhv@arrl.org), -- ASM/SEC/DEC, KE6AGJ; ASM, KN6PE; BM, WB6MRQ; OOC, KR6DD; STM, KG6ILA; TC, WA6PWW. I am happy to be you're newly elected Section Manager as of July 1. As an introduction see my blog at <http://radioflier.blogspot.com>. The latest article includes my contact information, frequencies I hang out on and some links to useful sites and yahoo groups. Also is a list of the Field Day sites I discovered for 2006. I hope all groups and stations that participated in Field Day had a good time. Now we all start planning for next year! Please send any information for this report to [n2rhv@arrl.org](mailto:n2rhv@arrl.org) before the 10th of the month. \* Our Bulletin Manager/Webmaster, Frank KB6MRQ, and I are planning to put up a Wiki site for the Section. It is your Section and I hope this will improve communications among all Hams in the Section. There will be lots of places to post info, events and last minute meeting changes! Stay tuned! \* New Ham Radio Sites I found: <http://99hobbies.blogspot.com/> -- this blog and podcast on Ham Radio makes the point that Ham radio is 99 hobbies in one. So true. \* Calling Plan Established for Boy Scout Camps, ORIGINAL MSG: <http://www.qrz.com/ib-bin/ikonboard.cgi?act=ST&f=3&t=124409> Or <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/07/06/102/?nc=1> New Scout Camp Protocol is for listening for camps during summer: 1. Scout camps and friends get on the air at 1300, 1900, and 2100 hours, local time. 2. Calling times extend from 5 minutes before to 5 minutes after the hour. The recognized call is "CQ SCOUT CAMPS." 3. Use the traditional Scout calling frequencies, +/- 10 KHz, avoiding any nets. a. At 1300 and 1900 Local: i. 14.290 USB & 14.070 CW before the hour. ii. 7.270 LSB & 7.030 CW after the hour. b. At 2100 Local: i. 7.270 LSB & 7.030 CW before the hour, ii. 3.740/3.940 LSB & 3.590 CW after the hour. Please give the scouts a contact this summer. I am looking for someone in a new position as "ASM for Scouting and Youth." \* I have been asked if I like this mode or that mode. Well, the SM is not the Radio Boss, or CIC of the Radio Army. I am for all modes and activities you can think of. "Everything in excess, moderation is for monks." \* Also people seem to think I am some kind of "Super Radio Dude." Well, maybe in enthusiasm. A high tech company CEO was asked, "Do you have a PhD?" He answered quickly, "Yes, I have five of them," he paused, "They all work for me." You folks are the PhD's of ham radio and I hope to be able to come to you to get problems solved and activities happen. So first activity I would like to recognize is the Foothill ARS, Dave Cooper, KE6PFF and "AM-TECH Day" [<http://www.fars.k6ya.org/amtechday/>.] AM-TECH Day is a full day of ham radio, demos and presentations on the first Saturday of the month at SLAC. For his dedication and perseverance in creating, organizing and sustaining the AM-TECH Day monthly event I award Dave a Certificate of Merit from the ARRL. With all my thanks!

## **Roanoke Division**

### **North Carolina**

JUNE NORTH CAROLINA SECTION NEWS HAM RADIO ON WFAE! Amateur Radio will be featured on the July 19 edition of WFAE's "Charlotte Talks" with Mike Collins. The show airs on WFAE in Charlotte, 90.7MHz July 19 from 9am to 10am. The show is simulcast on WFHE in Hickory at 90.3MHz and will be repeated on both stations Wednesday night at 7pm. The show can also be on the Internet at [www.wfae.org](http://www.wfae.org). If you want to call into the show with comments or questions, call 704-926-9323. It would be great if we could really light up the phones at WFAE! Panel participants include myself plus Mike Everette, WA4DLF, John White, WB2NHQ, Ham Hicks, KB4BR, and Roger Burt, N4ZC. FIELD DAY A BIG SUCCESS! I enjoyed visiting eight Field Day sites in the western and central part of the state. We got great media coverage, making local papers all over the section. Several Field Day operations got some local TV coverage as well. Great job for all your efforts! I wanted to share some of the innovative and interesting ideas I saw during my travels. Send me others you'd like to see shared across the section. The Blue Ridge ARC made an extra effort to test simplex VHF coverage during their Field Day. The assumption they made is a good one -- repeaters may not be reliable during a major disaster and we'll need to rely on VHF simplex and HF. The Western Carolina ARS kept the location of their Field Day site a secret until the Saturday morning of the event, when the location was announced on the local repeater. It's the second year they've tried this and they think it makes for a more realistic emergency exercise. Many of us have "go-kits" ready to be deployed on short notice. But a couple members of the Lenoir ARC have built "go-carts" -- four wheeled self-contained carts with radios, antennas, batteries, power supplies and an operating table. The Forsyth ARC had a US map on the wall at their site. For each contact, a star was placed on the location of the other station. This gave visitors a good visual indication of the wide range of contacts made by W4NC. Don't think your club is big enough to put on a great Field Day? Do what the Gaston and Lincoln county groups did - organize a joint, multi-club event and get a great turnout! NEED FUNDING FOR A WORTHY PROJECT? Donations to the ARRL Foundation are used for grant programs that fund important amateur radio projects across the country. The Victor C Clark Youth Incentive Program issues grants for youth groups seeking money for Amateur Radio experiments, exhibits, station hardware acquisitions, and school/community station startup costs. The General Fund Grants Program provides money for large scale Amateur Radio projects such as satellites, SAREX, high-profile museum displays, emergency disaster communication and ARRL-specific projects for educational, promotional or organizational purposes. And don't forget about the ARRL's popular Scholarship Program for young amateurs. More information is available at [www.arrl.org/arrlf/](http://www.arrl.org/arrlf/). UPCOMING PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS August 19-20: Savannah River Ride, McCormick, SC Contact: Mary Hunt, N4MH -- [n4mh@w4bfb.org](mailto:n4mh@w4bfb.org) September 9-10: Magical Mystery Bike Tour, New Bern Contact: [kn4aq@arrl.net](mailto:kn4aq@arrl.net) September 9-10: Tour to Tanglewood, Greensboro to Tanglewood Contact: John Kippe -- [fancie@alltel.net](mailto:fancie@alltel.net) September 16-17: Breakaway to the Beach, Rockingham to North Myrtle Beach Contact: Mary Hunt, N4MH -- [n4mh@w4bfb.org](mailto:n4mh@w4bfb.org) UPCOMING HAMFESTS Western Carolina Hamfest -- July 29, [www.wcars.org/hamfest](http://www.wcars.org/hamfest) Cape Fear ARS Swapfest -- August 12 Shelby Hamfest -- September 2-3, [www.shelbyhamfest.com](http://www.shelbyhamfest.com) JUNE TRAFFIC W4UEF 576 (BPL), W4EAT 560 (BPL), W0UCE 553 (BPL), K4IWW 179, W4EAG 156, W4DNA 139, AD4XV 122, KI4YV 115, KD4FUN 96, KE4JHJ 92, WA4OBR 69, KG4YNM 64, K4RLD 46, KE4AHC 37, W4TTO 35, W3HL 34, W4NCD 32, W4EHF 30, W4LN 21, KI4AHA 18, W4IRE 9 JUNE PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL W4DNA 335, KI4AHA 146, K4IWW 145, W4NCD 137, K4RLD 130, W4EAT 130, W0UCE 120, KG4YNM 110, KE4JHJ 100, W2EAG 100, KI4YV 90, KD4FUN 90, W4TTO 85, W4LN 71

## South Carolina

Greetings to all Amateur Radio Operators. This is Dr. Jim, N2ZZ with the July 2006 South Carolina Section Manager's Report! Please remember that the SC Section website can be found at: [www.arrl-sc.org/](http://www.arrl-sc.org/) where my full SM report will be listed as well as up-to-the-date information on Amateur Radio in South Carolina! I would like to thank all the Field Day groups for participation in the event this year, and the hospitality extended to the ARRL-SC team. This year, Bob K4NJN, ASM6 and Paul KB4GYT

traveled to visit the upstate groups while Charlie AE4UX, SEC and I traveled through the midlands and along the coast. Our total mileage tally was 1110 miles, with Bob covering 540 miles and me covering 570 miles. Bob and Paul visited Pickens, Laurens, Greenville ARES, BRARS, and Newberry. Charlie and I visited Salkehatchie-Edisto, Columbia-Palmetto, Florence, Grand Strand, Berkeley EOC, Trident ARC, and Charleston ARS. As every year, we missed a few, and really hope to pick them up next year. For all those clubs that responded to me regarding a visit, a Certificate of Merit for participation in Field Day 2006 was awarded. Thanks to all for your participation in Field Day! I have received numerous articles on Field Day from a number of newspapers throughout the state. Great publicity for Amateur Radio! This month is a great opportunity for DXers! The newest DXCC entity, Montenegro, will be celebrating their International DX festival from July 20th through August 13th, using the callsign 4O3NT. This DX special event was conceived as a way to introduce the new Republic of Montenegro to the worldwide DX community. For detailed information and suggested frequencies, visit the ARRL website: <http://www.arrl.org/?artid=6599>. I have received information from several sources regarding upcoming hamfests that would be of interest to our Section. In North Carolina, The Western Carolina Hamfest (West of Asheville) will be held at the Haywood County Fairgrounds on July 29th. Information is available on their website: [www.wcars.org/hamfest/](http://www.wcars.org/hamfest/). The Shelby Hamfest will be held on September 2nd and 3rd at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds in Shelby, NC. Information is available on their website: [www.shelbyhamfest.org](http://www.shelbyhamfest.org). In South Carolina, the Rock Hill hamfest will be held on October 7th at the American Legion Post 34 and the York County Fairgrounds. Their website is here: [www.rockhillhamfest.com](http://www.rockhillhamfest.com). Please mark your calendars for those events! Please check out the [www.arrl-sc.org](http://www.arrl-sc.org) website under "Hamfest Alert" for a current listing of Hamfests in our State! We have a new information source on ARES activity in our state. During my trip to Florence during Field Day, Lloyd KO4L (ex-KD4HTW) showed me a website he developed for ARES in South Carolina. He fashioned the website after the [www.arrl-sc.org](http://www.arrl-sc.org) website. After arranging website hosting, the new resource is now on-line, but still under construction. The URL is [www.ares-sc.org](http://www.ares-sc.org). Thanks to Lloyd for creating the website, and being the webmaster for updates!! Tom, K2PJ brought to my attention some great press on Amateur Radio from the July issue of Mobile Radio Technology. In their article entitled "Lessons form Hurricane Katrina", a bold reference is made within the article stating "Amateur Radio is another resource that is available in most areas and doesn't depend on the normal communications infrastructure. Agencies should consider contacting their local ham club." Great PR, and thanks for the article, Tom! I received a note from Mac K4AVR, TS regarding the annual PALS picnic that will be held on Saturday, September 24th at Santee State Park. A picnic shelter has already been reserved near the office and boat loading ramp. There is no charge for the picnic, but state parks do charge a nominal entrance fee. Please mark your calendars! The PALS website for updates can be found here: <http://www.palsnet.com/> September is National Preparedness month, and once again, the ARRL is a National Coalition Member of National Preparedness Month (NPM). You'll be able to see the list of all coalition member organizations on the following Web page: <http://www.ready.gov/america/npm/members.htm>. Expect to hear more about National Preparedness Month from various sources. Please make it a point to participate in Amateur Radio Public Awareness Day on September 16th! The ARRL Board of Directors will convene Friday and Saturday, July 21-22, in Windsor, Connecticut, for its second meeting of 2006. ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN -- who was elected at the January Board meeting -- will preside. Current agenda items include studying ways the ARRL can interact with Congress regarding Amateur Radio related legislation. During the Friday session, the Board will concentrate on routine business matters including receiving reports from officers and committees as part of its "consent agenda." In addition, the Board will discuss proposals for amendments to the League's Articles of Association and Bylaws and consider a 2007 ARRL National Convention proposal and the recommendations of standing committees. Board members also will review and act upon recommendations to designate the recipients of various ARRL awards. On Saturday, the Board will focus on a review and revision of the ARRL Strategic Plan and the selection of strategies for 2007. It also will consider any additional business that might come before it (From ARRL Bulletin ARLB014). If you have any issues that you feel need to be addressed by the board, contact Dennis

Bodson w4pwf@arrl.org , Roanoke Division Director. Please be sure to copy Les Shattuck k4nk@arrl.org , Roanoke Division Vice Director on any correspondence. Please also copy me n2zz@arrl.org ! Well, that is it for July! See you next month! JUNE 2006 NTS REPORT FOR SOUTH CAROLINA, By Mac Heaton N4MEH, STM: NET REPORTS: Net Name/Check Ins/Traffic/Sessions/Reported By Anderson Radio Club 2M Net/899/34/30/N4MEH BRARS 2 Meter Net/1931/51/30/K4SUG Carolina's Net/288/142/69/W2EAG Carolina Slow Net/156/32/30/W4EAT Grand Strand ARC 2M Net/216/24/15/N4XML Greater Pee Dee 2M Net/869/36/31/K4DTT Greenwood ARC 2M Net/118/8/5/W4DEW Greenwood Friendly Net/443/21/30/W4JAK Lancaster County 2M Net/115/12/13/N4WMB Oconee County 2M Net/281/16/13/KE40GG PALS Net/899/64/31/KG4KOE SC Single Sideband Net/1448/82/30/WB4DLD STATION ACTIVITY REPORTS: Station/Sent/Received/Delivered/Originated/Total KA4LRM/2/2/2/0/6 KA4UIV/22/21/2/0/45 N4MEH/7/46/9/2/64 WA4BUO/3/0/0/0/3 WB4DLD/2/38/9/2/51 PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL: Station/Cat 1/Cat 2/Cat 3/Cat 4/Cat 5/Cat 6/Total KA4LRM/40/6/20/20/0/0/86 KA4UIV/15/40/0/0/0/0/55 N4MEH/40/40/20/0/0/0/100 Have a great month! '73 de Dr. Jim N2ZZ ARRL Section Manager South Carolina Section [www.arrl-sc.org](http://www.arrl-sc.org)

## Virginia

Virginia Section Managers Report for June 2006 The first major event for the month was the Manassas Hamfest presented by the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club, Inc. The Hamfest was held on Sunday June 4th. Section Emergency Coordinator Brad Taylor, KW4USA and Glen Sage, W4GHS, Virginia Section Manager participated in a forum from 11:00 until noon. Brad presented an award of special recognition to Earl Moore, KR4MA for his efforts in the Virginia Emergency Network system on packet and Winlink 2000. Earl serves as an Assistant SEC with oversight for the digital systems to support traffic and emergency communications. Brad and Glen presented their vision for the Virginia Section and answered questions from those attending. Field Day was a great experience this year as I visited three Field Day sites. It was a wonderful opportunity to get acquainted with a number of new hams and visit with old friends. It also provided an opportunity to meet some public officials and speak with them about the role of Amateur Radio in their communities. Jamboree-on-the Air is just around the corner. This is an event where 400,000 Scouts and Guides "get together" over the airwaves for the annual Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA). JOTA is held the third weekend in October of each year. This operating event takes place starting Saturday (October 21-22, 2006) at 0001 hours local time to Sunday, 2359 hours local time, though some activity continues over from Friday to Monday to take advantage of long distance (DX) time differences. We will have additional help in preparing for this year's JOTA with a newly appointed Assistant Section Manager with responsibility over Scouting and Youth. Our new ASM is Rudy Stuteville Jr., KA4PLH. Rudy has been in the scouting movement since 1949, earning the Eagle Scout award in 1954. He has served in many positions in scouting, his last being District Chairman for the Powhatan District in Norfolk, VA. He was presented the Silver Beaver for his support of Scouting in the Tidewater Council BSA. Hamfest in our Section during August include the following: August 5th Roanoke Valley ARC, located at William Byrd High School 2902 Washington Avenue, Vinton, VA <http://w4ca.cupernet.com/cms> Talk-In: 146.985- (PL 107.2) Contact: Ron Ramsey, AB4A, PO Box 2002 Roanoke, VA 24009, Phone: 540-776-0638, Email: [ShagRamsey@msn.com](mailto:ShagRamsey@msn.com) The following day on August 6th, the 56th Annual Winchester Hamfest, Shenandoah Valley ARC, Business Route 7, Clarke County Ruritan Fairgrounds, Berryville, VA <http://www.svarc.us/hamfest/index.html> Talk-In: 146.82 - Contact: Tom Brownlee, AF2D 744 Gafia Lodge Road, Middletown, VA 22645, Phone: 540-869-7065, Fax: 540-869-7067 Email: [af2d@arrl.net](mailto:af2d@arrl.net) Our Section Emergency Coordinator Brad Taylor, KW4USA has resigned effective August 1st. Brad's resignation was due to accepting a new job, effective the first week in August. This will involve increased travel and training requirements. We wish to thank Brad for his tireless efforts on behalf of emergency communications within the Virginia Section. We want to also wish Brad well in his new position. We will have a new Section Emergency Manager after August 1st. Our new SEC is Herny Wyatt II, K4YCR of Forrest Virginia and the

following is information on Henry and his extensive background. Henry L. Wyatt II, Extra Class, was first licensed as KN4YCR in 1958, having held each class of license except Conditional. He held a Second Class Commercial license before passing the General code test and installed and repaired two-way mobile equipment during high school, when there were "synchronous vibrators, dynamotors and real hot tubes." He is an Eagle Scout, attended the Jamboree at Valley Forge, Philmont, and worked as a camp counselor at Camp Monacan in Nelson County (where Wintergreen is now). He was operating his station at the camp when lightening hit the tree to which his antenna was tied! (End of QSO!) Henry got started in radio with a one-tube Boy Scout Radio Kit (and it didn't work!) His "Elmer" was P.L. "Andy" Anderson, N4AE (then W4MWH, on the ARRL Board of Directors). "After I saw those mercury vapor rectifiers that glowed and danced to the microphone, I was hooked. Andy set me straight on which side of the tube socket was up and the radio worked. Later, he was my examiner for the Technician class." After high school, it was off to Virginia Tech (then it was actually VPI) and three years of electrical engineering before switching to Industrial Arts to become a teacher. The Army ROTC flight training program yielded a private pilot's license and ONE career was started. Commissioned as a 2LT, Signal Corps, starting active service at The Southeastern Signal School, Fort Gordon, GA; flight school at Fort Wolters, TX and Fort Rucker, AL; then off to Fort Knox to train with the 3/17th Air Cavalry and a slow boat ride to VietNam. The 187th Assault Helicopter Company was next where he flew over 800 combat hours in the UH-1 (Huey) serving as Air Mission Commander on many flights. Being the only Signal Corps officer assigned, Crypto Officer's duty was a natural extra. After finishing his active service, then CPT Wyatt, moved to Lynchburg, VA and began his SECOND career as an Industrial Arts and Vocational teacher. Henry remained in the Army Reserves, flying for 14 years and promoted to Major, before becoming a garrison (post) signal officer, where he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. He retired from the reserves in 1994 with 28 "good years". His highest award was the Purple Heart. Teaching was natural after working with the Boy Scouts and the Army. He taught almost everything from woodworking to computer repair over the next thirty years. He is a member of Epsilon Pi Tau, honorary industrial education fraternity. He also earned a Master's Degree in Industrial Education. He maintained the Army career with one call-up as a Public Affairs Officer during Desert Storm. He has numerous former students with ham licenses. He is a life member of Alpha Phi Omega and The Reserve Officers Association. He retired from the Appomattox County Public Schools in 1998, where he was teaching Electricity/Electronics at the high school. Henry served as the EC of Lynchburg for a number of years and is currently AEC for Bedford County. He has served the community through ARES for floods, ice storms, Y2K, and most recently, Katrina. He is a Volunteer Examiner, teaches classes for new hams, classes in preparedness, especially the "Go-Kit", hospital communications, and helps the "elder hams" install equipment in retirement communities. He operates Field Day, public service events, Sky Warn, local nets and will occasionally chase a DX station. Wyatt has completed Levels 1 and 2 of the ARRL emergency courses and currently enrolled in Level 3. He is member of the Lynchburg Amateur Radio Club. Henry is married to Joanne, KF4OBF, and resides in Forest. They have five children and eight grandchildren. He also plays golf (league secretary for 90+ golfers), hunts and fishes. Please give Henry your full support as he begins his efforts as SEC. Henry, no doubt will be giving you his full support as you serve as an ARES Emergency Coordinator, District Emergency Coordinator or an ARES member. To view this month's Section Traffic (STM) or the SEC Report go to <http://www.w4ghs.org/SectionTraffic.html> 73 Glen Sage, W4GHS Virginia Section Manager

## **Southeastern Division**

### **Southern Florida**

Hello everyone, I'm getting reports from many groups about Field Day. QSO totals were down and we will blame the sunspot cycle for that. Mosquitoes were limited in many areas. Everyone spoke of good food and fun. Also, I've received some photos and those that I can use are on the website ([www.arrl.org/sections/SFL.html](http://www.arrl.org/sections/SFL.html)) or there are links to club websites with the photos. Due to gas prices,

WA4AW only visited 3 SFL FD operations. First stop was, of course, the Palms West and WPB ARC FD site at John Prince Park in Lake Worth, operating 3A as W4SS. All three PBC TV networks, the local Town Crier, and the Sun-Sentinel covered the event thanks to the efforts of PBC PIO, Myra, K3PGH. The PB Sheriffs Office provided community support with the loan of their 80 KW generator which easily powered the entire operation. Next stop was the Gold Coast ARC FD on the beach at Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, operating 1E as N4FL. The Windjammer Hotel & the Atlantic Ocean beach providing an excellent salt water ground. Last stop was with the Boca Raton, FAU and Hollywood ARC's FD at the Pompano service plaza of Florida's Turnpike. Operating as N4EN and GOTA station K4FAU, the clubs were the beneficiary of generous community support from Boca Raton & Boynton Beach Fire Rescue providing command vehicles as station shelters and Florida's Turnpike providing 2 portable towers and generators. Broward PIO, Marty, KI4IQZ, visited all FD operations in Miami-Dade and Broward counties & TC DEC, Bruce, K9SHT, visited all FD sites in his 4 county district. I received FD messages from: C31 AMATEUR RADIO GROUP, Boca Raton Amateur Radio Association FAU Radio Club (via Winlink from the FL Turnpike EOC), Okeechobee ARC, Platinum Coast ARS, N3NAI in Lehigh Acres (no club listed) A big THANK YOU and JOB WELL DONE goes to Dave, N4QPM who spoke at a regional meeting of the Federal Executive Board (Federal Government Managers) where one of the afternoon symposiums was Amateur Radio as emergency communications. He had the opportunity to explain amateur radio, how ARES can help local federal offices, and how employees can obtain an amateur radio license. Those in attendance were very interested and asked several good questions. (This request began with a call from The Federal Executive Board to our ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager, Allen Pitts, W1AGP. If you are available to make similar presentations please contact me w4stb@arrl.org). ARRL Membership Family memberships – have you renewed for your family member? College graduations or first apartment away from home – a great gift if you can afford it is a lifetime membership or even just one or 2 years. Sure young people need cash to relocate and begin their work or move to a new area, but the ARRL membership keeps on giving. I recently advised you that clubs cannot obtain lists of members and I have since found out other information. Affiliated clubs may obtain a listing or labels once per year, at no charge, for recruiting or hamfest purposes. The labels can be all licensees in a given area or can be limited to ARRL members. If your weekly net and local repeater has IRLP or Echolink check-in available please let Jeff, WA4AW, Phylisan KA4FZI and I know. Also advise the ARES EC in your county and the neighboring counties. This information could be useful during disasters. ===== REPORTS ARES Members 617 in the 11 counties or sections of counties reporting Change +8. There are 12 nets that held 54 sessions and 6 maintained NTS liaison. ECs reporting: WA4GUK, AG4AN, N1XC, AD4RZ, AA4BN, N5KFR, WA4ASJ, N4QPM, KF4MJJ, KA4HLO, and KF4IHJ. There were 26 drills, tests and training sessions with 80 ARES operations. ===== Station Activity Reports June 2006 KA4FZI 255, KE4UOF 117, KI4JRT 87, K4FQU 69, AA4BN 50, N3OZP 47, AI4GE 46, WA4EIC 37, K3QC 12, W4WYR 12, KI4KQQ 11, AF4NR 9, K4OVC 9 ===== Public Service Honor Roll June 2006 KE4UOF 130, K4FQU 123, KA4FZI 120, WA4EIC 100, AA4BN 84, AI4GE 75, N3OZP 70, W4DKB 12 ===== SFL Net Reports June 2006 NET.....ABB.... SESS.. QNI...QTC..... MGR All Florida CW Traffic Net .....QFN.....60..... 681...265... NY4E/W8IM Florida Amateur Sideband Traffic Net.. FAST... 30.... 194.... 59...K4SCLFlorida Medium Speed Net..... FMSN.... 30..... 175..... 39..AG4RJ/AB4XK Jupiter-Tequesta Repeater Group..... JTRG..... 4..... 55..... 13.....KF4NJB Saint Lucie Repeater Association..... SLRA..... 4..... 42..... 6.....KE4UEI Southern Florida ARES Net.....SFAN..... 2..... 21.....3..... AF4NR Southeast Florida Traffic Net..... SEFTN... 60..... 744..... 129..AG4RJ/AI4GE Southwest Florida Traffic Net..... SWFTN... 26..... 318..... 65....K4FQU Bulletin Report from David Smith KE4UEI: Recd 23, Sent 6, Total 29 ===== Late Net report for May: Southern Florida ARES Net SFAN 4... 28... 1.... AF4NR Late SAR for May: AF4NR 15 Technical Specialists N4TZH assisted a local ham in the assembly of his new R8. WA4AW assisted the Palms West ARC with setting up their 2 repeaters. ===== So far the storm activity in the Atlantic has been slow. But we all know that can change in a short time. If you are going out of town for more than a few days when the season is quiet or more

than 48 hours with a system beginning, please have the courtesy to notify your local EC. Time is of the essence when a phone tree is activated or when members are phoned after they do not check into a resource net. And, especially if you can't deploy to a shelter or to another area, please offer your time to phone members, enter logs into a database, or other at-home activities. Everyone can do something. I hope to meet many of you at the Fort Pierce Hamfest on August 12. There will be forums, testing and lots of bargains. The club also provides lunch and breakfast items for purchase. Card checking for DXCC, WAS, and other ARRL awards will be available (don't forget the envelope addressed to ARRL with sufficient postage for your applications.) In the Southern Florida section we have 2042 ARRL members with 1771 members signed up for members only status on the web. Of these only 1584 receive this message directly. Please spread the word about ARRL membership, registering for members only web access, and electing to receive section and division newsletters. Also spread the word by reposting this message on reflectors and in newsletters. The ARRL is OF, BY, and FOR the radio amateur – keep the message alive. Till next month stay safe and stay on the air. 73, Sherri, W4STB

## **Southwestern Division**

### **Arizona**

ARIZONA SECTION NEWS July 2006 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS This has been an eventful month, and I am not sure it's over yet. At the beginning of June, Arizona ARES rolled out the secure online registration system. In the first 30 days, nearly 130 people have gone through the process and signed up online. If you haven't already, sign up on [www.az-arrl.org/secure](http://www.az-arrl.org/secure). Additionally we had some involvement on the Brins fire, a small amount of coordination on the Warm fire, and are in a standby mode on the Tiger fire. The Brins fire was somewhat unique in that it was poised to make a run up Oak Creek Canyon and had that happened, we would have had to support a major shelter operation right in the middle of Field Day. I contacted the League, and asked them to ask field day participants to avoid our ATEN 40/80 meter freq's as well as a Salvation Army freq just in case the fire made a run. Due to the superb efforts of the Brins wildfire fighters, our planning wasn't needed, it did however illustrate that the system works. Williams is upon us, and I will be speaking on Saturday, if you have any questions, feel free to come up and ask. Happy 4th!! Rick -W7STS Section Emergency Coordinator.

NEW HAMPS A young Boy Scout that I know has been studying to pass his amateur radio license. He has been listening to the radio and learning the Morse code. He longed for the day when he too could talk on the radio. He spent the morning of the Show Low hamfest reading the test book making sure he did not miss any detail. When the time came, he walked off to take the technician test. He returned from the test room trying to look disappointed but everyone could see the piece of paper in his hand, his long stride and that grin on his face. He approached his father to tell him of the news. All of his father's ham friends had been waiting to hear how he did. They broke out in applause when he presented his father with the news. Who is this new ham, well it is my son Jimmy Fagan KE7IDC age 11. Last week, Jimmy took a HT to the Boy Scout Summer Camp at Camp Lawton. He showed the rest of the boys all about ham radio. Jimmy also was featured on the latest ARRL Youth newsletter by Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM which can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/news/features/2006/06/26/1/?nc=1> Congratulations Jimmy! The following hams also just received their FCC license, Congratulations! Yvon Dubois KE7HTQ, Herbert Tschappler KE7HTP, Gary Hefley KE7HTN, H Dennis Sigel KE7HSO, Susan Defoy KE7HSN, Herman Doty KE7HST, Marilyn Osborne KE7HSR, Edwin Szymanski Jr KE7HTL, James Mcminn KE7HSL, Lorretta Broughton KE7HYO, Jessica Jenkins KE7HTS, Joseph Forbush KE7HTR, Mark Miller KE7HSQ, James Scott KE7HWN, Eric Jorgensen KE7HWM, Lynn Jorgensen KE7HWL, David Turner KE7HSM, Glenn Gregory KE7HTM, Martin Elzig KE7HTO, Charles Letizia KE7HTK, Daniel Carnett KE7IAA, Mark Bangle KE7HUN, Jerry Brucksieker KE7HUL, Lorraine Lachapelle KE7HVP, Shawna Dodson KE7HVN, Nathan Geyer KE7HVO, Linda Ochoa KE7HWB, Ronald Weber KE7HWP, Gary Wiens KE7HTV HAMFESTS White Mountain Hamfest June 3 2006 was hosted by the Kachina Amateur Radio Club in Show Low, AZ was a great. See the info under New

Hams. Arizona State Convention July 7-9, 2006 sponsored by ARCA in Williams Arizona. Alan Pitts W1AGP from ARRL HQ will be talking about the new Hello Program. There will be seminars, door prizes swap meet, commercial vendors and awards (Ham of the Year and Young Ham of the Year). The Citizen Corp. and Ham Radio Today videos will be shown during one of the emergency communications seminar. There is now wireless internet access, limited shuttle service and improved parking. For more information go to <http://www.arca-az.org/arca/>. The Central Arizona DX Association will be hosting the hospitality suite at the Holiday Inn. VE exams will be held at the Railside RV Ranch Recreation room. There will be meetings by the AZ ScQRPions, Repeater Owners, and ARCA. Did I mention prizes? Lots of prizes for hams and non hams. Drop by the ARRL booth and say hi to Alan Pitts W1AGP, Ned Stearns AA7A, myself and the rest of the ARRL Arizona team. Sign up for ARRL membership or renew your membership and I'll give you a free ARRL repeater directory. Arizona ScQRPions July 7-9, 2006 Williams Arizona. On Friday, the ScQRPions will have a booth at the AZ state convention. On Saturday we will be in the Santa Fe Room at the Grand Canyon Railway Hotel hosting several excellent seminars. <http://www.azscqrpions.org> Hualapai ARC Hamfest September 9, 2006 in Kingman Arizona at Mohave Community College. Talk-In: 146.160/146.76 (PL 131.8) Contact: Bill Beaman, KA0IYS (928) 758-6780 ARRL and Tucson Amateur Packet Radio (TAPR) Digital Communications Conference September 15-17 (TAPR's 25th anniversary) Clarion hotel (at the airport) Tucson Arizona <http://www.tapr.org> Southwestern Division Convention 22-24 Sep 2006 sponsored by San Diego County Amateur Radio Council (SANDARC) <http://www.sandarc-conv2006.org/> Talk-In: 146.265 PL 107.2) Contact: Paul Rios, KC6QLS [kc6qls@cox.net](mailto:kc6qls@cox.net). The convention will be at the Marriott Mission Valley Hotel in San Diego. SPECIAL EVENTS Field Day 2006. I received a field day message from 25 hams and clubs. Sounds like everyone had a great time. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about ARRL. If your club or group has an activity or event that would be of interest to other hams throughout our section please email me with the specifics. 73, Tom Fagan WB7NXH ARRL Section Manager Arizona Tucson Arizona 520 574-1129 [wb7nxh@arrl.org](mailto:wb7nxh@arrl.org) <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=AZ> <http://www.az-arrl.org/>

## **Santa Barbara**

The ARRL Section News is no longer available in QST. Many of you have read the ARRL Field Organization Forum for decades and have depended on the postings for news of amateur radio and related activities. There is, however, a modern World Wide Web replacement for the old Section News that won't take months to get to you. You can get on board at no cost to you and receive these messages as easily as you received this one. There are three additional sources of information that are available to you just for the "pointing and clicking" on the links or e-mail addresses below: 1. Subscribe to the ARRL Santa Barbara Section e-mail reflector. Send an e-mail to < [arlsb-request@mailman.qth.net](mailto:arlsb-request@mailman.qth.net)?subject=subscribe >. Not only will you receive up-to-the-minute reports and items of interest, but you will be able to post your own responses or comments that will be read by all of the other subscribers on the list. 2. Subscribe to the ARRL Santa Barbara Section Council of Clubs e-mail reflector. Send an e-mail to < [arlsbclubs-request@mailman.qth.net](mailto:arlsbclubs-request@mailman.qth.net)?subject=subscribe >. If you are a club leader, or just an active member interested in seeing your club grow and prosper, you must subscribe to this list. Your club doesn't have to be a member of the ARRL Club Council for you to subscribe. 3. View the ARRL Santa Barbara Section Web site on your browser at < <http://www.qsl.net/arlsb/> >. Check to be sure that your club information is included and is correct, as you browse all of the information-packed pages on the ARRL Santa Barbara Section Web site. And don't forget to "bookmark" or "favorite" the URL for fast, easy return. What better way to stay on top of things regarding ham radio on the Gold Coast? You, as active members of the ARRL Santa Barbara Section (Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo Counties), will want to be on the cutting edge of any developments in today's Ham World. The challenges to our avocation and the threats to our frequencies have never been more plentiful. We must remain informed and active if our place in the RF spectrum is to be preserved. Your Section was a pioneer in providing the e-mail reflector -- sometimes called a list mailer -- for use by all interested ham



radio operators. This is your opportunity continue this pioneering spirit. I will look forward to seeing your contributions or comments in the days ahead! 73, Rob Griffin, K6YR Section Manager

## **West Gulf Division**

### **Oklahoma**

A healthy OK ARRL Section Greeting! Ham Holiday 2006 Newly affiliated OK Section clubs Traffic Report Special Thanks Upcoming Events Wonderful time at HH 2006! Oh yea we did the event this year in fun fashion. Many of us did little to help all year, we just showed up and enjoyed. Unlike the CORA crew headed up by Dave-NE5S CORA President who worked many hours in the past year to cover so many details to allow the event to be successful. Many thanks CORA! It was enjoyable to see so many great hams and friends who came by the League booth. Sure enjoyed working with Coy-N5OK West Gulf Division Director and Eddie-K5EMS ASM for FCC and Congressional Issues. Coy and Eddie helped folk with congressional letter writing, League memberships, and helped answer questions about League services. Sure seems there was some smiles and laughter common throughout the event including the League booth. We sure need to enjoy what we do in Amateur Radio because we do good things to help our friends and neighbors in all 77 Oklahoma counties. Don't Worry...be Happy! Networking deluxe in the packed League forum. Most all parts of Oklahoma had representatives and we had good friends from Texas, Kansas and Arkansas to join in the discussion. Common themes were successful relationships with served agencies to include emergency management of all levels as well as effective licensing classes. Section level leaders included Eddie-K5EMS, Dean-KL7MA, Dave-NB5N, Kevin-NOIRW, and Mike-N5KEY. Eddie reminded us of the need to communicate with Congress as well as his readiness to assist. Section Official Observer Coordinator KL7MA mentioned the need for more Official Observers in the Section. This role is not for every ham but the role is vital for the qualified and interested. Let us know of your interest in becoming an OO. Section Affiliated Club Coordinator NB5N discussed his plans to be in contact with club leadership to help with quality club activities. Current numbers of League affiliated clubs in Oklahoma is 32 with 10 of these being high performing Special Service Clubs. Public Information Coordinator Kevin-N0IRW discussed the process of media outreach for Amateur Radio. He has 14 club folk on his committee and needs more. Let us know of you or your club's interest as you will enjoy the role: remember the be happy, as above? Mike-N5KEY defined the zone manager concept as being used in the OK Section ARES structure. As Section Emergency Coordinator N5KEY is putting in an ARES system to work in local areas, be regionally organized but have statewide coordination. Hefty objective but very worthwhile. Newly League Affiliated Clubs The Bartlesville ARC and the Central Oklahoma VHF club are both back as ARRL clubs. Congratulations to them both for caring and the effort to achieve this status. It does help to have our clubs with strong connections to the National Association for Amateur Radio. As before, strength in numbers as well as resources available to help League clubs are strong reasons for affiliation. Oklahoma Traffic Report by Arlyn-KK5GY June 2006 Public Service Honor Roll O.C.- WA5OUV Arlyn-KK5GY Sam-W5CU Station Activity Reports Cecil-KI5LQ O.C.-WA5OUV Arley-WB5NKC Pat-WB5NKD Arlyn-KK5GY Sam-W5CU April through June totals Sessions-684 Stations-6,996 Traffic-3038 Appreciation and a tip of the hat to: Gordon-W5JPI for so reliably handling several nets and responding when needed. Jay-AD5PE for his skill as President of Tulsa ARC and attending HH. Dolph-KB2AW for leading a great prayer and N5FM tribute at the HH League forum. Jim-N5OHL because he continues to go above and beyond in less than ideal circumstances. Tom-WA9AFM for arranging a TV interview with the SM at HH which was shown on OKC Channel 5. Frank-N5FM for being a solid giver to Amateur Radio and a wonderful role model Doug-W5BL as he came from North Texas to help at the League booth Upcoming Events August 4-5 Texas State Convention in Austin's Red Lion Inn Sponsored by Austin ARC and Texas VHF FM Society <http://www.austinsummerfest.org> August 6 Ronald McDonald in Oklahoma City by Mark-NM5W@aol.com 2006 Ronald Mc Donald house benefit Triathlon.. Starts at around 0600 Sunday morning and is over by early afternoon. There will be food and

drink in the parking lot at the Lighthouse Fitness Center at Hefner Parkway and Hefner Rd. We will station volunteers around the bike and run course and provide health and welfare observations as we do for the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon and provide communications for the event. Please send me an email if you are interested in volunteering for the event. A good time will be had by all. August 7 SM visit to Broken Arrow ARC Ron Cochrane-KD5GEZ of International Space Station success will present the program. This soon to be reaffiliated League club is in for a treat as Ron gives a great power point on the effort to schedule and successfully complete an ISS qso in a school setting. August 15 SM visit to OKC Autopatch club An NFL referee will provide discussion on his career in this field. Training, preparation and informed feedback are a vital part of his career. Do these concepts apply to Amateur Radio emergency communication? August 17 presentation to the Chisolm Trail ARC of their Special Service Club certificate. This Duncan based club like several others in the Oklahoma Section certainly go beyond the second mile in community service. February 10, 2007 Ada Hamfest Contact Charles-KC5TGA 580 436 4425 Know God is blessing you and your family today! 73, John-WB5SYT

## **South Texas**

Don Jones, Bob McWhorter, and Bob's wife Connie joined me in the ARRL club affiliation presentation at the luncheon get together with the Bastrop ARC. It was great to see some of my old friends. This group is really moving toward an ARES group. They were so gracious to schedule their meeting time to afternoon so we wouldn't have to drive home at night. We're looking forward to a lot of support from Bastrop ARC. Beryl is our 2nd named storm for 2006. We have some more systems working but not yet organized. We are also having extreme heat. This can cause some brown outs that ARES might be asked to assist with communications. One of ARES most important jobs is to have a good relationship with the city, county, and State EOC's and then all the other agencies and organizations fall in next. I hope to see everyone at the Austin Summerfest. There will be several great meetings for you to attend. I understand there will be a lot of good equipment for sale. Have a great month. God Bless America and our Troops. Ray N5NAV

# Section News for July 2006

## Atlantic Division

### Southern New Jersey

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 2006 SECTION MANAGER, JEAN PRIESTLEY, KA2YKN As my nephew Robert goes to Iraq, many others are returning and we welcome them back with one short phrase "Thank you for all you do". We see only a few things on TV. What we don't see is all the things that go on behind the scenes. Goodness is its own reward. This summer can be summed up in one borrowed phrase, "it was the best of times, it was the worst of times" and the heat waves we had were certainly the worst. The best could be said to be the Field Day participation, helping hands when needed and let's not forget those well-earned vacations. Now we look to the fall and wonder what projects can I find to do over the winter? Now is the time to plan and find all those needed parts at a hamfest. Why not plan a group trip to a hamfest or the coveted "candy store" in Delaware. Club picnics and get-togethers are best done when the temperatures are lower. The fall will also be a good time to visit the Battleship New Jersey. She is still in the same place and new displays are in place. The ship is a work in progress and that progress can continue as the money comes in to build new displays or update the existing ones. She is a strong piece of history and deserves the best, YOU On Sept 6, Derrick Pitts, KA3NQN, Chief Astronomer and Vice President of the Franklin Institute will be the guest speaker at the Gloucester County Amateur radio club meeting. The meeting is scheduled to start early (7:30 PM ?) per the program chairman , and if weather permits some star gazing will occur after the meeting. The meeting is at the Pfeiffer Community Center in Downtown Williamstown. Derrick always puts on a great demo, so try to be there! For those who knew AA2P, Fred Wahlquist has become a silent key on July 31, 2006. Fred is from Cherry Hill and formerly a 42 year resident of Linwood. He was a Navy Veteran of WW2, a member of the Tompkins Lodge F&AM #471 of Staten Island, Crescent Shrine Temple of Trenton, Crescent Temple Legion of Honor, Atlantic County Shrine Club and Excelsior Scottish Rite Valley of New Jersey and much more. Fred was also a retired electronics technician. He is survived by a loving family and many friends including many friends in SCARA. August is the month for the National and International Lighthouse/Lightship weekend events. SCARA will be operating from the Absecon Lighthouse in Atlantic City on August 5 and 6 for the National Lighthouse/Lightship weekend and again on August 19 and 20 for the International event. Please listen and work some of the stations and hear their stories. I am sure that the operators will be glad to brag about the places they are working from and even invite you to visit. Don't forget to listen for the August the 47th Annual New Jersey QSO Party on Aug 19 thru August 20. For more information please the Englewood Amateur Radio Assn at Box 528, Englewood NJ 07631-0528. Stations planning active participation in New Jersey are requested to advise EARA by Aug 1 of you intentions so that we may plan for full coverage from all counties. Portable and mobile operation is encouraged. The East Coast Long Wire Association will start the season with a hamfest in North Wildwood on August 27. It is indoors and outdoors. For info contact Duke, KC2DUX or check QST. In September mark Sept 17 on your calendar for the Gloucester County Hamfest in Mullica Hill. Tailgating is FREE and the Pavilion spots are \$10 each and entrance fee is again \$6. DXCC/VUCC/WAS card will be checked and VEC Testing will be available. In October in West Windsor, NJ, Delaware Valley Radio Association will hold the second Hamfest on October 8. Meet friends and find those long looked for items. Section Traffic report for May Traffic manager, K2UL, Dan Ostroy SNJ/NNJ Section Net Reports QNI reports NJM 80 N2GJ NJPN 196 W2CC NJSN 185 K2PB NJN(E) 217 AG2R NJN(L) 224 AG2R (the above nets are dual section nets of both SNJ and NNJ. Liaisons with 2RN) SNJ Local Net Reports JSARS 142 W2HOG SJTN 35 KB2RTZ SJVN NOT AVAILABLE WB2UVB Station Activity Reports (SAR) WA2YL 288 WA2CUW 81 K2UL 62 AA2SV 39 K2GW 23 W2QOB 7 WA2NDA 3 Public Service Honor Roll (PSHR) K2UL 120 WA2YL 110 K2GW 100 N2HQL 68 KA2YKN 53 WA2CUW 90 Just a little heads up for Fall. Now is

the time to start preparing for any bad storms and hurricanes. I know that all the planning in the world will not help sometimes but that does not mean we should not prepare. Stock up on water, canned items, healthy snacks, baby food items, diapers, and other non perishable items. Be sure you have batteries of all sizes, candles and matches in a keep dry container up high and things to keep the kids occupied for a few days. Have ready bag with many of the same items ready to grab on a moments notice. Know where your keys are. Keep important papers and documents in a safety deposit box. If something does happen, stay calm. It is easier to think when your mind is clear.

## **Western Pennsylvania**

I recently caught a little H-E-double-hockey sticks from former SM John Rodgers, N3MSE. He informed me, in terms and tone that only John can muster, that I'm missing the boat by not using the email summary the League offers each month. Well, he's right. I should be letting all of you know that I am maintaining the WPA Section News page at [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) -- although I don't always get it updated before the first of the month. At any rate, be sure to check out WPA Section News, ok? I plan to use this means to communicate news to those who can not access WPA Section News. In most cases, items will appear in both venues. So, although much of what you read here will appear in the full news page, I do not plan to post the tabular info from your Section EC's, DEC's, or STM here. Getting that stuff to "play" in html can be daunting. I don't need the challenge twice, HI! It's on WPA Section News, so jump on over there ( <http://www.arrl.org/sections/WPA.html> ). News Items: The Pittsburgh National Weather Service and the Pitt Honors College have entered into a pilot project for the Pittsburgh area's Skywarn program. The amateur radio-based system will enhance existing severe weather reporting by allowing severe weather reports to be forwarded directly to the Pittsburgh National Weather Service. The project calls for an automated radio message system to be installed at Pitt's Honors College Airglow Observatory on the Laurel Ridge, which will relay reports to a monitoring station at the Pittsburgh National Weather Service. System configuration will allow forecasters to receive critical weather observations and severe weather reports even when Skywarn volunteers are unavailable to man the amateur radio station at the NWS facility located in Moon Township, PA. The system is expected to begin beta testing in early spring, 2007. For more information, contact David Kleber, KB3FXI, at [kb3fxi@arrl.net](mailto:kb3fxi@arrl.net) -...- Coming Events: [If your event isn't listed here, let me know. I received a couple of these announcements by attending a club's meeting.] Skyview ARC hamfest is coming up August 27. Hope to see you there. The Erie County Skywarn/ARES/RACES picnic is sked for August 26. WACOM can use ARES volunteers for their participation in this year's Labor Day Walk. Contact Jacque, N3ZEL. The West Alexander community fair is sked for September 3 -- 9. WACOM generally has an amateur station on the air at the fair. The Butler hamfest is coming up on September 10. That also coincides with our Section Convention. Atlantic Division Director, Bill Edgar, N3LLR, and Vice Director, Tom Abernethy, W3TOM, also will be on hand. QSL Card checking will be offered at the hamfest, too. See you there! -...- I want to thank all of you who have invited me to attend club functions. These are great ways to get out and meet with you "on your own turf." I enjoyed meeting with the Washington, PA club on August 3-rd (the Dump Cake was excellent, including the whipped topping, Fox!). I look forward to meeting many of you at North Hills on August 9-th. I don't have a canned speech, but certainly will be glad to sit down with you and answer questions to my best of my (limited) ability. For those questions that I can't answer, I can go find the answer and get back to you with it. Most of my travels thus far have been close to home. But that does not mean that I'm adverse to driving a bit to meet with your club or group. The Section Manager is supposed to represent your interests to the League from ALL parts of the 33 counties comprising WPA. So, if you would like me to come and address or attend your function, drop me an email or pick up the phone and call. Well, that's it for this time. And remember to check the full Section News page at <http://www.arrl.org/sections/WPA.html> 73, Larry O'Toole, K3LBP Section Manager [k3lbp@arrl.org](mailto:k3lbp@arrl.org) Landline: 724-547-4711 Cell: 724-787-5048

## **Central Division**

## Illinois

SM Tom Ciciora KA9QPN, ASM KB9NW, ASM W9FX, ASM-Youth KB9ZGZ, ACC K9KQB, SEC KC6VVT, SGL, K9DUE, STM K9CNP, PIC KB9WPT, TC WA9IL, OOC KB9FBI, DEC: Central N9NP, NE AB9EE(acting), NW W8MQ, NB KA9IMX, Southern WA9APQ, SW W5DTR, VOAD (open), IMERT KB9ZDM\*\*We'll start this month with a bit more sad news. Both Dave Lattan W9PFD and Rob Sobkoviak K9NYO have tendered their resignations as DEC's for personal reasons. Dave has been a legend in the Section since 1980, holding every office and appointment imaginable, including SCM before they called 'em SMs. Rob has done a yeoman's job uniting the EMComm fragments that are the NE IL district. I wish that it were otherwise, but apps are being solicited for both NE district and VOAD. Qualifications at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/dec.html/html>, FSD-156 to KC6VVT at any of his addresses. Dave and Rob...well done! Hope to see you both back soon.\*\*FULL Section News at <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=IL> \*\*IL ARES NET--QNI 84--QTC 2--4 SESSIONS\*\* N CENTRAL PHONE NET—ONI 156—QTC 18—21 SESSIONS

## Indiana

Indiana Section News for July 2006 Jim McDonald KB9LEI reports that their club's June/July license class has 16 new licensees in the Muncie area. Congratulations!! The Muncie Area Amateur Radio Club will be participating in a community preparedness fair with the local Mormon Church and during the Boy Scout Fall Camporee, both on October 14. Most, if not all, Boy Scouts in the Indianapolis area have fall camporees planned for that weekend. Other clubs interested in participating on this weekend or at some other time should check with their local Scouting organization for dates. Trevor Fulk N9YM of Indianapolis, has been awarded the Earl I. Anderson Scholarship Award of \$1,250, from the ARRL Foundation Scholarship Committee. Congratulations, Trevor, and Good Luck! Don't forget that September is National Preparedness Month. ARRL is a National Preparedness Month Coalition Member. Saturday September 16 is National Preparedness Day for most organizations. Check with your Emergency Coordinator to see about participating in this program. Our Section Emergency Coordinator, Dave Pifer N9YNF, reports a very quiet month for ARES activities, although there were lots of activities between parades, marathons, and bike events. All of the reports from ECs and DEC's are highly appreciated. There were 14 Public Service events reported with a total of 1030.5 person-hours of participation by Indiana amateurs. There were 77 ARES operations with 1227.3 person-hours of participation. Thanks to everyone who helped out in these activities. QIN Co-Net Managers Newt Straup KJ9J, and Dick Hickok K9PUI wish to say thanks to everyone who participates in keeping alive a traditional way of communication (CW). CW is not obsolete: it was the first form of digital communication. The following VHF/UHF Net Managers reported their net's activity during July: KC9BHJ, N9ZMY, N9DGQ, KE9WI, KB9UAG, WA9PSV, KF9EX, WB9RVN, WB9NCE, WR9G, WD9HTN, KA4HWX, KC9EGN, and KA9QWC. If you do not see your VHF/UHF Net Manager's callsign here, than no report of your net's activity was sent to our Indiana Section VHF/UHF Net Manager, John Kinley KC9BHJ. July Section Net Activity: NET FREQ DAILY TIMES (UTC) QNI QTC QTR SESS ITN 3910 KHZ 1230/2030 2058 78 949 48 QIN 3656 KHZ 1330/2300 189 50 908 55 ARES 3910 KHZ 4TH SUN/MO @1200Z 6 1 10 1 HOOSIER VHF NETS 14 REPORTING 704 12 1514 63 HOOSIER DIGITAL NETS (2) 9 6 -- 62 July ORS Traffic Reports: K9PUI 52, WA9JWL 49, K9GBR 29, AB9AA 18, N9HM 14, NA9L 8, WB9NCE 6, KA9QWC 6, WB9GCH 2. James S. Sellers K9ZBM Indiana Section Manager

## Wisconsin

WISCONSIN: SM: Don Michalski, W9IXG, SEC: KB9ENO, STM: K9LGU, SGL: AD9X, OOC: KC9IS, PIC: KB9NUM, TC: K9GDF, BM: WB9NRK, ACC: N9LVS ASM: K9UTQ, W9DGI, N9VE. \*\* With regret, I am notifying you of the passing of these Amateurs: -- Bill Amendt, KC7AZM, 82. Bill

was a member of Tri-County ARC. -- Bill Kellerman, WD9HCW, 72. Bill was a member of Wisconsin Rapids ARC and Midstate Repeater Association. -- Joe Yedynak, N9LLA, 59. Joe was a member of M&M ARC. \*\* Saturday, September 16, is the scheduled date for Amateur Radio Public Awareness Day. Amateur Radio Public Awareness Day can be a time to help promote Amateur Radio to the public. Many clubs, groups, etc, may want to set up an exhibit in a public area, do an exercise that demonstrates the capability of Amateur Radio – any number of things. The ARRL-sponsored Amateur Radio Public Awareness Day (Saturday, September 16) and the ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (focal-point weekend is October 7- 8) has been posted on the National Preparedness Month calendar. Check this page and locate the link to the calendar on the Citizen Corps Web page: [www.citizencorps.gov](http://www.citizencorps.gov) \*\* Congratulations to our STM, Denny, K9LGU, on having an article in the September QST, pages 2-3! We are fortunate to have such a great Section Traffic Manager! \*\* Ever wonder what to do with your old QST? Consider taking your past issue to your local public library, your middle school, or high school library. Most libraries have a place for donated magazines. Recycle with the intent of encouraging others into the hobby! \*\* Congratulations to Travis J. Waack, KB9YRC, winner of the 2006 WARAC Scholarship! Travis is a 19-year-old sophomore studying meteorology and physics at Northland College in Ashland, Wisconsin. He has held a Technician class license since 2001 and is from the Manitowoc area where he is active with the Mancorad Club. \*\* M&M ARC members helped out for a second straight year at the Twin County Airport open house held in conjunction with the T-34 fly-in July 22nd. Hams helped staff the communications center, which included radios tuned to the airport Unicom frequency used by local air traffic, the ground control frequency, and the M&M ARC 444.075 repeater used for event-related communications. \*\* Wisconsin Section STM Report July 2006 FAQ # 58 What's the most important part of a radiogram? Let's see. The number is important because it's how we keep track of messages. The precedence is important because it tells us which messages need to be handled first. The handling instructions are very helpful in deliveries. The station of origin lets us trace a message and advise the sender. The check checks, check? It's a check on the number of words in the text to be sure we get it right. The place of origin helps us route a reply, and the time and date tell us when a message started (and how long it's been in the system). The name, address, and telephone number of the addressee are certain necessary for delivery to the right person. The exact text is essential, too; it's the purpose of the message. The recipient will want to know who sent the message - so the signature should be correct as well. Hmmm. In short (as good messages should be), all of a radiogram is important and should be handled error free. We communicate, and we do it well. It's what we do. 73 - K9LGU/ STM – WI WISCONSIN SECTION MONTHLY NET ACTIVITY SUMMARY JULY 2006 NET QNI QTC QTR SSNS NM BWN 1970 2521 4630 31 W9IXG BEN 531 46 946 30 KE9VU WSBN 686 59 1053 31 K9FHI WNN 91 9 222 20 KB9ROB WSSN 132 16 290 30 N9JIY WIN/E 131 16 230 31 WB9ICH WIN/L 159 23 295 31 W9UW WRACES 98 0 225 5 N9VAO TOTAL 3798 2690 7891 209 Note: BWN is Badger Weather Net; BEN is Badger Emergency Net; WSBN is Wisconsin Side Band Net; WNN is Wisconsin Novice Net; WSSN is Wisconsin Slow Speed Net; WIN/E is Wisconsin Intrastate Net/Early; WIN/L is Wisconsin Intrastate Net/Late; WRACES is Wisconsin Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service net. All nets details are found on this site: <https://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=WI> under Wisconsin Traffic Nets. We encourage you to check into one or more of the Wisconsin Nets!! \*\* We enjoyed spending a day at the Fox Cities ARC special event station at the EAA AirVenture. (See a photo of the station at the ARRL Wisconsin site: <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=WI> ) It was our first visit to the EAA and I am looking forward to next year. Special events are great fun. We encourage clubs to consider organizing one. The ARRL application form to use is given here: <http://www.arrl.org/contests/spevform.html> You may, also, apply for a 1X1 call for the event. Do it on-line at this site: <http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/1x1.html> 73, Don W9IXG

## **Dakota Division**

### **Minnesota**

ARRL MINNESOTA SECTION REPORT JULY 2006 SUMMARY FROM SM ++ The MN section ARES and Traffic summaries are enclosed below. ++ See the ARRL Section web site for up-to-date information and bulletins. ++ We are still looking for contributors for the new section news to start about September 1, 2006. We will be accepting articles for publication on the section website. I am looking for authors for articles of regional or club interest to include in the section news and website. Please contact your SM if you want to contribute your writings and / or your opinions. ++ Support your local hamfests. Check the ARRL site for details. ++ We are always looking for ARES volunteers for members and EC positions. ++ Please go to the MN ARRL website and follow the link to the ARES website. Respectfully submitted by Skip Jackson, KS0J, MN SM MN SEC REPORT FOR JULY 2006

Total number of ARES members reported: 232 Change since last month: N/A County EC's reporting: Carver (N0EN), Itasca (KG0FD), Lac Qui Parle (KC0QED), Lincoln (WD0BZU), Lyon (WD0BZU), Redwood (KA0ISD), Scott (N0BHC), Sherburne (N0JHU), St. Louis-North (WD0GUF), St. Louis-South (KB0LC), (KC0OIO), Local Net Names: CCART, River Valley, SEMARC, Scott County, Chisago County, Carver County, Washington County, Forx Valley Monday Night Net, Mankato Area Radio Club Emergency Services Net, Marshall Emergency Net, Redwood County, Wadena Area Hamnet, Northern Lakes Radio, NE MN Public Service, SE St. Louis Emergency Service, Dakota County ARES Total sessions: 69 NTS liaison is maintained with the MN Section, Tenth Region, and NTSD Traffic Nets by N0UC, W0LAW Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month: 12 Person hours: 267 Number of public service events this month: 12 Person hours: 254 Number of emergency operations this month: 21 Person hours: 377 Total number of ARES operations this month: 45 Total Person hours: 898 Note from MS 150 event in June: (not reported in the June report) There were 46 operators working about 80 positions at the MS150 for a total hour investment of about 700 hours for the event and this did not count previous months effort in planning. (Gordy Hansen, N0ZRD) Submitted by: Frank Karnauskas - N1UW, MN SEC MN STM REPORT FOR JUNE 2006 NET FREQ TIME QNI/QTC/SESS MGR ~~~~ MSPN/E 3860 5:30 P W00A MSPN/N 3860 12 P WA0TFC MSSN 3710 6 P N/A VACANT MSN/1 3605 6:30 P K0WPK MSN/2 3605 9:50 P k0wpgk PAW 3925 9A-5P KA0IZA/ wa0tfc MONTHLY STATION ACTIVITY REPORTS (SAR) STATION ORIG. REC'D. SENT DLVD. TOTAL BPL NO.OPS. ~~~~~

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| W0HPD                                    | 1     | 8      | 18   | 0     | 27                                                                               | KA0IZA 0 17 5 0 23  |
| N0JP                                     | 0     | 0      | 7    | 0     | 7                                                                                | WD0GUF 0 3 3 0 6    |
| PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL (PSHR) STATION | 1     | 2      | 3    | 4     | 5                                                                                | 6 TOTAL ~~~~~       |
| N0YR                                     | 40    | 37     | 120  | 197   | W0LAW 40 40 30 20 130                                                            | WA0TFC 40 40 20 100 |
| WD0GUF                                   | 40    | 6      | 30   | 76    | SECTION TRAFFIC MANAGER MONTLY REPORT NET ABBR. SESS. TFC. NMCALL NTS LIASON ~~~ |                     |

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## South Dakota

Dakota Chapter 102, QCWA The Dakota Chapter 102, QCWA will have a get together and dinner in Mobridge, SD on Saturday, August 26, 2006. We will meet and have dinner at the Wrangler Motor Inn's Windjammers lounge and restaurant. Don't forget wives are invited along with any other persons who are interested in Ham Radio and QCWA. For those who come early, Cory said we could meet at his house. Time: 5 PM for social hour and 6 PM for dinner. Cory-W0YMB has arranged for the meeting place. We will also have a short meeting before dinner and try to get a group picture of those who attend. For those who will be spending the night, the Wrangler Motor Inn's toll free reservation number is 1-888-884-3641. Please let me know if you plan to attend so we can get the number of persons

attending dinner, this information will tell them how many places to setup. We will be ordering off the menus and each individual will be responsible for paying their own bill. 73 Frank-NU0F President Dakota Chapter 102 Duel County ARC The DCARC held their annual hamfest on July 29 & 30 in Clear Lake. Despite the heat we had a small but dedicated crowd. Thanks to all who attended!! Be on the lookout for a quarterly update e-letter from the DCARC. Tower projects are moving on a slow pace, Murphy and Mother Nature are causing some problems. Next meeting--Aug. 11, 7:30pm in Clear Lake. Stay cool!! NØTAW, Rob, Pres., DCARC. Spearfish Area Breakfast Club A small group of Hams meet at a local restaurant each Saturday morning at 7:30 AM. Normally we meet at the Millstone in Spearfish but have been known to change locations occasionally. Contact Bob Weaver, KØGZL at [rhweaver@rushmore.com](mailto:rhweaver@rushmore.com) if you would like to be notified of the location via Email. Northern Hills Amateur Radio Club Committee Reports: · Public Service Events: · Please check the NHARC web site (<http://www.northernhillsarc.org/events.htm>) for more information. If you can help, please contact the person listed · The Big Mic Ride was a success with communications working as planned. · The next events will be the Mount Rushmore Century Ride (August 19th) and the Wyoming MS-150 (August 19th and 20th) · Technical Committee: · Nothing to report. ARES: · The next ARES meeting at the Hermosa fire hall has been tentatively rescheduled for September 17th at 1330. · The Emergency Coordinator position for Lawrence County is still vacant. Old Business: · Gene McPherson, N0MHJ and Gene Deck, W0PYW removed the broken 76 antenna. Special Presentations: · Jerry Hawley, KG0GG made available a Message Traffic Handling training DVD. If you would like a copy contact Doug Aldrich, W0WSP. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2048. Respectfully submitted, Doug Aldrich, W0WSP Secretary

## **Delta Division**

### **Arkansas**

Super Session Report- On July 1, 2006 Hospital from around the state participating in a microwave remote technician ham class reached a successful conclusion with a near perfect pass rate at 15 locations and Over 60 new hams. I want to thank all the VE teams, the hospitals, the AR Hospital Ass'n, the AR Dept of Health, N5XFW and of course "the professor" John, AD5FU. ARKAN News -July Program Notes: Larry Rankin, KI5OY will be presenting the program. Larry is the Washington County Emergency Coordinator. Larry will be talking about Emergency Management and ARES. Our Second Saturday will be at the EOC. The EOC will be opened for touring and the rigs will be available to use. President's Note: I would like to congratulate both John Dennis, and Brett Alexander for their success during the last VE exam. John passed his code requirement, and Brett passed the tech test. Although the weather is getting way too warm for my comfort, I'm glad that the club survived our busy June. We had Air Fest, and Field day. The next big event for the year is the JOTA in October. On a personal note, I regret to announce that Joe Dunn has resigned the position of PIO. I'd like to thank Joe for his efforts as PIO. 73, Scott KD5KZJ. ARKAN on the web at: [www.arkan.us](http://www.arkan.us) 2006 Field Day: We operated out at Agri-Park and ended up with 1294 QSOs. Final point total was 6704. In 2005 we had 1066 QSOs with a final point total of 5450. There are a great deal of people to thank for this, and if I forget anybody, I apologize. OWS (Ozark Wireless Society) for getting us the park, and for providing the radios, computer network and antennas. I particularly want to thank Charlie (W5NX) and Don (K5DB). Joe Dunn provided a great 8KW generator. No matter how much power we needed, the generator just kept on humming. We had a good deal of visitors and operators. I believe we had 30 operators stop by and 15 visitors or so. A representative of the Red Cross stopped by. The ARRL section manager also visited for a few moments. We also had a nice portable GOTA station..many thanks to Gene (w5sxv) for bringing it. He's got a HF rig and a 2m rig as well as a power supply mounted in a milk carton crate. Very Impressive. Band conditions were terrible, but I think everyone had a good time. I believe that Gene has already reserved the park for next year! Arkansas Diamond Club News- Our clubs third Field Day has come and gone. Gone also were the sunspots that make 20 meters the band to work. There will be more



of a report later but unfortunately our contact level was a little less than half of what it was last year. With the Mayor's job change coming up in 6 months it would be best that we take down our emergency communication equipment and store it for a future day. Another unexpected problem was our interference with the Oppelo police department on 40 meters. It was pickup at the emergency command center but not broadcast, so we had to restrict our working frequency to 20 meters that was not in the best of shape because of the lack of sun spots. We will need to schedule a work day sometime in the next 6 months to take down our equipment. Since club member turnout was light we might want to pick another site next year so that we could draw a bigger crowd of HAMs and the general public. This year we were able to talk to 22 states. There is no easier way to make a contact than at field day. It could be even more fun if you are a Tech and wanted to work a GoTo station. Making my first contest contact was the hardest and it got easier and easier. "KC5RED 1F Arkansas QSL", and another state is added to the list. Fort Smith Amateur Radio Club - Jimmy Lowery called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Baldor Technology Center Conference Room, University of Arkansas campus. John Eddleman read the minutes from the May 20, 2006 meeting. Motion to accept minutes made by Andrew Austin. John Eddleman gave the financial report. Motion to accept the financial report by Jeff Ricketts. Jimmy Lowery opened up the floor to discuss field day (June 23, 24, 25). Mike Cole made a motion to start earlier on Friday (the start of field day). John Eddleman said that the rules for contesting would be looked at after the meeting. Announcement of the decision to start early on Friday would be made on the Thursday night net. Club members would provide the following for field day: 15, 40 PH Dave (W5OK); 20 PH Mike Cole; 40, 20, 15 CW Jim Roughly; Digital Doc; 75 PH Jimmy Lowery; 6 PH John Eddleman; 6 laptops – Doc, W5TMC, Jimmy Lowery, W5OK, Andrew Austin. John Samuels said we were using Jimmy Lowery's generator as the primary generator. It needed to be repaired. John Samuels estimated \$60 or \$70 plus parts for a total of \$100. Mark made the motion that the club pays for the repair of the generator. Saturday evening of the field day the club would furnish the meat and bread for dinner. Club members would provide the side dishes. The cost of the dinner would be \$5.00 per person. Randal would provide Saturday and Sunday breakfast and grill for those who helped assemble on Friday evening of the field day. Donations were suggested for the meals Randal provided. Wayne gave repeater report. David Whiteis presented the public videoconference, a two-day study for tech test at Sparks Hospital. All hospitals in AR are participating. June 24 and July 1 from 8am to 5pm. Ed (AC5DC) to provide test on July 1. Mike (W5TMC) talked about code class at 8pm on the 94 machine. There has been from 7 to 10 people each class. On second set of letters. Switch over to the trustee – Randy Baggett. David Whiteis talked about the county looking at acquiring the armory and storm ready certification. Motion to vote on the club's meeting place made by Mark Clayton. It was Sparks or the Baldor Technology Center at the University of Arkansas Fort Smith Campus. The majority voted that the club meetings would now be held at the Baldor Technology Center. Testing will still be held at Health South Rehab Center. An 8-minute visual of the Lighthouse contest weekend was shown to show the capabilities of the Baldor Technology Center's audio-visual equipment. Motion made by Ronnie to adjourn the meeting. **CENTRAL ARKANSAS RADIO EMERGENCY NET. (CAREN)** News-The CAREN Ham Radio Club is one of the oldest Ham Radio Clubs in Arkansas, dating back to the late 1950's. CAREN, Arkansas SKYWARN, Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES) are all basically the same Ham Radio Operators, by whatever acronym we are called. CAREN sponsors seven voice repeaters and two digital repeaters to support 15 to 20 charitable, non-profit organizations by providing communications for their fund raising events such as bike rides, foot races, walks; all of which train Ham Radio Operators for Emergency Communications, which is what we are all about. Ham Radio is still a hobby and CAREN has Ham Radio Fun and families are welcome and encouraged to participate also. CAREN has sponsored one of the largest Hamfests in Arkansas for over 25 years; it takes a lot of help to support the Hamfest. The Hamfest this year is September 16, 2006. CAREN President Mark Barnhard, KD5AIV is Hamfest Chairman. CAREN is always looking for participation in Club Events. The Hamfest needs volunteers. Contact Mark and help out, it's fun. All Ham Radio Operators and their families are welcome to all CAREN events regardless of club affiliation. We do encourage CAREN and The American Radio Relay

League (ARRL) membership to support each organizations programs. Go to [www.carenclub.com](http://www.carenclub.com) for the latest Public Service Events and CAREN activities. Upcoming Arkansas Hamfests – Queen Wilhelmina Hamfest for 2006. The hamfest will be September 8th and 9th, as always the weekend after Labor Day. Please go to the web page, > [www.qwha.org](http://www.qwha.org) , and see all the information that is there about the event. The CAREN All-Arkansas Hamfest this year is September 16, 2006 at the Jacksonville Municipal Center. 8:00AM – 3:00PM. This will also be the first Arkansas Ham University with forums and discussion panels. Benton Co. Hamfest will be held September 30 at Jefferson Elementary in Bentonville, AR. 8:00AM till??? Tailgates, VE Testing and Forums!

## Louisiana

LOUISIANA SECTION NEWS – JULY 2006 On July 30 Baton Rouge ARC members and ARES volunteers provided communications for the Crawfish Aquatics Kid's Triathalon on the LSU campus in Baton Rouge. The hams fanned out along the racecourse to let officials know the status of the competition and to coordinate the management of vehicle traffic on and near the course. In particular, Jim K5AFB was instrumental in keeping tabs on one youngster who had inadvertently gone off course. Jim summoned EMS and race staff to escort the young athlete all the way to the finish line. In addition to K5AFB, the other operators who participated in the event were KD5KNZ (NCS), K5EOA, K5VMI, N5BUD, N5YFC, N8JTC, AD5NE, AD5VC, W5GG, N5ULA, KC5SAS, and N5IB. The ARRL-sponsored Amateur Radio Public Awareness Day (Saturday, September 16) has been posted on the National Preparedness Month Calendar, which can be found by linking to the calendar from the Citizen Corps Web page at [www.citizencorps.gov/](http://www.citizencorps.gov/) If your local ARES group or ham club has an upcoming Amateur Radio event that is related to emergency preparedness, please consider adding your event or activity to the National Preparedness Month Calendar. Instructions on how to register an activity are on the Citizen Corps Web page. If you have trouble registering the information, forward the details of the event to Steve Ewald at ARRL Headquarters ([sewald@arrl.org](mailto:sewald@arrl.org)) and he will try to register it for you. The focal-point weekend for the 2006 ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET) is October 7-8. This is the "national" date set by ARRL, but sections and local groups are free to choose a more convenient time if they wish. The LA Section is currently considering a section-wide SET exercise this fall (assuming we are not hit by any major hurricanes in the next few months!), but no details have been decided yet. If we do have a SET, it is my wish that that there will be a minimum of planning at the section level and that most of the details (emergency scenarios, types and numbers of served agencies, etc.) will be determined at the local and district ARES levels. We will have one or more HF section nets (phone, digital, CW) operating during SET to help tie the various local/district groups together, although linked repeaters, Winlink 2000, Echolink/IRLP, etc., should also be used where appropriate by ARES leaders and SET participants. K5GLS (LA SEC) and WA5LQZ (LA ASM) will be contacting our DEC's and EC's in the near future about SET. A relatively small number of hams filed timely comments in response to the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) regarding recommendations of the independent panel that reviewed Hurricane Katrina's impact on communication systems. The deadline to file reply comments, August 21, is only a few days away as I'm writing this monthly report. More details on the NPRM are available at [www.arrl.org/?artid=6584](http://www.arrl.org/?artid=6584) New Emergency Coordinator appointments are Dave K5WNV (Jefferson Davis Parish) and Doug W5RR (Livingston Parish). Slowly but surely we are building our ARES leadership ranks back up from the effects of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Thanks very much to all who serve in the section's Field Organization. If you hold a current leadership or station appointment and do not have a certificate or ARRL badge, please let me know. There may be a few appointees who have been overlooked, particularly for those holding an appointment for many years. Field Day documentation has now been received from the following clubs: Central LA ARC (N8OO), Atchafalaya Amateur DX Association (WA5MC), Acadiana ARA (W5DDL), Shreveport ARA (K5SL), and Twin City Ham Club (W5EA). Affiliated clubs that wish to be considered for this year's LA Section FD plaque program should send me copies of their entry forms submitted to ARRL Headquarters. The 2006 Field Day plaques will be presented in November at the Twin City Ham Club Hamfest/LA State

Convention in Monroe. As mentioned in last month's report, if you have recently passed any of the ARRL emergency communications courses or any of the ICS 100/200/700/800 courses, email that information to Ellen K5LND at [edco@k5sar.com](mailto:edco@k5sar.com) so that she can update the list at [www.laarrrl.org/laarecc.htm](http://www.laarrrl.org/laarecc.htm) on the section web site. You can sign up for the free NIMS/ICS courses at the FEMA Independent Study Program at <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/crslist.asp> Upcoming hamfests include the Southwest LA Amateur Repeater Club Hamfest in Lake Charles on September 16, the Central LA ARC Hamfest on October 14 in Pineville, and the Twin City Ham Club Hamfest/LA State Convention on November 11 in Monroe. Traffic totals: K5MC 69, W5PY 59, WA5LQZ 56, AE5V 31, N5KWB 15, WC5M 12. Public Service Honor Roll: W5PY 194, K5ER 136, K5MC 110, AE5V 87, N5KWB 85, N5MEL 75, W5HUD 75, KB5UHH 42, N5HMH 40, KD5ITA 38. Section net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Louisiana Traffic Net: 31/374/37. Louisiana CW Net: 57/248/51. Louisiana Slow Net: 9/38/6. Louisiana ARES Net: 5/73/0. Local/district net reports: sessions/check-ins. Calcasieu Parish ARES Net: 1/14. Desoto Parish ARES Net: 3/10. East Baton Rouge Parish ARES Net: 4/16. Franklin Parish ARES Net: 2/29. Jefferson Parish ARES Net: 1/14. Orleans Parish ARES Net: 3/40. Ouachita Parish ARES Net: 5/65. Rapides Parish ARES Net: 1/8. Richland Parish ARES Net: 9/108. St. Charles Parish ARES Net: 1/12. St. Mary Parish ARES Net: 5/39. Tangipahoa Parish ARES Net: 5/104. Union Parish ARES Net: 4/25. Vernon Parish ARES Net: 2/16. Washington Parish ARES Net: 4/80. ARES reports: parish/EC. Allen/KA5NXT, Avoyelles/KD5IGG, Caddo/Bossier/NZ5S, Calcasieu/KC5FGO, Claiborne/KD5JJP, Desoto/AA5HY, East Baton Rouge/N5ULA, Franklin/N5ASA, Jefferson/KD5EWD, Jefferson Davis/K5WNV, Lafourche/N5PZJ, Morehouse/KB5SAR, Orleans/NO5FD, Ouachita/K5ER, Plaquemines/AI5B, Rapides/KD5DFL, Richland/N5MEL, St. Bernard/AI5B, St. Charles/K5CFJ, St. Mary/KA5LMZ, Tangipahoa/KD5PKS, Union/KA5JNL, Vernon/WB5JZQ, Washington/AI5B, Winn/KC5EWJ. 73, Mickey Cox K5MC LA Section Manager Email: [k5mc@arrrl.org](mailto:k5mc@arrrl.org) LA Section Website: [www.laarrrl.org/](http://www.laarrrl.org/)

## Mississippi

SM: Malcolm Keown, W5XX. Mississippi Section Web Page at [arrrlmiss@org](mailto:arrrlmiss@org). Web Master W5KWB at [w5kwb@arrrl.net](mailto:w5kwb@arrrl.net). ASM: W5KWB, N5FP, SGL: AB5WF, STM: N5FP, PIC: N5TBB, TC: N5JGK The Jackson ARC will host the 2006 ARRL Day in the Park on September 30 at Shiloh Park in Brandon. Festivities will start at 8 AM. Lunch will be available at a nominal cost. Tailgating will be allowed. Talk-In will be on 146.76. Directions to Shiloh Park are available on the web at [www.msham.org/dayinpark.html](http://www.msham.org/dayinpark.html) compliments of KC5LK. Preliminary plans are in motion to arrange a visit to the new MEMA EOC at Whitfield and the National Weather Service at Thompson Field. More details to follow. The Chairman for the Day in the Park is Ron Brown, AB5WF, at 601-278-5968 or [ab5wf@arrrl.net](mailto:ab5wf@arrrl.net). Hurricane Season is here ... again. Remember if net activation is required on the Central or West Gulf Coast, tactical traffic will be handled on 3890/7275 (Delta Division MOU) or 3873/7285 (LA/MS/STX MOU). In addition the Magnolia Section Net (AD5J Manager) and Mississippi Section Phone Net (K5NRK Manager) will cooperatively activate an emergency net on 3862 on a 24/7 basis, as necessary, to handle statewide tactical and health/welfare traffic. KB5W, RN5 Manager, will activate a 24/7 Guard Net on 3711/7111 providing a direct connection to NTS. Speaking of emergency preparedness, county EOCs are invited to check into the MSPN on the first Thursday night of each month on 3862 at 6:15 PM. This is an excellent opportunity for ARES Members to become familiar with station equipment and to learn net procedures as well as to make sure the station equipment is working properly. Several after action suggestions have indicated that served agency EOCs may also be interested in checking in. KD5VDV reports from the DeSoto County EOC that a grant has been awarded to purchase an EmComm Trailer with equipment for two operating positions and 4 'go-kits' for RACES/ARES use. In addition, KB5JN reports that the Mississippi Baptist Disaster Team has acquired a trailer for EmComm deployment. HF/VHF equipment is in hand and the trailer is scheduled to be outfitted in late August. And lastly, if you haven't visited the Newton County EmComm Trailer, the next time you are near Decatur check with EMA Director K5XC to see if he has time to give you a tour.

Congratulations to KD5ZSM of Ocean Springs winner of the 2006 Clyde Hurlbert ARRL Mississippi Scholarship. This scholarship in the amount of \$500 is awarded annually to a Mississippi student, who has a ham license (any class) and is pursuing a curriculum in a baccalaureate or higher course of study in electronics, communications, or a related field. Further, the student must (or will) attend a Mississippi school of higher learning. An eligible student can be no more than 30 years of age. The deadline for the next submission is February 1, 2007. Contact Mary Hobart, K1MMH, at k1mmh@arrl.org for more information. Mississippi had a record number of new hams in July reflecting on several classes being offered across the state. Welcome to new Mississippi hams: KE5IUF, Demetris -- Richton; KE5IUG, Reo -- Purvis; KE5IUH, Kenneth -- Purvis; KE5IUI, Paul -- Hattiesburg; KE5IUJ, Walter -- Collins; KE5IXN, Andrew -- Gulfport; KE5IYX, Mary Anne -- Purvis; KE5IYY, Charles -- Brookhaven; KE5IYZ, Brown -- Flora; KE5IZA, Rebecca -- Jackson; KE5IZB, Christy -- Magee; KE5IZC, Hugh -- Crystal Springs; KE5IZD, Christopher -- Brookhaven; KE5IZE, Dennis - Crystal Springs; KE5IZF, Lee -- Mount Olive; KE5IZG, Alisa -- Brookhaven; KE5IZH, Jonathan -- Pearl; KE5IZJ, Rodney -- Quitman; KE5IZI, Ken -- Brandon; KE5IZK, Charles -- Yazoo City; KE5IZL, Gerald - Courtland; KE5IZM, Scott -- Tylertown; KE5IZN, Timothy -- Clinton; KE5IZO, Brian -- Brandon; KE5IZP, Daniel -- Wesson; KE5IZQ, Michael -- Brandon; KE5IZR, James -- Brookhaven; KE5IZS, Fred -- Ridgeland; KE5IZT, Charles -- Pearl; KE5IZU, Loren -- Brandon; KE5IZV, Alvin -- Morton; KE5IZW, Keith -- Brandon; KE5IZX, James -- Brandon; KE5IZY, Mack -- Hattiesburg; KE5IZZ, Edmon -- Kiln; KE5JAA, Don -- Pearl; KE5JGR, Brian -- Ponotoc; KE5JGU, Thomas -- Amory; KE5JHK, Jon -- Vicksburg; KE5JHL, Andrew -- Vicksburg; KE5JIO, Christopher -- Nicholson; KE5JIX, Foster -- Nesbit; KE5JIY, Robert -- Macon; KE5JIZ, Curtis -- Houston; KE5JJA, Jena -- Hattiesburg; KE5JJB, James -- Purvis; KE5JJC, Robert -- Petal; KE5JJD, Danny -- Poplarville; KE5JJE, Robert -- Purvis; KE5JFF, Judy -- Purvis; KE5JJG, Stephen -- Hattiesburg; KE5JJN, Tyler -- Natchez; KE5JKC, Andrew -- Clinton; KE5JKD, Benjamin -- Clinton; and KE5JKE, Kevin -- Ridgeland. That's 56 new hams licensed in Mississippi in one month! Kudos to the 'Elmers' and VE Teams who made all of this happen. Club officers: please scan the list of new hams above and for those hams in your area make sure they get an invitation to your next club meeting and help them get on the air! Welcome to WB5GUD as EC for Newton County and K5CBS as EC for Stone County. Also welcome to new ARRL Members: KA5BEE -- Gloster; KB5EOK -- Starkville; KE5IUJ -- Collins; KE5JJE -- Purvis; KD5OSA -- Natchez; WX5P -- Fulton; KD5UF -- Raymond; KC5VBX -- Biloxi; N5VSE -- Mathiston; KB5WKO -- Poplarville; AC5Y -- Crystal Springs; WB4ZHH -- Byhalia, Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KA6DLZ - - Brandon, KD5KHI -- Brandon, and WB5TZN -- Belden. Also congratulations to K5FUR, who completed his ARRL EC-001 Emergency Communications Course, and WB5GUD, who completed FEMA Courses IS -- 100/200/700. Regret to report the passing of N5VAP of Senatobia, KI5BS of Waynesboro, KB5II of Jackson, AB5MU of Nettleton, and W5OSL of Jackson. DEC/EC Monthly Reports: WB5CON (North MS/Alcorn), KD5CQT (Jackson), KC5EAK (Pearl River), WB5GUD (Newton), KD5GWN (Lauderdale/Clarke), N5TBB (Benton/Tippah), W4WLF (Gulf Coast/Harrison), K5WSY (Tishomingo), AG5Z (Forrest) Club Newsletter/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Sundancer Solar RC (KA5ICO), Tippah ARA (N5TBB), Vicksburg ARC (W5WAF) PIC Report: N5TBB Net reports: sessions/QNI/QTC (Net Manager) DRN5 62/MS 100% Rep by N5FP, W5OXA, WB5ZED, WA5FB, W5XX (WB5ZED) MSPN 31/2393/59 (K5NRK) MS TFC Net 31/139/3 (KB5W) Magnolia Section Net 31/945/3 (AD5J) Jackson Co ARES 31/336/5 (KD5CQT) MS Slow Net 21/81/1 (W3TWD) Miss/Lou WX Net 5/59/0 (K5NRK) Monroe Co ARC Net 5/75/0 (AD5DO) Hattiesburg Area EN 5/64/0 (N5MZ) Meridian Area EN 4/52/0 (KD5GWM) Pearl River/St. Tammany ARES Net 4/25/0 (KD5EAK) Itawamba Co ARES 4/56/0 (KB5NMB) Lowndes Co ARC Net 4/51/0 (KM5UH) MCARA CARES Net 4/29/0 (KA2KMU) Metro Jackson ARES 3/38/0 (AB5WF) MS Baptist Hams Net 3/14/0 (WF5F) Jackson ARC EN 3/46/0 (AB5WF) PSHR: WB5ZED 150, N5FP 98, KD5FUY 92, W5XX 73. Traffic: WB5ZED 2176 (BPL), N5FP 28, W5XX 7. Compilation of PSHR and Traffic statistics provided by N5FP, Mississippi Section Traffic Manager

**Great Lakes Division**

## **Michigan**

BPL is making yet another venture into Michigan. International Broadband Electric Communications, Inc. (IBEC) posted a public notice in July that it intends to apply for loans under the Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program administered by the Rural Electric Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. They propose to offer service in the following Michigan counties: Berrien, Cass, Kalamazoo, Lenawee, Monroe, St. Joseph and Van Buren. According to the ARRL Web page for BPL, <http://p1k.arrl.org/~ehare/bpl/ex2.html>, IBEC is the same company that has installed systems in both Lovingsston and Arrington, Virginia. The Arrington system currently has a number of pending unresolved interference complaints against it. There are several BPL systems in service around the US that do not present interference problems for radio amateurs. It will serve us all well for diligence and perseverance as these systems begin implementation. Effective measures for BPL system providers to prevent interference have been demonstrated and can be utilized in these future BPL installations. Careful monitoring of these new systems by local and regional radio clubs will be critical to insure that interference free systems are placed in service in our communities. Our large cadre of amateur radio clubs in Michigan can be an effective voice in insuring that our valuable frequency resource remains unencumbered. Communicating your concerns to your community officials and stressing the importance amateur radio plays in emergencies will help maintain that vigilance. Our July reports from our EC/ROs and NTS officials show the contribution ARES/RACES and the NTS made to the citizens of Michigan during the month of July stands at a total of 8424 operator-hours. The federal government allows us to report volunteer time at the rate \$18.11/hour. Based upon those figures, we radio amateurs have contributed time valued at \$152,561 for July. In many cases, these volunteer hours assist in-kind for financial grant applications for emergency radio equipment. We do report these figures to each of our state Emergency Managers. Details of these reports are on the Michigan ARPSC and NTS web pages. Each EC/RO's report and every OES, ORS and NM report helps the standing of radio amateurs across the state. My personal thanks to those who diligently report monthly, it ALL helps. SET planning – If you are an EC/RO and have not started detailing your local scenario, please get with your DEC and complete the planning process. Remember, our state-wide guidelines call for you to experience a complete failure of your area repeaters as part of the scenario. Alternative communications will be needed following the first hour of your SET. Everyone is encouraged to coordinate planning efforts with their DEC and adjacent county ECs. A major communications outage will likely force us to call upon mutual aid agreements and SET is the time to test them. Michigan seems to have the leap on ARES/RACES training efforts, and many Sections of the U. S. are playing “catch-up”. Our thanks for the diligent efforts from everyone in pursuing the challenges our public service “customers” have asked of us for assisting them under the terms of NIMS and ICS requirements. Radio clubs can now submit a “club profile” for publication on the [arrl-mi website](http://arrl-mi.org/?q=node/14). Examples can be found at <http://arrl-mi.org/?q=node/14>. Here is the opportunity to share your radio club's profile with everyone. Michigan clubs all have a rich background, some along some familiar lines, others with specialized and unique history. You can forward your write-up to our Affiliated Club Coordinator [KB6NU@w8pgr.org](mailto:KB6NU@w8pgr.org). Station Activity Reports for July, 2006: KC8MLD 183, K8LJG 165, K8AE 118, N8FPN 101, WB8RCR 57, WD8USA 49, K8AMR 48, W8RNQ 42, WB8TKL 16, KD8BGQ 13, KC8ZCF 11, KD8BMV 10, AB8CB 4, KC8ZGB. Public Service Honor Roll reports for July, 2006: WB8RCR 170, K8AE 115, N8FPN 110, N8WTQ 100, K8AMR 95, KD8BGQ 78, KV8Z 70. June Official Emergency Station reports came in from K8COP, KC8ZCF, KC8ULE, N8HA and W8RAE. PSHRs and SARs should be filed monthly with WB8RCR and your OES reports with WA8EFK. 73, Dale

## **Hudson Division**

### **Northern New Jersey**

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PIC-W2WJO, TC-NR2H NNJ Webpage: [www.hudson.arrl.org/nnj/](http://www.hudson.arrl.org/nnj/) MONTHLY ARES NET: Second Monday of each month (8PM) on the Morris County OEM Repeater; WS2Q 146.895 MHz (PL 151.4) minus 600 Hz. The 47th Annual New Jersey QSO Party is this coming weekend, August 19-20th. Even though HF conditions have been a little down there is still propagation on the bands. Rules are in the August QST and at: [www.qsl.net/w2rj](http://www.qsl.net/w2rj). Please try to get on and help activate your county. Hamfest season is still going strong and this Saturday is the Ramapo Mountain ARC's fleamarket at the American Legion Hall in Oakland. August QST has details in the Hamfest column. Our various New Jersey traffic nets are always looking for more check-ins and members. If you can't make the scheduled nets one way to become a part of our NTS system is through NTSD- National Traffic System-Digital. On the HF bands it exists as Pactor and on VHF the Packet mode is used. So, even if you don't have HF privileges you can still participate. By the way, I read about this new complement to message handling in the latest NJ Net newsletter. Dave Strubel-WB2FTX, our NNJ STM, is the hub for this region and is willing to help stations get set-up on a trial basis. If digital modes interest you please contact Dave at: [wb2ftx@arrl.net](mailto:wb2ftx@arrl.net) for details. The NNJ webpage has list of all the various traffic nets in the state with time and frequency noted. Try listening in to one and you may find out message handling is not a lost art. Lately I've gotten some inquiries on how to obtain an amateur radio license plate. First, these plates are NOT a part of the vanity program no matter what an MVC employee may tell you. Amateur radio operators are grouped with emergency services and a different application form is needed. Also, we pay a one-time fee unlike vanity plates which have yearly renewal fees. The Home Page of our section website has a link that details what is required to get an amateur radio plate and specifically, what form to request. Also, the application cannot be done at MVC offices but must be made through Trenton. July was another successful month for the various licensing classes held in the section. The "New Ham" mailing list that I can download as an SM from the ARRL website provided 40 new NNJ ham radio operators for me to send welcome letters to. Most important, is for us to follow-up with the new hams by getting them on the air and involved with local clubs. Each of us can act as a mentor in some small way. Remember we all needed help at some time in our early license days! What is also available on the ARRL website is a link for member status and what bulletins or news items you want to receive. Please update yours, if you haven't, to include section and division mailings as well as some of the specialty ones that may interest you. The ARRL has a wealth of information ready to distribute; you just have to ask for it. Speaking of updates, don't forget to maintain a current address with the FCC as well. A few amateur radio licenses have been suspended recently for failure to provide a current mailing address. FCC Rules require each license grant must show the correct name and mailing address. Also, rule (97.23) states " revocation of the station license or suspension of the operator license may result when correspondence from the FCC is returned as undeliverable because the grantee failed to provide the correct mailing address." It would be a shame to lose your license this way so, when you move make sure to add the FCC to your mail forwarding list at the post office. A few more NNJ hams have recently become Silent Keys. They are sadly: long time BARA member Joe Kulin-WB2UOM, Raritan Bay RA and Jersey City firefighter Brian Hickey-WA2KJD, and one of NJ Nets dedicated traffic handlers Jan O'Hara- WA2OPY. They will all be missed by their many friends and fellow hams. 73, Bill Hudzik-W2UDT

SECTION TRAFFIC Jul-06 NORTHERN NJ PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL ORG  
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## Midwest Division

## Kansas

Kansas Section News Summary- July 2006 SM, Ron Cowan, KB0DTI-- SEC/OOC: Robert Summers, K0BXF ASM: Orlan Cook, W0OYH ASM-Youth: Emily Stewart, KC0PTL SGL: Steve Hamilton, KB0JYL PIC: Larry Staples, W0AIB Greetings all ! I hope you are surviving the summer heat. I've been busy this summer with work and helping Dad with a project. Fortunately I haven't been outside all the time. Being that this is summer it's time for our convention. The Central Kansas ARC is hosting us again at Salina. Our Division Director will be there as well as KØBOG from HQ. SATERN and MARS will have meetings and the VHF and Balloon guys will be there too. Our Assistant SM for Youth Activity has things planned for the school age hams that include a scavenger hunt. At the Kansas meeting at 10 AM the Kansas Amateur of the Year will be named. I look forward to seeing you at our Kansas Ham Radio convention ! Pony Express Special Event will take place Sunday August 27 Crown ARA will once again put KØASA on the air from the Hollenberg, KS Pony Express station as part of the museums celebration . Look around 7.125 MHz between 9A and 4P Kansas time. Other bands may also be used. KØFJ now has a log periodic antenna up. KØBJ, KØFW and KB5ZFE assisted with the installation. Hiawatha ARC is celebrating 40 years in 2006 and will hold a dinner in Hiawatha September 9th. R.A.C.E.S. Officers have recently been appointed in two counties WØSPC- Bruce Cassida for Miami and NUØB- Ken Collins for Montgomery. R.A.C.E.S. appointments are made by the emergency management people in the county. Many clubs are planning for their fall class. Will your club put a new ham class together this year ? \_\_\_\_\_

August 5, 2006 Section Emergency Coordinator report June activity reported for July report time. 15 EC reported activity os some sort during the month of June. A total of 145 net sessions and 1294 QNI with 51 messages being handled. Army Mars reported 710 man hours of operation and 689 messages being handled. RACES had only 4 counties represented on the monthly RACES net (Brown, Riley, Montgomery and Shawnee). The QCWA net (reported by N0LL) 4 sessions 32 QNI. I have had several persons asking about EC for a few counties recently, so I will attempt to list each DEC/EC and their respective counties of responsibility. If anyone is interested in becoming a DEC or EC let me know. District 1 (No ACTIVE DEC at present) Zone 1A, EC WA0VRS, Shawnee and Wabaunsee; Zone 1B, EC KC4WCG, Douglas; Zone 1C, WD0DDG, Osage and Franklin; Zone 1D no EC, Pottawatomie and Jackson; Zone 1E, KC0GDV, Jefferson; Zone 1F, K0DXY, Atchison; Zone 1G, Brown, Doniphan, Nemaha counties. District 2, DEC N0OBM; Zone 2A EC open at present, Washington and Marshall counties. Zone 2B, EC AA0IQ, Jewell, Republic, Mitchell, Cloud. Zone 2C, EC W0PBV, Riley, Geary and Clay. Zone 2D, EC N0OBM, Lincoln, Ottawa, Ellsworth, Saline. Zone 2E, EC open. Dickenson (KC0GPV watch dog); Zone 2F WD0EUF, McPherson; Zone 2G, open Marion and Chase counties. Zone 2H, EC KC0GPV, Morris. Will continue next month with the rest of the state. Keep your eyes and ears open for reports of disaster and the chance for Ham Radio to proudly show that we can be of assistance should the need arise. 73 Bob Summers ARRL SEC KS

\_\_\_\_\_ Newsletters received: Feed Back, Trojan ARC Harmonic, DCARC Newsletter, QRZ, QNU H.A.R.C. May Sessions/QNI/QTC/Mgr: KSBN/30/789/59 N0KFS KPN/21/263/83/ N0KFS KMWN/30/603/536/ WB0YWZ KWN/30/743/482/ WB0YWZ CSTN/26/1355/61/N0BFB QKS 40/106/23/ NB0Z QKS-SS 3/5/ 0/KB0DTI Traffic: W0WWR 175 NB0Z 31 W0OYH 19 N0ZIZ 13 KB0DTI 6 73, Ron To receive or contribute to Orlan's Kansas Amateur Radio News E-mail News Letter contact Orlan-W0OYH-Editor at W0OYH@arrl.net See KSN on ARRL Website for detailed PSHR and more Kansas news: <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=KS>

## Missouri

AUGUST 2006 MISSOURI SECTION NEWS Next to Field Day, the Amateur Radio effort in providing assistance to the MS-150 probably involves the most volunteers and one of the best opportunity for emergency communications training. Several Missouri Section Clubs will be helping with this year's MS-150 Central Missouri Bike Tour. This is an event held on Sept. 9th and 10th to raise

money for Multiple Sclerosis research. This year over 3,000 riders are expected to raise about two million dollars. There is a need for 60 volunteers and the site to sign-up as a volunteer is [www.ares-mo.org/ms150](http://www.ares-mo.org/ms150). Training for St. Louis area SAG Drivers will be Thursday August 11th at 6:00 p.m. and Ham Operators training will be Thursday August 11th at 8:00 p.m. both will meet at the National Multiple Sclerosis Society office 1867 Lackland Hill Parkway St. Louis, MO. The NMSS can be contacted by phone at 314-781-9020. The Kansas City Area Jack Miller Subaru MS 150 Bike Tour will also be held on Sept. 9th and 10th offers the opportunity for Ham operators to help with Public Service communication and share a weekend of fun, traveling an out-and-back route through scenic Missouri countryside. Over 2,000 cyclists will embark on this physical and philanthropic journey. Amateur volunteers need to contact Duane Haverty, WA0BVX - 816-223-5842 - [dhaverty@kc.rr.com](mailto:dhaverty@kc.rr.com) The Ozark version of the MS 150 will be held on Sept. 16 & 17, 2006. The FedEx Freight MS 150 Bike Tour is considered one of the best-supported rides in the Midwest. The Ozark MS 150 Bike Tour will take participants on a two-day journey of scenic Missouri countryside. Starting in Republic, riding to Carthage on Saturday and returning to Republic on Sunday. Helping with this event will give you a sense of personal accomplishment and the satisfaction of knowing that you've made a difference. Amateur volunteers need to contact Duane Haverty, WA0BVX - 816-223-5842 - [dhaverty@kc.rr.com](mailto:dhaverty@kc.rr.com)

**AUGUST HAMFEST 2006** Central Missouri Radio Association <http://www.qsl.net/cmra> will be holding their Hamfest on August 19th at the Ashland Optimist Complex in Ashland, MO. Ashland is about 9 miles south of Columbia, MO / I-70 on Highway 63. Last year was a real nice Hamfest and well worth the trip. For more info, contact Daniel Johnson, KC0UTW 18357 Old Highway 63 South Ashland, MO 65010 Phone: 573-635-6311 Email: [kc0utw@yahoo.com](mailto:kc0utw@yahoo.com). The talk-in will be on 146.76- (PL 127.3); back-up 146.610- (PL -127.3) The St. Charles ARC is sponsoring their annual Hamfest August 20th at the American Legion Post 312, 2500 Raymond Drive Street in Saint Charles, MO. This a great St. Louis area Hamfest and always has lots of quality vendors and flea marketers. For more info you can check out the website <http://www.wb0hsi.org> or contact Lee Hilliard, K0MMT PO Box 658 St. Charles, MO 63302 Phone: 636-734-3292 Email: [lee.e.hilliard@netzero.com](mailto:lee.e.hilliard@netzero.com) The Talk-In will be on the 146.67 machine. Joplin Amateur Radio Club are sponsoring the JARC Hamfest 2006 on August 25th and 26th at the John Q. Hammons Convention Center in Joplin, MO. For more information you can check out the website at <http://www.joplin-arc.org> or contact Jim Johannes, N0ZSQ, PO Box 2983 Joplin, MO 64803-2983 Phone: 417-781-2211 Fax: 417-781-2234 and Email: [jimjohannes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jimjohannes@sbcglobal.net)

**SEPTEMBER HAMFEST 2006** The Macon County's Radio Rendezvous / Ham Radio Camp-Out will be held September 22nd through the 24th at the Macon County Fairgrounds Park. The Rendezvous will be a little different than most Hamfest, a bit more like the Zero Beaters Hamfest in Washington, MO with a couple of nights of camping thrown in. There is no admission charge, but the Park has a \$10.00 electrical hook-up charge for each day you camp at the Fairgrounds. Camp sites will be on a first come first choice basis. You can camp in a tent or sleep in your car/van for no charge, unless of course you park in a campsite and use the electricity to run an air conditioner. The Rendezvous Committee thought that by having the event late in September the weather would be pleasant enough for all types of campers. If you need more information about the Radio Rendezvous, contact Larry Ballew [lballew@missvalley.com](mailto:lballew@missvalley.com) or Ed Brockelmeyer, KØEB at [epbrock@yahoo.com](mailto:epbrock@yahoo.com)

**AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS** KEITH HAYE, WEØG, ACC The Callaway Amateur Radio League member Gary Nevels, KC0VMV, asked Dick White, KSØM, about available tapes and study material to learn the code so he can up grade to General. Dick had just received a code program on a CD from the FISTS Club, of which he is a member. FISTS is an organization promoting the use of CW and they made available a code course by K7QO which is the best he had ever found. Gary is using it and thinks it will do the job for him. The CD is free is available to any CARL member who wants to learn the code. The Northeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club is providing communications for the 22nd annual Northeast Missouri Triathlon. The Amateur radio operators have provided this public service for all of those 22 years and have been instrumental in getting needed first aid and emergency services to injured participants many times. The Hannibal ARC will be operating on Friday Sept. 15th and Saturday Sept. 18th at a special event at Carols, WA9EFV's Redneck Retreat using the call sign K9P. This year they



plan to use only Club equipment which includes an ICOM 718, power supply, tuner, coax and antennas. Not sure what bands they are planning to operate, but you can be sure they will have a good signal. The Bootheel ARC are considering a special Amateur Radio Course for the wives of Club members. The Bootheel Club already has several active YLs as members and they would like to increase their number. This would also be a great chance for XYLs to learn more about Amateur Radio and why their OM's are drawn to Ham Radio. The St. Charles ARC newsletter the "GARBLE" reports that they have induced eight new members into club membership. Keith Little, NØTY, pointed out that the recent storms in the St. Louis area has reminded everyone to take stock of their emergency preparedness. There are Red Cross tips available on line that can help save your perishables and keep your family healthy. You can also develop an emergency preparedness kit with info from The Red Cross website at [http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/0,1082,0\\_217\\_,00.html](http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/0,1082,0_217_,00.html) Tips on how to prevent or cope with blackouts are [http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/0,1082,0\\_133\\_,00.html](http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/0,1082,0_133_,00.html)

**SECTION ARES REPORT FOR JULY 2006 DON MOORE, KMØR SEC** Total # of ARES members: 723 Number of drills, tests and training this month: 92 Man hours: 671.5 Number of public service events this month: 4 Man hours: 190 Number of emergency operations this month: 12 Man hours: 218 Total number of ARES operations this month: 108 Total Man hours: 1089.5 Comments: 5 of 9 districts reporting

**SECTION TRAFFIC REPORTS FOR JULY 2006 DALE HUFFINGTON, AEØS, MON - CW** Sessions 51 QNI 60 QTC 29 NM K9ZTV MO Phone Sessions 31 QNI 625 QTC 72 NM NYØT MESN Sessions 5 QNI 162 QTC 3 NM AEØS Audrain AARC Sessions 4 QNI 64 QTC 0 NM KBØKWC Callaway CARL Sessions 3 QNI 28 QTC 0 NM WBØHKN Boone Co Sessions 4 QNI 57 QTC 1 NM WMØH Howell Co Sessions 7 QNI 39 QTC 0 NM KØRWL Jackson Co ARESR Sessions 5 QNI 64 QTC 0 NM KØUAA Macon Co Sessions 5 QNI 46 QTC 0 NM KØKY Rolla RRARS Sessions 31 QNI 530 QTC 15 NM NAØV WAARCI Sessions 5 QNI 130 QTC 0 NM KØDEC 10th Reg Sessions 62 QNI 96 QTC 87 MO 60 % with K9ZTV, WØSJS, WØSJS, NM WØSS

## **New England Division**

### **Connecticut**

Section Leadership: ASMs: N1FNE, K1STM, KY1F, NK1J, W1FXQ; Bulletin Manager KD1YV; Official Observer Coordinator W1GC; Public Information Coordinator K1SFA; Section Emergency Coordinator K1BRF; State Government Liaison K1MK; Section Traffic Manager K1HEJ; Technical Coordinator N1KHB. NEWS FLASH from SEC K1BRF! Highly Recommended - with Allen Pitts, W1AGP and Wayne Gronlund N1CLV: A CPTV Connecting Our Communities documentary produced in partnership with the Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security-- Premiere Broadcast was Tuesday, Aug. 15 at 8 p.m.; REPEAT Broadcasts: Friday, Aug. 18 at 9:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Aug. 23 at 8 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 3 at 1:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 11 p.m. It's been nearly 70 years since Connecticut was struck by a major hurricane – the legendary Hurricane of '38. Learn more about the Hurricane of '38 and out why meteorologists say the state is overdue for another tempest of that scale in the new documentary, Hurricane: Direct Hit, a one-hour documentary that shares the science and history of hurricanes in Connecticut. Hosted by meteorologist Art Horn, Hurricane: Direct Hit tells the history of how hurricanes have affected Connecticut in the past. The documentary also examines the steps that are being taken to prepare for future occurrences of those potentially devastating acts of nature. Summers are usually quiet but this one seems especially busy. In fact, I've started a calendar on the ARRL Section Page so let me know about additions or corrections and do check it often. Your leaders are very busy planning for the Fall activities like the annual Simulated Emergency Test (date to be announced real soon) and the ARES "go kit" display at the Nutmeg Ham Fest Sunday, October 8—don't miss it! Tables are selling fast so sign up early—go to <http://www.nutmeghamfest.com> for details. PIC Khrystyne, K1SFA and DEC Dave, K1DAV spoke about Amateur radio and ARES on the local cable television channel heard by many in the lower Naugatuck Valley. Thank you for your time and effort to spread the word about the service of Amateur

Radio. Participating in PR activities is fun but it takes a good deal of preparation. About 40 ARES volunteers participated in The Tour of Litchfield Hills under the leadership of DEC Dave Hyatt, K1DAV. Coordinating this event involved many hours of detailed preparation. A big thank you to Dave and all those who assisted. The call for help went out and once again, you came through—we're a team! And speaking of help, EC George N1YAE needs your help for the Firemen's Parade in Derby on Sunday, September 17. He needs about 10 volunteers so please support this event—the parade marks the end of the State Firemen's Convention. Contact George by email: [n1yae@arrl.net](mailto:n1yae@arrl.net). Thanks. The CARA Ham Fest is also on that date at the Edmund Town Hall Newtown so don't miss it! ASM Anne Marie, K1STM is scheduling operators for the exhibit at The Eastern States Exposition September 15-October 1. It really is fun to participate—The Big E is the largest fair in the East and hosts thousands of visitors. You can help out by contacting Anne at [bige-W1E@allbraille.com](mailto:bige-W1E@allbraille.com). DEC Wayne, N1CLV and AEC Chris, KB1FUO gave a talk about ARES and Chris's experience helping out with the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina at a meeting of The Quarter Century Wireless Association. QCWA is an organization open to Amateur Radio operators who have been licensed for at least 25 years. If you are interested in becoming a member, contact president Al Cohen, W1FXQ, [w1fxq@arrl.net](mailto:w1fxq@arrl.net). Your Section Manager along with club presidents N1TUP of BEARS of Manchester and N2JBA of Berkshire ARC attended the New England Division cabinet meeting in Portland, Maine. Twice each year, Division Director Tom, K1KI hosts a meeting to which he invites club presidents, assistant directors and Section managers. Tom holds these meetings to get input from the group about upcoming topics expected to come up at the Board meeting. It was wonderful to see so many of you at the NARL ham fest in June and at the picnic in July. Mark and Doris Spencer, WB8SME and KF6QKL were also on hand so it was fun to say hello and visit. Mark is the director of the ARRL's Education and Technology Project and happened to be in Newington teaching middle and high school teachers about wireless technology and how they can implement this technology into the classroom. For more information on this project, contact Mark WB8SME email [wb8sme@arrl.org](mailto:wb8sme@arrl.org) or visit <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/tbp/>. The RASOn Ham Fest was held on August 12 which I missed unfortunately because I was out of the Section attending a gathering of NTS operators who handle "through traffic" on the Eastern Area Net and visiting family. Will try my best to make it next year. I sure hope that many of you will be coming to The New England Division Ham Fest in just one week on August 25-27. If you want to take the FEMA Course Intro to the Incident Management System, you can do that on Friday. Attend a workshop Friday afternoon given by Eastern Mass. SEC Rob, KD1CY. Attend the ARES forum on Saturday; the DX dinner on Friday night and have fun—it's a good show folks—see <http://www.boxboro.org>.

## **Rhode Island**

Greetings Fellow Rhode Islanders: Our New England ARRL Convention is held every two years. This year, it takes place on August 25, 26 and 27. If you can only spare one day in your busy schedule, the clear choice is Saturday, the 26th when most programs take place. Check out the planned events on the convention website at [www.boxboro.org](http://www.boxboro.org) to help prioritize your day. Driving directions are available on that same website. See you all there. Our long awaited brand new RI website is now ready to accept guests. Please go to [www.arrlri.org](http://www.arrlri.org) and enjoy what you find there. There are forums, news, ARES info, links and more new things just about every day. Our STM, Mark Titterington W1EOF has worked long and hard, building this site for us to use. Of course, it is still under construction but Mark has made it interesting for us to go navigating around. A great many thanks to you, Mark as well as to Hamnutz.com, our website hosting company. It is named "ARRL RI SECTION" so there's no doubt that we've done this as a service to our ARRL members in Rhode Island. W1EOF's design and support work has entirely been generously donated but unavoidable costs such as domain registration and hosting is paid by my RI ARRL budget and offered as a service to its members. Non members of ARRL and Amateurs from outside RI are most welcome to take part in our forums, news sections, links, downloads, etc. An ARRL membership number will never be required in the registration process. I'd simply like to remind all users that ARRL members through their dues have enabled the website to be

here. For those who decide to join ARRL and share our cost, a prominent ARRL logo on the main page will identify how to access a membership application. You may submit it on-line or if you prefer, a printable application will be available for you to mail. As I said, membership will never be required to join the fun but without ARRL members paying the bill, we wouldn't have this website at all. The forum titled "DXing with Bob" is my little contribution. It is intended as a place for anyone to share DX stories and comments. It is not a pulpit for me to bore you with speeches or fish stories about DX. You don't even have to be a DXer to jump in and post something. The annual local RIFMRS Flea Market and Auction will take place at the Forestdale VFW Post on Saturday, September 16. Flea tables are available from k1kyi@arrl.net. Rain or shine, activity starts as soon as people arrive, usually shortly after 7AM. Coffee, donuts and hot dogs will be sold at reasonable prices. Auction action usually takes place about noon. This is the only fundraiser that the owners of popular repeaters such as 146.76, 146.94, 223.76, 443.850 and 447.425 have to support and repair the repeaters so many of you use. As regular repeater folks know, the Scituate 146.76 repeater had been off the air with antenna problems for some time and only recently reappeared using a temporary antenna. More on this is included in the RIFMRS report below. This repeater group, contrary to popular belief, has never been associated in any way with any club. Quoting excerpts from a larger summary report supplied by Pete, AA1PL, RIFMRS Board member, "After considerable debate and unsuccessful searching for an alternate site, it was decided to stay at the current site, although access to the antennas is still a major problem. We recently hired a bucket truck and temporarily installed a new antenna for 76 at the 60 foot level, much lower than the original height. Although the repeater is back on the air, we realize that the coverage is diminished somewhat. Our immediate plans are to install new antennas and feedlines for both 146.76 and 447.425 at the top of the tower and to have a dual band antenna at the 60 foot level as a backup. This involves hiring a professional tower company and/or a crane service. In addition, we are likely going to be relocating the 146.94 and the 223.76 repeaters from Lincoln to Cumberland very soon, which will also involve tower work. We would also like to replace the 146.94 repeater with newer equipment since the existing repeater is quite old. All of these projects are expensive and require lots of time from our volunteers. We deeply appreciate any and all financial support from anyone who is able to contribute and we thank everyone for their patience. Please don't forget our newest repeater, AA1PL/R on 443.850 (PL 141.3) in Exeter, RI which has great coverage of southern RI, but is also workable from many northern RI and southeastern MA locations. It is linked into the 444.350 W1ACT repeater in Fall River and it will be linked into our 447.425 repeater in Scituate once it returns to service." Thanks to news reporting efforts of Allen Baton, W1AAB, we wish to inform you of the passing of KA1OTO, Martha Whatley of Warwick. Martha was XYL of Mert Whatley, WI1T (KA1OTP) for forty two years. She became a Silent Key on July 22nd. News was relayed on to ARRL and will appear in QST's Silent Key column. We all wish you our sincere sympathies, Mert. I also wish to report news of the loss of a personal friend and a great friend of CW. A truly golden fist and wonderful gentleman, Jack McElwain, W5SVZ of Dallas, TX passed away on August 8th at the age of 79. He was on his roof, working on a dipole when he was stricken. In proper procedure, so typical of Jack, he was safety belted and secured. Responding EMTs had to work on him while he was still secured on his roof before lowering him to the ground but it failed to save him. I had the pleasure of being able to call Jack my friend and shall surely miss joking with him and seeing his perpetual smile. Soon, ARRL will be offering a very attractive money saving deal for hams-to-be. ARRL is offering a learning tool at a bargain price to all those interested in becoming licensed. This fall, a newbie will be able to complete his or her Technician class license training online. Registration includes the brand-new ARRL Ham Radio License Manual, a one year ARRL membership and graduate support. It's all 100% guaranteed by ARRL. The discounted price is only \$69. This is about half of what this same items sold for earlier this year. For more information and to register for Online Course EC-010, visit [www.arrl.org/cce](http://www.arrl.org/cce). The Providence Journal ran a series of articles and reports discussing how ill prepared Rhode Island might be for the hurricane season. The series was titled "Ready or Not" and on each day from July 16th through the 22nd, a different aspect of emergency preparedness was covered. Monday's issue was titled "Communications" and gave a very complete summary of issues that officials are facing and measures they have undertaken to address the

needs of the public. Much has been done to improve the status of communications in RI as well as how Amateurs are now an integral ingredient in local and state EMA and EOC plans. This had never been the case in the past, as far as I know. We thank our SEC Sean Brennan KE1AB and his team of ECs for his diligent work in supporting such a change in our ARES supported Em Comm role. Great work, Sean. My third full term as your Section Manager started July 1st. I've been proud of the trust you've placed in asking me to serve you since I took the post in January, 2001. It has honestly been an honor for me and I wish to thank you. However, due to family health issues, I must seriously consider not being a candidate for another term beyond this one, ending in 2008. If possible of course, I'd like to run again but I must face the very real possibility that I won't be able to. 73 until next month, Bob Beaudet W1YRC

## **Vermont**

Dear Vermont Radio Amateur: Okay, so it's been a while since I sent you a Monthly Section News Summary: six months to be exact. I've been in a little of a writing slump – my apologies. To catch up, I'd like to recognize the newer appointees of the Vermont ARRL Field Organization. Everybody is doing a great job, and I could not run the Section without them. Here (in no particular order) are the Hams that have taken appointments in the last year: Randy Horn N1SP OO 01-12-2006. Randy is very happy with this new low-key appointment. Tim Bell KA1ZQX DEC for District 8 – Windham County 03-14-2006. Tim is back in this position after a tour of duty overseas. John Borichevsky N1TOX EC for Guilford 03-14-2006. John filled in as DEC while Tim was away. Barb Tallman KB1LIF NM for Kingdom Weather Net 07-05-2006. Barb along with her son Jerry, are doing a great job with the Net. Bob Allen KB1FRW EC for Richmond 09-30-2005. Bob was actually EC before this date, but did not get entered into the database at first. Jane English KD6PCE EC for Cabot 02-07-2006. Jane is a displaced Californian, and will be heading up our S.E.T. this fall. Avi Freund K1AKF PIO for CVARC 05-15-2006. Avi and I felt that switching from EC was a better fit. Ron Gauthier N1LDT DEC for District One 12-30-2005. Ron stepped in to Bob Brown's old shoes when he became SEC. Ed Guild W1OKH EC for Essex Junction 01-23-2006. Ed is very active in local Nets and ARES. Bob Hawke K1LAX EC for Colchester 01-23-2006. Bob is a big supporter of ARES. Zach Manganello K1ZK EC for Montpelier 08-17-2005. A full time student, Zach has an Echolink Node at his QTH. Bob Brown W4YFJ SEC for the whole Vermont Section. Bob is doing a terrific job in this position. A.J. Murray N1ZWL ASM 10-25-2005. A.J. represents the Civil Air Patrol in this position. John Stephenson, JR N1NRA EC for Bristol 01-23-2006. John is a long time supporter of ARES and sold me my first TNC. Mitch Stern W1SJ PIO for RANV 05-15-2006. Mitch had been basically doing this for years, so it was a great fit. Bob Stewart N1NCT DEC for District Four - Windsor County 06-23-2006. Bob, an active ARES member took over for long time DEC Richard Pierce N1JSG. Mike Gruteke K3BRJ DEC for District Two 10-03-2005. An EC since 1996, Mike is very enthusiastic about his new duties. Here is a key to what those abbreviations mean: OO = Official Observer. EC = Emergency Coordinator. DEC = District Emergency Coordinator. PIO = Public Information Officer. SEC = Section Emergency Coordinator. ASM = Assistant Section Manager. NM = Net Manager. Some of these appointments were announced here last October, but were worth mentioning again. Leaving us this year is Bruce Bennett KB1HWB. Bruce was the Net Manager for the Kingdom Weather Net, but had to step down for health reasons. Randy Horn N1SP is leaving his appointment as DEC for District Five - Bennington County on October 1 for personal reasons. Randy has held this position since December 2002 and has made great progress with ARES in the county. I would like to thank all of these appointees and others not mentioned here for all their hard work and dedication to the hobby. I really appreciate it. Field Day came and went this past June. I had a lot of fun. How about you? This event is so great because you can learn so much from it. At RANV, I managed to put time in at the CW Tent, Phone Tent, VHF Station, Satellite Station, and copied the Field Day Message in RTTY. I wandered home for a little sleep on Saturday night, but didn't sleep a wink. I was too pumped up for my overnight shift in the CW tent. Where else can you get this much Ham Radio Fun in one weekend? Because our club was a little short on staff, I was not able to visit other clubs around the state. However, Jane English KD6PCE

represented me, and made stops at TSARC, WRRC, SOVARC, GMWS, and CVARC. She almost made it to ACARA in Addison, but decided against it after dinner because of fatigue and a blown headlamp. Still she covered more ground than I have in previous years. Thank you Jane! Several clubs have participated in various events over the summer. I'm sorry that I have not been recognizing your efforts these past few months, but besides the writing slump, I've been very busy at home. However, these events, large and small, help prepare us to provide communications during times of disaster or other emergencies. They keep the less active Hams familiar with their rig's features, and capabilities. We all get to know each other a little better. We hone our listening and communication skills in the process. Keep up the efforts folks, and keep those batteries charged at all times. Here is the May Vermont Net Report: Submitted by Bert Morton W1DFU Section Traffic Manager  
NAME/SESSIONS/QNI/QTC/MINUTES/MGR VPEN 4/17/0/117 WA1DLA GMN 27/501/20/1667  
N1HXC VTNH 31/144/67/328 W1DFU Bennington County ARES NET 5/56/1/128 N1RRW CVAN  
5/27/0/80 WA1LIE CVFMN 4/74/3/234 W1AAT ARES D-6 5/34/0/13 N1UKK DEC ARES NEK  
5/9/0/65 K3BRJ UWVAN 5/20/0/74 Take care, and 73

## **Northwestern Division**

### **Montana**

Well, here it is another August. Hot weather has dominated our days over the past 3 weeks. Resulting fires have kept many of our members busy in supporting roles on fire crews and comm units at many locations. Bill, K7MT, Byron NN8A and Jeff, AA7GK are three of the Leaders who work hard providing quality communications for the fire containment efforts. Great job guys! Glacier Hamfest was another great success. The third weekend of July was a good time to be on site at the gathering. Our attendance was down some this year, but most feel that was due to increased difficulty crossing the US Border along with higher fuel prices. At any rate, it was an enjoyable time again this year. Congrats to Ken, W7GMC and his crew for putting this all together. We continue to have thin backup support for our Traffic Net in the evenings. Alternate NCS ops still needed. Please stand behind our nets and keep that traffic rolling. We serve an important function in the National Traffic System that has served our country for so many years. IMN-W5UYH, QNI-509, QTC-89 MTN-KD7HWV, QNI-1850, QTC-39 MSN-K7LMT, QNI-98 73 to all Doug, K7YD

### **Oregon**

Wecome to my second report. I am working on some presentations about what the ARRL does and how the Oregon Section is organized. The Colorado and Michigan section manager's sent me presentations they use that I am customizing for Oregon. I will be attending the section manager workshop at the ARRL at the end of September and will learn a lot more about the ARRL activities then. September has been designated as National Preparedness Month and September 16 is Amateur Radio Public Awareness Day. The only activity planned that I have heard about so far is that Marion County ARES is having all their members bring their 72-hour packs to the meeting that month. More information can be obtained at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov). This year the focus will be family emergency preparedness. It is especially important to think about preparedness for your pets, senior citizens and individuals with disabilities and special needs. I am busy working with Dean Davis KL7OR on the section website. As soon as it is ready I will send an email out to the section with a link to the site and it will also be linked to from the section page of the ARRL site. It will be a very good and informative site. I am looking forward to making it available to you and plan to keep it up-to-date with the help of many of you. If you are reading the ARRL messages, you will know that the FCC is suspending the amateur licenses of individuals who do not maintain a current mailing address. Those that have been suspended are individuals who were sent an enforcement message that was returned to the FCC. I think there are a lot of people out there who

don't update their mailing address in a timely manner when they move. If yours is not up-to-date, please get it updated. The date of the Sea-Pac convention for 2007 has been changed from the date we were given at the 2006 convention. Apparently there were a lot of people who didn't like having it on Father's Day or having it so close to field day. In 2007 the convention will be June 1, 2, and 3. In 2008 it will be May 30, 31 and June 1. In 2009 it will be June 5, 6, and 7 and in 2010 it will be June 4, 5, and 6. If you have already made your hotel reservations, you will want to get those changed as well as update your calendar. For more information visit the Sea-Pac website at [www.seapac.org](http://www.seapac.org). For those interested in VHF activities beyond life on a repeater, the Pacific Northwest VHF Society 2006 conference will be held in Bellingham, Washington on September 29 to October 1. You won't see me there because I will be at the Section Manager workshop. I am continuing to work on promoting communications from the section throughout the entire state. Phil Hawkins KC7KI has agreed to assist on the east side as a geographical assistant section manager. Some of you have probably already heard from him and more will be hearing from him as he tries to learn more about the activities around that region. I am looking for geographical assistants for central and southern Oregon. I was also tentatively looking for two for Eastern Oregon, but it sounds like Phil wants to cover a larger region than just NE Oregon, so that side of the state may be handled. If you are interested or have recommendations for more assistants, please let me know. I will be scheduling trips around the state to visit your clubs as soon as summer vacations are over and everyone is back into a normal flow of activities. I have my APRS tracker together, so when I visit your club, you can watch my progress on your APRS map and make sure I don't get lost. My plan for the geographical assistants is that they will keep me informed of activities and concerns in their part of the state, provide me with information for the monthly SM report on activities, help all section leaders recruit appointees from their region, and communicate information to clubs on my behalf. If anyone is interested in promoting youth activities statewide, I would like to hear from you and find out what your ideas are. We had a fun park exercise in Yamhill County recently, coordinated by Dale Hunt WB6BYU. Each team was given UTM coordinates to locate, which was a park somewhere in the county. When we found the location, we set up a battery powered station and portable antenna and contacted each other on 2 meter simplex and HF. A young girl and her little brother were at the park where I was setting up my station. She was very curious about what we were doing and thought being able to talk to people all over the world sounded like a lot of fun. She thought the code sounded like it would be fun to learn also. The Opal Creek Ancient Forest Center is interesting in having an Oregon ham club use its facility at Jawbone Flats for Field Day next year. They are off the grid and developing about 12 KW with a water wheel. Although there are cabins available to rent, that is optional. The club can camp around the field day site if they wish. If the group is interested in hosting a ham radio clinic that weekend, Opal Creek will publish the information in their catalog. For more information see [www.opalcreek.org](http://www.opalcreek.org) or contact Tom Atiyeh K7TLM. We have one new appointee to the Amateur Auxiliary program. Marsh Johnson KK7CW successfully passed the OO exam and has joined the group of official observers. On July 11th, ARES District 1 counties conducted their connectivity test with the state OEM. Many of their counties used that exercise to conduct additional training for their unit. David Kidd KA7OZO, Clackamas County EC reported that they included no-notice training of county ARES personnel and activated as many served agency locations as possible. They had 51 stations check into their county net on 147.12 MHz, activated 21 served agency locations, contacted 4 D-1 counties on 2 meters, contacted 2 counties outside of D-1, and contacted 3 counties on HF. August 15th was the connectivity test for District 2. Wasco County and Klamath County checked in with OEM on HF. Deschutes County ARES participated in fire support, headed up by AEC Bill Miller KJ7GQ since the EC was called out by the Fire Marshall. They manned a net control, two shelters and an assistant to the Red Cross Disaster Director. Eight members participated between July 25 and August 1. During July, 4 active official observers reported 354 observer hours. NTS Station Activity for July 2006: W7IZ 159, K7PMB 140, N7YSS 120, N7CM 113, W7IG 98, K7EAJ 80, KD7ZLF 75, W7VSE 49, KC7SRL 34, N7DRP 30, WS7L 26, N7APE 6, AB7X 4. Public Service Honor Roll for July 2006: K7EAJ 265, N7CM 260, KK7TN 129, W7IG 110, N7YSS 110, KL7OR 110, KD7THV 107, W7VSE 97, KK1A 90, KD7ZLF 90, N7DRP 70. That is about it for this month. I will be sending out a supplemental email in a

few days with reports from a couple other section leaders. Bonnie Altus AB7ZQ, Oregon Section Manager

## **Western Washington**

District 1, Bill W7ARC says that there were no reports for Whatcom or Snohomish Counties this month. Skagit County reports, Bob, WB7WOW represented Bill, W7ARC at the WWA DEC meeting at Camp Murray, W7EMD on 29 July. Island County reports a busy month. Five members provided communications for the July 4th parade in Oak Harbor. Eleven members helped to provide communications for the Island Country Pony trials. Mike Simmons from the DEM office provided IS-100 training for the Team at the quarterly meeting. District 2, Russ, K7INA reports Jefferson County ARES participated in the EOC-to-EOC drill. They have implemented a Winlink2K capability at the EOC and plan to roll it out to selected locations in the remainder of the county. Clallam County ARES provided training to 21 members on personal safety and preparedness at the monthly meeting. Three members attended a tabletop exercise operated by Clallam County DEM staff on July 25th. Attendees were able to observe how the EOC is set up and how it will operate in an emergency. Thirteen members of CCARES participated in a mini-drill on July 26th. The drill centered on the EOC in Port Angeles, Forks Hospital and Clallam County Fire District #3 in Sequim. Most members operated from home and sent messages using form 213-ICS. Voice and packet modes were used on VHF/UHF and voice traffic was passed on HF, 75 meters, 3.983 MHz. Kitsap County ARES started the month by providing service communications to the huge Rotary auction on Bainbridge Island followed by supporting the Kingston 4th of July parade. Near the end of the month, support was also provided to the Tour de Kitsap bicycle tour. The month ended with the EOC-to-EOC drill where they tested a new installation in Hansville and its ability to communicate with various area commands as well as the ability to communicate with Jefferson and Clallam counties. They sadly report that Dr. Stephen Gates, W7SG became a silent key. Steve was 54. District 3 Duane, WB7ROZ reports District 3 held its quarterly meeting in Montesano. The Mason County team had a great time at the Mason County Fair. They sent and received radiograms, had some QSOs with the Special Event Station, and found some bunnies during the bunny hunts. The Thurston County team participated in the Tumwater 4th of July Parade, coordinated the Olympia Lakefair Parade and participated in the statewide EOC drill. In District 4, Marc, KD7RYY reports that in Cowlitz County Connie KB7AYY attended the LEPC meeting where she learned about JWARN, a modeling program for tabletop exercises. In preparation for the Cowlitz County Fair, Judi KD7GZR, contacted the National Weather Service in Portland to see if they could provide informational handouts. They sent a package that contained a weather radio, rain gauge and a number of handouts. In Clark County the team leaders and assistants met to discuss the July exercise and plan for the September and October meetings. The July 17th exercise went very well with Teams at the Camas EOC, a Red Cross Shelter, the new Vancouver police East Precinct, the VA, the new Ridgefield/LaCenter Fire station EOC, the Clark County EOC, and the Red Cross Headquarters. Each station sent and received messages via the 440 and 220 repeaters as well as simplex and packet radio. 43 members participated. They participated in the EOC to EOC on July 29th from both the Clark County and Camas EOC's. District 5, Mark, W7BBO reports they supported the Vashon Island Strawberry Festival, FEMA Search Dog Certifications, City of Lakewood Festival, Pierce County Sheriff evidence search, EOC-EOC drill and a Pierce County Sheriff search and rescue mission. District 6, Kirk, N7UK reports a monthly meeting with the North Bend team at Valley Camp to have a combined Field Day review. For the EOC drill this month they did a combined Ham/CERT exercise to test the effectiveness of their plans to use FRS radios to facilitate communications between CERT teams and for contacting Hams to relay messages back to Net Control and the EOC. While the exercise went well it was abundantly clear that FRS is definitely lacking in providing the sort of support we were expecting. They are looking into how we might incorporate GMRS radios with their higher power and also doing a more concerted training effort with the CERT teams to get their technician license. On Vashon Island they report relationships have improved between the Vashon FD and the emcomm team with the new fire chief. Their Comm trailer is

really working well and is getting some use. They are planning another licensing course this fall, including some young-uns. Vashon is having a community-wide disaster prep drill on Oct 21st in which they will participate. Meanwhile in Fire Dist. 40 they had an excellent training on fire department 101 for all members. District M, ASEC Marina, N7LSL reports that WB7OML, MST EC for King Co., participated in the ARECC Level 3 Train the Trainer course and is prepping to teach an L3 class later this month. She also reports the Planning Committee has begun preparations for the 2007 Communications Academy. The committee is utilizing ICS to plan the upcoming Academy - walking the talk... A number of team members around the region have participated in communications support for the parades, bike races and other special service events. Region 3 hospitals participated in a Communications exercise on July 7 and were supported by MST members in 5 counties.

## **Pacific Division**

### **East Bay**

I want to thank Jack, K6JEB and Chuck, K6DT for all their hard work with Field Day publicity for the section. They notified all print media and electronic media in the bay area of the various field day venues. The section clubs did get a number of media hits most notably the KCBS spot featuring the Oakland Radio Communications Association. Special Event Station W5O: The Fremont ARES group in conjunction with SBARA and the CERT Communications Group in Fremont will be staffing communications tents during the City of Fremont 50th Anniversary celebration: "Celebrate Fremont" on September 9th & 10th. PACIFICON 2006 will be on October 13th, 14th, and 15th - At the San Ramon Marriott - 2600 Bishop Drive San Ramon, CA 94583 PACIFICON is the ARRL's Pacific Division convention. Again, there will be great speakers, ham radio classes and testing open to the public. Technology forums will continue throughout the entire weekend! Once again, there will be a full weekend of activities for everyone. Plan ahead - reserve the date!! The Swap meet has been moved to Sunday morning to help ease the parking situation. Also planning to have many more forums and activities throughout the weekend. Members of the Alameda County Sheriff's Communications Team (ACSCT) and Amateur Radio Club of Alameda (ARCA) provided logistical communication support for the Alameda Mayor's 4th of July parade. Later that night the Comm Team was out supporting the AlCo Sheriff's Office fireworks suppression unit providing extra eyes and ears on the streets of unincorporated Alameda County communities. Members WS6V and NJ6T did spot a small grass fire erupting and notified dispatch the fire grew into a large fence fire and did get into a eucalyptus tree. The fire dept got there in time to knock the fire down before it could jump to the eaves/roof of a large apartment complex.. North Bay Amateur Radio Association (NBARA) and the Mare Island Museum are looking for experienced technicians familiar with vintage submarine electronics. The museum is reconstructing the control and command area of the USS Vallejo LARK reports that Vince Self, W6FAK became a SK last month. NTS Report Traffic activity report for July 2006 from WB6UZX: Orig 1 Recd 84 Sent 62 Deld 7 Total 154 PSHR July: 1/40 2/40 3/10 4/45 Total 135 Traffic Nets: NCN1: 3630 7PM • NCN2-SLOW SESSION: 3705 9PM • RN6: 3655 7:45pm & 9:30PM • PAN: 3651 7052 8:30PM. your check-ins are always welcome!!!

### **Nevada**

Nevada Section News Summary See the Nevada Section website at <http://nv.arrl.org> for the complete, unedited stories. August 17, 2006 - Note from your webmaster - Now that the primary election has passed, I'll have a little more time to devote to keeping up the NV Section website and visiting clubs. Keep in mind that the purpose of this website is to publicize the activities of Hams in the Nevada section. I can best do that when the clubs and also individuals Hams send me reports (to [wb6w@arrl.net](mailto:wb6w@arrl.net)) of what they are doing and what they are planning so I can report them here. It's free publicity for those who



submit news! - 73 de Glenn Thomas WB6W August 11, 2006 - ARES Monthly Report for July'06 SEC Summary - We're right in the middle of summer and with it fire season . I can only offer two comments on that. First, thank God that while we ve had a lot of fires, that they have not consumed homes and property, having been confined to open range land instead. Second, that our communicators have been ready, willing and able to help should the call come. Thank you all for your readiness. Most of what we have seen is a lot of weather related callouts and provision of service to NWS at points around the state. You will read of our activations in the district reports. Thanks too for our DEC's, ECs and AECs who are working hard to keep on top of these things. It's time to start thinking about our Pacific Division Convention, Pacificon, which will be held in San Ramon this October. You can find all the information including registration and hotel accomodations at their website: [www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org). Hopefully we will have a good representation from our section this year. Pacificon is also a great opportunity for Dick and I to meet with our counterparts and collect input and information from other sections which can be helpful in our efforts here at home. Please don't forget our weekly ARES HF Net, Saturday mornings at 0800 on 3965. Our Northeast DEC/ASM Joe Giraudo, N7JEH is net manager and does a fantastic job, but he gets lonely when there are only a few who check in. I have to admit that with car shows and vacations, I too have been unable to check in as much as I'd like, but that will change shortly. Since it's August now, we need to begin planning for our annual SET. I would like input from the DEC's for a scenario and how to embrace ALL modes of emergency operation this year, including HF, IRLP and packet. Hopefully we can design a great one that will teach us much in how to do our jobs better. Thanks everyone, and have a great month of August. Don Carlson, KQ6FM NV, SEC/PIC SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORT: A busy month here especially for Skywarn communicators. New efforts to improve paging coordination thanks to Jeff, KC7PK. Comms with Mohave County in Arizona improved. Activation plans using IRLP and other methods being developed especially between outlying areas and Las Vegas NWS. Members advised to monitor repeaters and be aware of surroundings when severe weather enters the area. Mosquito project finished in Pahrump. Activation for large thunderstorms in the area. Members checking on lightning strikes and potential flooding. Preparing for upcoming monsoon season. Esmeralda County monitors 7268.5 RV Net and Noon Region 7 Traffic Nets daily. Skywarn activated on July 7 and again on July 17 (by Vegas WFO for t.storms near Mojave), after Las Vegas WFO was struck by lightning and storms in forecast. KC7PK responding. Again on July 29 by Glenn Hale, KB7REO who acted as Net Control. Links were established and reports relayed from outlying areas. Two tests are planned this summer, one to focus on amateur radio's roll as backup for NWS, while the other will aim to improve coordinated Skywarn comms during an activation. Nice job everyone! Information submitted by Glenn Hale, KB7REO - DEC NORTHEAST DISTRICT REPORT: Several short-term activations due to the many wildfires this season. Over 400,000 acres this season. No Red Cross shelters have been opened, as the fires charred mostly open land. EARC provided comms for a high speed road race on US 93 between Wendover and Laggies Junction. VE team held a session on July 29 yielding 2 new hams. 147.27 Ellen D Mtn.repeater repaired and back up at full power. This completes links between Twin Falls, ID and Battle Mountain. A remote base in Idaho Falls sometime connects for traffic from Montana. This covers a major portion of US 93, a major travel route. Information submitted by Joe Giraudo, N7JEH - DEC NORTHWEST DISTRICT REPORT: Another busy month here also with Lyon County ARES assisting SAR at Lake Lahontan over 4th of July holiday period. New comm van there is proving to be helpful to the team. It acts as a relay point for use in remote areas. Missing person search brought the van out, and had it not been for the van, comms could have been impaired to the command center. A marine radio will be the next addition to it. High intensity electrical storm brought activity to NWS and activation which involved several counties including Washoe and others nearby. Skywarn station WX7RNO staffed by Dee Arnold, KA7LOZ-AEC to NWS. Bob Miller, WA6MTY has stepped into his new EC position and has hit the ground running. ARES planning meeting scheduled for early August. He has had several good meetings with various served agencies. Bob is off to a great start. Information submitted by Doug Abramson, KA7FOO DEC. July 26, 2006 - Federal legislation - It's time to take a look at how the Nevada congressional delegation has done with respect to bills that involve Amateur radio. Most of the details on the bills themselves and the

actions of the Nevada representatives are available via the "Pending Federal Legislation" button in the NV section website <http://nv.arrl.org>. The short answer to what they did is, not much. On August 16, 2005, your humble editor wrote all five representatives asking them to identify their position on the bills in question. Sen. Harry Reid was the only one who acknowledged the letter, though he didn't really answer the question. Nearly a year later, the other four have yet to be heard from. It is recommended that all radio Amateurs in Nevada consider these facts. Apparently S-2686 has been ordered to be reported out of committee "with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably." It looks like the Senate committee has reported their own bill out instead of doing anything with HR-5252. If so, and if the Senate passes S-2686, the issue will have to go to a joint committee for resolution. HR-5252 carried Congressional direction to the FCC to measure and carefully consider the interference potential of BPL. Apparently three Senate committee hearings have been held. A quick look at the Senate version of the bill suggests that the direction to the FCC vis-a-vis BPL has been deleted. Note that Nevada Senator Ensign is on the Senate committee that held the hearings. -30-

## **Pacific**

Please consider Joining the ARRL. The best deal is the Life membership. Please let me know of any concerns, needs & news. Reports are QST is back to its delayed delivery schedule. I guess the couple months of timely delivery we have recently enjoyed are gone again. Here is the updated list of ARRL affiliated clubs in the Pacific Section. Please note eight clubs do not have current annual reports on file. Two clubs have not renewed their Special Service Club status. There are many benefits to being affiliated with ARRL and even more to be one of the elite SSC. Forms for application, renewal and updating are on the ARRL web site. Report Date Club Name Annual Report SSC? 2006-07 Kohala Hamakua Radio Club (KHRC) Newly affiliated club 2006-06-30 Marianas ARC, Hagatna, GU OK No 2006-06-22 Big Island ARC, Hilo, HI OK 06/04 Expired 2006-02-28 Kauai ARC, Kapaa, HI OK No 2006-01-30 Koolau ARC, Kailua, HI OK 01/08 OK 2006-01-24 Honolulu ARC, Aiea, HI OK No 2006-01-17 Pacific Radioamateur Transmitting Society, Kaneohe, HI OK 02/07 OK 2005-09-19 Hawaii DX Assc., Hilo, HI OK No 2005-03-01 Kona AR Society-Kailua Kona, HI OK No \*\*\*\*\* 2004-11-16 Emergency ARC, Honolulu, HI Expired 01/98 Expired 2004-02-04 Hilo ARC, Hilo, HI Expired No 2004-02-04 Hawaii QRP Club, Hilo, HI Expired No 2003-01-10 Maui ARC, Kahului, HI Expired No 2002-10-04 Honolulu Dx Club, Honolulu, HI Expired No 2002-10-04 Iolani School RC, Kailua, HI Expired No 2002-10-04 Samoa ARA Inc, Pago Pago, AS Expired No 2002-10-04 Moloka'i ARA, Kualapuu, HI Expired No Hawaii International Hamfest at Waimea (Kamuela) on October 21. See the BIARC website for details. If you are an ARRL member there are several free E-mail notifications options. These include one button "stop all" for when you are on a trip, notification of membership & license expiration, ARRL letter, Contest rate sheet, ARES newsletter, Director & SM news, W1AW bulletins of several types and special announcements. Go to Members only and select "Member Data Page" to sign up or change your options. E-Mail forwarding service is also available but be aware that it increases the chance of getting SPAM. Gary Ting, AH6GL, has sent an inquiry about needing help for some Boy Scouts to get their Radio Merit badge (possibly other badges) and amateur Radio License. The sessions will be at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Kaneohe, Oahu. Contact him at 471-0069. On July 29 BIARC members helped support the Volcano Rim Run with communications. At the last BIARC meeting on August 12th, Walter Hughes spoke on his experiences as a WW2 bomber pilot. He still fits in his original uniform. On August 9th the VE team for our newest ARRL affiliated club KHRC gave exams and reported a 100% pass rate. Kona ARS now meets on the third Sunday of each month at 2PM. Let us again look at the Amateur Radio Code. A Ham is Considerate, Loyal, Progressive, Friendly, Balanced and Patriotic. "Friendly" means welcoming new people and treating everyone with respect. One of the quickest ways to make an enemy is to criticize someone in public. The rule is praise in public, correct in private. This may seem trivial however one club in Hawaii broke up because of bad feelings. 73, Bob Schneider, AH6J Pacific SM

## Sacramento Valley

The HOT weather has eased up, at least for a few days. We have been lucky so far as there have been no major fires that lasted for days or weeks, so let us hope that it will continue. Several ARES groups have been alerted, especially those along the Sierra Nevada Mountains but no long time operations. Dave, K6SOJ, keeps the ARES groups on their toes and ready to run. New Emergency Coordinators have been appointed; Ken Voge, W6KWV for El Dorado County and Bob Nelson, K6NSN, for Plumas County. We thank those who served previously and those about to serve. Alex, KR6G, has been appointed as an Official Emergency Station and as a Official Relay Station. He resigned as an Emergency Coordinator, after several years of service. Thanks to all of the ARRL appointees for their help. SILENT KEYS: Forest Bartlett, W6AOWP, of Paradise is now a SK. Bart was a neighbor of mine, years ago, in Belmont. He transmitted Code Practice and CW Qualifying runs for the ARRL. He was also a pioneer in developing Radio Teletype. He was 92 years old. Also Dee Cloyd, W6DEE, of Igo was reported as a SK. RIVER CITY CONTESTERS: A party was held to celebrate the Passing of the legendary club. (SK). A final meeting and a Bar-B-Q to disburse the remaining funds was held at the QTH of Bill, K6NO, and Carolyn, K8TFR. Several years the club won a gavel for winning the ARRL Sweepstakes, for small clubs. They have been inactive for the past few years. In attendance were 3 former Section Communications Managers - now Section Manager - Jay, W6GO, Norm, N6JV, Jettie, W6RFF. FCC: If you move or have moved be sure you send in a change of address to the FCC. They have recently suspended several licenses for not having a current mailing address listed. You can update or renew your file on the internet, or if you are an ARRL member, HQ will do it for you free. CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR: The Amateur Radio Emergency Volunteers will have a Special Event Station set up at the Fair on August 26, from 10 am until 10 pm, one day only. They will operate HF and VHF. Listen for them on 14250, 7250 KHz and 146.520, 147.555, 147.195- /123.0 and 147.255 136.5 MHz/Hz. This is one of their annual projects. NORTH HILLS RC: The club will hold a What Is Amateur Radio? event at the Southside Park in Sacramento on September 16, 2006, 9am until 4 pm. The one day demonstration of the different modes of amateur radio and the operation of different equipment will be open to the public with hopes to make the public more aware of ham radio. K6IS will be looking for contacts, to demonstrate the equipment. The Red Cross Mobile Radio Van will be on display. Contacts for this event are: Kim, KE6RKX at 916 417 4864 or Carl, WF6J at 916 366 7408. Their website is [www.k6is.org](http://www.k6is.org). DX CLUSTER: Chuck, K6PBT, announced the DX cluster, including RF and Telenet DX cluster are being shut down. He wishes to thank everyone who provided input and support over the past 10 years. DX: Two new entities have been announced by the ARRL DXCC. They are the country of Montenegro, using aYU6 and 4O3 prefix. This country just voted to be separated from Yugoslavia. The other is Swains Island, part of American Samoa and using a KH8SI prefix. More information can be found on the ARRL's web pages - [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org). TAHOE ARA: The annual Death Ride, an all day bicycle ride through the Sierra Nevada Mountains had communications provided by members of TARA. This is a very strenuous ride to altitudes of 7-8000 feet. Coordinators for the event were Jo Ann Paul, N7MBM and Dick Young, KD7JMR. The group also provided communications for the America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride, a 12 hour event around Lake Tahoe. Coordinator was KD7JMR. Their annual Bar-B-Q will be held at the Zephyr Cove Library area on September 9. AMADOR COUNTY ARC: The club will help with communications for the 20th annual Emigrant Trail Bike Trek, which benefits the Breathe California (Lung Association). This three day event will be held September 8 through 10. The club will also sponsor another Ham Cram Technician License course on the 23rd of September, at the Jackson Senior Center. For more information, on either event contact Ray Parker, ND6S, at 209 267 5958 or [nd6sarri@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nd6sarri@sbcglobal.net). The class requires prior studying of the New ARRL Ham Radio License Manual and/or ARRL's Tech Q and A, which are for exams after July 1, 2006. Ray is ACARC's President. MLDXCC AND NCCC: the Mother Lode DXCC and the Northern California Contest Club held their annual lunch and meetings in Jackson. The turn-out was low, mainly because of the high temperature that weekend, 115 degree in Roseville. About 30 hams enjoyed a buffet/pot luck lunch, short meeting and a presentation of a video on the recent dxpedition to Kure Island, in the Pacific west

of Hawaii. This was a well organized and interesting operation. Alan Eshleman, K6SRZ, was the moderator for the program, as well as being a member and doctor for the expedition. NETS: The Sacramento Valley Section Net meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm on 146.085 MHz, PL 127.3 Hz and at 7:30 pm on 3987 KHz. There are other nets, dealing mostly with emergency communications, at 7:30 pm on 3987 KHz, each Wednesday evening. NCN - Northern California traffic net meet twice each evening. At 7 pm on 3630 KHz and the slow speed training net meets at 9 pm on 3705 KHz. CLUBS – nearly all the section clubs hold weekly VHF nets. Club meetings are an excellent place to get information if you are having trouble or need help in understanding a particular problem. Join Up! Over half of the year has gone by and we are approaching the Contest season, so if you are a contester or DXer, you had better get those rigs tuned up and the antennas repaired (including myself). Also stay prepared for the remains of the fire season and then the winter rains and snow. There is always a chance an ARES group will be needed to help out. Be Prepared. MISC: It has been 17 years since I was first elected as your Section Manager. Also I served 4 years as SCM (SM) in the Santa Clara Valley Section as well as 2 years as the Pacific Division Vice Director. Because of my wife's medical problems and my age I feel I need to give up the position, probably at the end of the year. The replacement should have full knowledge of what the position entails and be well informed on the American Radio Relay League and the Federal Communications Commission. The SM reports directly to ARRL HQ, but is also an advisor and cabinet member for the Division Director. The ability to travel to club meetings during the week is a plus. Information on the SM's job description can be found on the ARRL's web pages, [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org). You should be prepared to spend several hours a week on ARRL related items, have internet and email access. For now keep cool, but be prepared. 73, Jettie, W6RFF .-.-.-.-

## **San Joaquin Valley**

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for the month of July 2006: 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. An Emergency Coordinator is needed in Merced County. Contact N6ZFN ([n6zfn@bak.rr.com](mailto:n6zfn@bak.rr.com)) or W6DPD ([w6dpd@arrl.org](mailto:w6dpd@arrl.org)) if you can help. Mark your calendars.. September is National Preparedness Month. The San Joaquin Valley ARS presents the Harvest HamConVention Sept 15-16 in Fresno. Check [www.sjvars.com](http://www.sjvars.com) for information. Amateur Radio Awareness Day is Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006. The annual Turlock ARC Auction will be September 30, 2006. Check [www.w6bxn.org](http://www.w6bxn.org) for information. The 2006 California QSO Party is October 7-8. Check [www.cqp.org](http://www.cqp.org) for information. Pacificon 06 will be October 13-15, 2006 at the San Ramon Marriott. Check [www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org) for information. The Scout Jamboree on the Air is October 21, 2006. The International DX Convention is April 27-29, 2007 at Visalia. Check <http://www.dxconvention.org/> for information. EMCOMM West is May 4-6, 2007 at the Atlantis Resort and Casino in Reno NV. Check [www.emcommwest.org](http://www.emcommwest.org) for information. Field Day 2007 is the fourth full weekend of June. 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. If you fail to update your club's information for 2 years, your club will be placed in the inactive file. Need to take an Amateur exam? Check the ARRL web page, [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) for exam information. You can also search for Amateur Radio Classes in your area. 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. The California Traffic Net meets daily on 3.906 MHz and 6:30 PM local time. The California QSO Party, CQP, is October 7-8, 2006. This is a good opportunity to put your county on the air and be sought out by stations across the United States and around the world that are participating in the party. The Northern California Contest Club has a great award program for participating stations. Check out [www.cqp.org](http://www.cqp.org) for information. It is my sad duty to report that KE6DK, KF6VCD, WA6KCQ, and WA6CVL are Silent Keys. They will be missed. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security for the third year is sponsoring

National Preparedness Month which is a nationwide effort held each September to encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. This year's goals are to increase public awareness about the importance of family emergency preparedness and to urge individuals to make themselves and their loved ones better prepared. National Preparedness Month is a nationwide effort held each September to encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. This year's goals are to increase public awareness about the importance of family emergency preparedness and to urge individuals to make themselves and their loved ones better prepared. More than 200 organizations including ARRL are members of the coalition promoting National Preparedness Month. Amateur Radio Awareness Day is sponsored by ARRL and is September 16. This is a good opportunity for your club to set up an Amateur Station in a shopping center parking lot to demonstrate Amateur Radio to the public. This is in the middle of National Preparedness Month. The Sequoia Amateur Radio Group is a new club in Lake Isabella. Officers are pres W6PAJ, vp KC6OCA, secy KC6RIZ and treas KA6IYS. Check [www.sarg-krv.org](http://www.sarg-krv.org) for information. Welcome to the SJV. SJV stations active in the ARRL International Phone DX Contest placed as follows. First was WC6H operated by NU6S, N6EE was second and N6NZ was third. OH8X operated by OH8NC won the World 14 MHZ plaque sponsored by the Central California DX Club. Congrats to W6YDE on qualifying for DXCC, to W6YWH and WA6SZE on achieving the Top of the DXCC Honor Roll. W6FRH qualified for numerous Worked All States Awards through QSO matches on Log Book of the World. Traffic for July: W6DPD 2, K6RAU 16, and N6SUZ 103; Total 121. PSHR: K6RAU 59 N6SUZ 100.

## **Santa Clara Valley**

SANTA CLARA VALLEY: SM, Bill Dale, [n2rhv@arrl.org](mailto:n2rhv@arrl.org), -- ASM, SEC/DEC Santa Clara Larry Carr, KE6AGJ, [KE6AGJ@arrl.net](mailto:KE6AGJ@arrl.net), ASM, Jim Oberhofer, KN6PE, [jim\\_oberhofer@agilent.com](mailto:jim_oberhofer@agilent.com), BM/Webmaster, Frank Kibbish Jr, WB6MRQ, [wb6mrq@arrl.net](mailto:wb6mrq@arrl.net), OOC, Andy Korsak, KR6DD, [kr6dd@arrl.net](mailto:kr6dd@arrl.net), STM, Pink Foster, KG6ILA, [kg6ila@arrl.net](mailto:kg6ila@arrl.net), TC, Kit Blank, WA6PWW, [wa6pww@arrl.net](mailto:wa6pww@arrl.net) San Jose Grand Prix was held in late July. Fortunately the extremely high temperatures of mid-July had abated by the time of this event. About twenty operators from SJ ARES/RACES provided communications for this event. This was the second year of the event and some improvements were gained. Three separate video cameras were set up to monitor the pedestrian bridges crossing the race track. These were a major problem during the first year event with serious pedestrian congestion, hot temperatures and tempers causing near riots. The RF environment was also extreme as everyone had a radio: media, EMTs, Police, Fire, and CART Races officials. Everyone! The San Jose OES manager and all Race Operations Center leaders were very pleased with the set up and passed along their thanks for the excellent effort in supporting the city during this event. Mike Wright, K6MFK and his team including Ben Carlucci, W2NYC, supplied the video gear and are to be highly commended for their efforts. Mike will again be re-transmitting the upcoming Shuttle Flight NASA video, so stand by on Cable channel 57. Orbiter Atlantis is scheduled to launch on mission STS-115 on Aug. 27, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. PDT (2030 GMT.) I have been to see several clubs in the last month and everyone is happy after a vigorous Field Day effort. Thanks go to all who participated. All are looking forward to next year. I just returned from the Linux World Expo in San Francisco. This Saturday, August 19th, is the Linux Picnic at Baylands Park in Sunnyvale. The SVWUX group is providing Wife hookup and I will be there with a Ham Radio station, including HF for a demo. See <http://linuxpicnic.org> for info. This fall there are several events on the near horizon. September 20th the Santa Clara County Emergency Coordinators will hold a planning meeting. The event will be sent by video and Skype Conference call (maybe streaming video also.) Contact me for more information. The 2006 AMSAT-North America Space Symposium and Annual Meeting on October 5-10. This event will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel San Francisco Mid-Peninsula hotel located at 1221 Chess Dr, Foster City California. See <http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/symposium/> or <http://projectoscar.net> for information. The following weekend will be the annual PACIFICON 2006 Convention on Friday, October 13th through Sunday,

October 15th, at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel at 2600 Bishop Drive in San Ramon, California. See <http://pacificon.org/> for information. I'll be there at the ARRL Division booth. I'm hoping to see you there. And this year the Jamboree-on-the-Air is not during Pacificon but the following weekend, October 21 and 22. See <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/ideas.html> for information on this event. That's all for this month. Please send me your Newsletter or other information for next month's Section News. I need it by the 10th of the month! -- William Dale - N2RHV - Santa Clara Valley Section Manager, ARRL <http://radioflier.blogspot.com> <mailto:n2rhv@arrl.org>

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## **Roanoke Division**

### **North Carolina**

JULY NORTH CAROLINA SECTION NEWS FROM THE SECTION TRAFFIC MANAGER – Bob Lukaszewski, K4HA Checking into our section nets and handling traffic is fun and helps prepare you for the next emergency. In addition to the many local VHF/UHF nets, there are seven HF nets to choose from and all welcome newcomers: 7:45am, 3.926MHz: Carolina Morning Net (SSB) 6:30pm, 3.923MHz: North Carolina Evening Net (SSB) 7:00pm, 3.573MHz: Carolinas Net - Early (CW – 20-22wpm) 7:00pm, 3.908MHz: Coastal Carolina Net (SSB) 7:30pm, 3.923MHz: Tarheel Emergency Net (ARES Net – SSB) 8:00pm, 3.695MHz: Carolinas Slow Net (CW, 8-10wpm) 10:00pm, 3.573MHz: Carolinas Net – Late (CW, 15-18wpm) With all those choices why not try at least one? With little or no traffic handling experience you can still partake in the excitement and learn how to take and pass traffic from some of the best in the state. It is very worth while and easy to learn as well. There are no tests, just check in and listen, or just listen for a few nights and check in when you feel comfortable. I would also like to thank all the net regulars that are there every day and night passing traffic on one of the many state nets. NEW HAM REPORTS Did you know that around 30 new hams are licensed in North Carolina each month? The Section Manager's portion of the ARRL web site allows me to run reports to find these folks and you can use this information to contact them, invite them to a club meeting and make them feel welcome. I can run custom reports for you by area code too. The report can also provide listings of new upgrades, new ARRL members and lapsed ARRL members. Let me know what custom reports you need. I'll post a monthly North Carolina "New Hams" spreadsheet to [www.ncarrl.org](http://www.ncarrl.org). UPCOMING PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS September 9: Light the Night Walk, Raleigh. See [www.hampublicservice.org](http://www.hampublicservice.org). September 9 & 10: Magical Mystery Bike Tour, New Bern Contact: [kn4aq@arrl.net](mailto:kn4aq@arrl.net) September 9 & 10: Tour to Tanglewood, Greensboro to Tanglewood Contact: John Kippe – [fancie@alltel.net](mailto:fancie@alltel.net) September 14: Light the Night Walk, RTP: See [www.hampublicservice.org](http://www.hampublicservice.org). September 16 & 17: Breakaway to the Beach, Rockingham to North Myrtle Beach Contact: Mary Hunt, N4MH – [n4mh@w4bfb.org](mailto:n4mh@w4bfb.org) September 30: Diabetes Walk, RTP. See [www.hampublicservice.org](http://www.hampublicservice.org). October 7 & 8: 2006 ARRL Simulated Emergency Test October 21 & 22: Scouting Jamboree On-The-Air UPCOMING HAMFESTS Shelby Hamfest – September 2-3, [www.shelbyhamfest.com](http://www.shelbyhamfest.com) Don't miss the ARRL forum Saturday at 10am and the Traffic (NTS) Lunch at 11:30am at Jackson's Cafeteria. JULY TRAFFIC W0UCE 621 (BPL), W4UEF 573 (BPL), W4EAT 475, K4IWW 204, KE4JHJ 79, W4DNA 76, W3HL 51, W4FAL 46, K4RLD 33, KE4AHC 32, W4NCD 31, W4TTO 28, KI4AHA 24, KG4YNM 21, K4OCU 14, W4EHF 9, W4IRE 5. JULY PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL W4TTO 198, W4DNA 180, K4IWW 150, K4RLD 148, W4FAL 130, W4EAT 130, W4NCD 126, W0UCE 120, KE4JHJ 110, KI4YV 90, KI4AHA 79.

### **South Carolina**

Greetings to all Amateur Radio Operators. This is Dr. Jim, N2ZZ with the August 2006 South Carolina Section Manager's Report! Please remember that the SC Section website can be found at: [www.arrl-sc.org/](http://www.arrl-sc.org/) where my full SM report will be listed as well as up-to-the-date information on Amateur Radio in South Carolina! As part of Hurricane Expo, 26 August 2006, Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester ARES® will operate a Special Event Station, using generator power and temporary antennas, with the Call Sign: W4H. The station will operate on 80-10M bands from 13:00Z to 21:00Z. Stations contacted will receive a commemorative QSL card. New Home Charleston and WCBD News 2 have partnered to present the Hurricane Expo which will be held at the Gaillard Auditorium, in downtown Charleston, SC, as part of the Custom Home & Remodel Show. The all-day expo is to inform Charleston area citizens on how they can protect themselves before, during and after a hurricane. The expo will feature a hurricane simulator and a demonstration area which will include a live demonstration of Amateur Radio. In addition, WCBD News 2 Chief Meteorologist Rob Fowler will broadcast his weather live from the Expo. Additional exhibits from the Berkeley County Emergency Preparedness Department and Sheriff Office are planned. Dorchester County is planning to bring their 35' Communications trailer. Over 45 local, state and federal agencies and organizations are expected to participate. The Expo will be a great opportunity for the public to experience Amateur Radio and it's capabilities in times of disaster. Additional information on the Expo will be posted at: Berkeley County ARES Website <http://home.comcast.net/~dzabawa/BerkARES.htm> and Hurricane Expo Website [www.newhomecharleston.com](http://www.newhomecharleston.com). Thanks to Dennis KG4RUL, PIO for this information! DX'ers had a rare treat this past month with two new DXCC entities, the Republic of Montenegro and Swain's Island. The first DXpeditions to these new DXCC entities have already taken place to allow many hams to add the new countries to their DXCC totals. I hope everyone had the chance to work these new DXCC countries! From ARRL Special Bulletin ARLX004: "Retired space shuttle astronaut and DXer Chuck Brady, N4BQW, of Oak Harbor, Washington, died July 23 following a lengthy illness. He was 54. During his years as an active astronaut in the 1990s, Brady was among the pioneers of SAREX (Shuttle Amateur Radio EXperiment). An ARRL member, he was active on ham radio during the 16-day STS-78 shuttle mission in 1996, then the longest ever. ARRL Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) liaison Rosalie White, K1STO, says Brady saw into the future of ham radio in space". Chuck was a physician, and held the rank of Captain in the US Navy. He was the flight surgeon for the Blue Angels Navy flight demonstration squadron from 1989 until 1990. I feel fortunate to have worked Chuck when he showed up unexpectedly on Bouvet Island as 3Y0C in January 2001. I also had the privilege to meet Chuck as featured speaker at the Dayton Hamvention DX Dinner later that year. I am currently looking for a Public Information Coordinator to join the ARRL-SC team! Our previous PIC was Mike Duff KG4SLH, who won the prestigious McGan Silver Antenna Award for excellence in Public Relations and presenting Amateur Radio in a positive light to the media and the public at large. These are big shoes to fill, but I know there are many in our section up to the challenge. For those interested, please check out the [arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) website: <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/pic.html> and additional information on the [www.arrl-sc.org](http://www.arrl-sc.org) website under "Appointee Information". Please then indicate your interest by e-mailing me [n2zz@arrl.org](mailto:n2zz@arrl.org) with a short narrative and resume, and I will contact you for further information.

**JULY 2006 NTS REPORT FOR SOUTH CAROLINA** by Mac Heaton N4MEH, STM NET REPORTS: Net Name/Check Ins/Traffic/Sessions/Reported By Anderson Radio Club 2M Net/872/33/31/N4MEH BRARS 2 Meter Net/2015/42/31/K4SUG Carolina's Net/269/192/62/K4IWW Carolina Slow Net/169/33/31/W4EAT Columbia ARC 2M Net/155/9/9/K4RKC Grand Strand ARC 2M Net/212/23/13/N4XML Greater Pee Dee 2M Net/854/34/31/K4DTT Greenwood ARC 2M Net/108/6/4/W4DEW Greenwood Friendly Net/526/30/30/W4JAK Lancaster County 2M Net/127/17/13/N4WMB Laurens County 2M Net/120/6/5/KF4BVK Oconee County 2M Net/241/16/13/KE40GG SC Single Sideband Net/1401/59/31/WB4DLD

**STATION ACTIVITY REPORTS:**  
Station/Sent/Received/Delivered/Originated/Total KA4LRM/3/12/5/0/20 KA4UIV/4/10/1/0/15  
N4MEH/7/45/4/2/58 WB4DLD/2/29/0/2/33  
**PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL:** Station/Cat 1/Cat 2/Cat 3/Cat 4/Cat 5/Cat 6/Total KA4LRM/40/20/20/0/0/0/80 N4MEH/40/40/20/0/0/0/100 Well, that is it

for August! See you next month! Have a great month! '73 de Dr. Jim N2ZZ ARRL Section Manager  
South Carolina Section [www.arrl-sc.org](http://www.arrl-sc.org)

## **Virginia**

### **Virginia Section Mangers Report- Covering July of 2006**

As I continue to cross the Commonwealth of Virginia, visiting clubs and Hamfest, I am impressed with the quality of leadership I encounter. I also have a deep sense of appreciation for the level of dedication of those that serve. Even with some groups that are small in number, they are not lacking in commitment and service.

One group of about 12 hams in Stafford County joined together and had a decision reversed to impose a \$7,500.00 application fee on the construction of ham towers. They also used the opportunity to enlighten the community about the vital role of Amateur Radio in times of communications crisis. We have PRB-1 in place at the national level and our state has its version of this preemption law. In spite of these laws there continues to be those seeking ways to make the presence of antennas difficult for the Amateur Radio community. We need to maintain our vigilance in order to provide for the emergency needs of our communities and to enjoy the hobby that means so much to all of us.

The hard work of the ARRL and local ham in Manassas Virginia have focused attention and brought results on the issue of BPL. BPL has continued to created interference to the local Amateur Radio community in Manassas. Currently moves have been made to insure that the FCC follows legislative mandates in protecting all radio services from this type of interference problems.

The ARES® registration forms have undergone some major revisions and are intended to capture additional vital information from those that serve. These new online forms are designed to glean contact information, training and courses completed, SET involvement, experience in actual activations, specialized skills, etc. The information submitted on these forms will be passed to DEC's and EC's for their home area. In addition to the local records, a copy will be maintained at the Section level.

There is some expressed opposition to a database that is maintained beyond the local level. Reasons offered are sincere but not always valid. One is that "as an EC or DEC, I don't need any help in keeping my records." This reason assumes that Sectional leadership doesn't trust the record keeping ability of local leadership. This is not the case. The reason for record keeping at the Sectional level is to provide mutual support to units large or small in widespread and massive disasters. Even in the largest and most active districts there is not enough Amateur Radio resources to provide for a long-term massive disaster. If an EC or DEC is out-of-service due to the disaster or other circumstances and this person is the only one with the records of local contacts, those coming in from the outside have lost a great resource. We have districts in the Hurricane vulnerable areas of the east coast with thirteen, twelve and five active ARES® members. (These numbers are not counties but districts) In any of these small membership districts, it is possible that all the ARES® appointees may all be out-of-pocket during disaster. It is vital that we have a strong system of mutual support from nearby districts and across the Section to assist one another in times of major events. It is all-important that vital contact information be made available to those coming in to assist.

In recent time an EC became a "silent key" and on his monthly reports he had listed 14 members for his local ARES® unit. At his death, his ARES® records were also lost. A year later ARES® leadership was still trying to find these members. If we would have keep a Sectional dababase this would not have been a problem.



Another reason offered as an objection is the issue of privacy. Most of the information being asked for is a matter of public record. If we know a call sign, we can find the mailing address. If the person doesn't have an unlisted phone we can secure a phone number. Many email addresses can be located online, most of the other items are things that hams frequently discuss or brag about on the air, such as type of equipment or training they have completed such as ICS, NIMS and ARRL Emergency Communications Courses, EC-001, 002, and 003. These forms will not ask you for bank information, Social Security number, Age, weight, etc. In times of disaster we don't have time to research information on those that we might need to contact. A few ECs and some DEC's see their unit information as their own personal property and we don't even have the calls of those registered in their unit. All records regardless of the level they are maintained are the property of the ARRL and ARES® if that information has been gathered under the umbrella of ARES®.

Others are concerned that the roster might be given to some other communications group. I would hate to be the person to do that and leave myself open to liability for violation of the actions of the ARRL on the ARES® trademark board ruling of July 2004. These rosters do not belong to any of the field/service organization or me but are the property of the ARRL. The only exception to this roster ruling is if an ARES® unit has been registered with their County or City Emergency Management as the local RACES unit. These people wear two hats and switch when required. They can supply a roster to the EM, but they must maintain two rosters, even if the same information is on both rosters. One of these remains the property of the ARRL and ARES®.

We are approaching the peak of the hurricane season, let's do all that we can to prepare and serve. Please register at [http://aresva.org/aresva/ares\\_member\\_form.html](http://aresva.org/aresva/ares_member_form.html) or click on the "Join" button at the top of the Virginia ARES® website <http://aresva.org/aresva.html>. Even if you filled out the form a couple of months ago, please reregister; the new form has been modified.

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Glen Sage, W4GHS  
Virginia Section Manager

## **Rocky Mountain Division**

### **New Mexico**

Section News, July, 2006 Upcoming Events It's Hamfest season again! The Duke City Hamfest will be held August 25/26 at the UNM Continuing Education Center, located at the corner of University and Indian School in Albuquerque. The hours are 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday and 8:00a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, with a banquet at 6:00 p.m. Saturday. Admission, parking, and tailgating are all free. Check out their web site at [www.dukecityhamfest.org](http://www.dukecityhamfest.org) for registration forms and details about the hamfest. There will be forums, VE testing, a QLF contest, and lots of other activities. Talk-in will be on the W5CSY repeaters, using 444.00 MHz (positive offset, 100 Hz tone) and 145.33 MHz (negative offset, 100 Hz tone). Dee, KC5JBO, "The Voice of the Duke City Hamfest" has agreed to once again help you find your way. The Alamogordo Amateur Radio Club will hold their 22nd annual hamfest on Saturday, September 2nd, at the Otero County Fairgrounds on White Sands Boulevard on the North side of town. They have free admission and free parking. Pre-register by mail to Alamogordo Amateur Radio Club, Hamfest 2006, P.O. Box 1191, Alamogordo, NM 88310. They will have forums, VE exams, a dinner Saturday evening, and other activities. Talk-in will be on the K5LRW repeaters using 146.800 MHz (negative offset, 100 Hz tone) and 444.825 MHz (positive offset, 67 Hz tone). If you haven't been to their hamfest, you need to check it out. Contact Larry Moore WA5UNO, (505) 437-0145, or Dick

Spoula, AI5F, (505) 434-4146, for more information. Also in September, the Deming Amateur Radio Club will hold their annual Tailgate on the 23rd. This is another event you should really try to make if you're in that part of the state. Contact Charlie Brown, N9RU, 713 West Spruce, #161, Deming, NM 88030, for details. Coming up on October 28 is the Socorro Hamfest, put on by the Socorro Amateur Radio Society, the Tech Amateur Radio Association, and the City of Socorro. There will be more information on this event next time. License Classes and VE Testing Frank, AB5WJ, reports Central New Mexico Community College, that used to be known as TVI, will have a Technician Class license course on their schedule this fall. Plans are being developed for a General Class license course to be included in the course catalog early next year. Frank also does VE testing "on request" for those who have not been able to find a regular test session. In the Alamogordo area, contact Bill, N5SUM, (505) 437-9781, or Dick, AI5F, (505) 434-4146, to set up a testing appointment. The Alamogordo club also has a few manuals if you need one. Don't forget there is a new Technician Class test in effect, so be careful about which manual you use to study for the test. Net counts for July: NM Breakfast Club 1075/177, NM Roadrunner Net 1046/62, Four Corners Net 486/29, Yucca Net 552/38, SCAT Net 631/24, Caravan Club Net 59/5, Deming ARC Net 79/9, Rusty's Raiders Net 665/89, Valencia County ARA Net 47/12, High Desert ARC Net 67/13. Thank you for the club newsletters. Yes, I do read them and I appreciate receiving them. If you have the ability to send them via e-mail, please do that. It will save paper and postage. I have the sad duty to inform you of the passing from our ranks of the following hams: W5YU, N5DLO, KG5BM, KB7GOP, K5JEB, and W5KMC. Until next time, just remember that inside every older person is a younger person wondering just what the heck happened, and when. 73, de KM5FT

## **Southeastern Division**

### **Georgia**

SM: Susan Swiderski, AF4FO; ASM/South GA: Marshall Thigpen, W4IS; ASM/Legal: Jim Altman, W4UCK; ASM/Webmaster: Bob Smith, K4PHE; ASM/Youth: Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM; ASM/Scouting: David Pearce, ABØNG; SEC: Jim Cote, N4PJR; STM: Jim Hanna, AF4NS; BM: Eddy Kosobucki, K4JNL; OOC: Mike Swiderski, K4HBI; TC: Ed Tanton, N4XY; PIC: Norm Schklar, WA4ZXV; SGL: Bill Cherepy, WB4WTN; ACC: Robin Cutshaw, AA4RC [www.arrl-ga.org](http://www.arrl-ga.org) [www.gaares.org](http://www.gaares.org) Greetings, All. By golly, I'm determined to get this month's mid-monthly summary out in the middle of the month this time.... (what a concept!) First, a couple of Health and Welfare items. For those of you who don't already know, I'm sorry to report to you that our longest-serving GA SM, EDDY KOSOBUCKI, K4JNL, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. I've known since right after he got the news, but only recently got his OK to share the news with y'all. It is his choice to forego the chemotherapy and radiation, so if you're so disposed, please remember him in your prayers. (and maybe a card to let him know that you're thinking about him?) Also, our favorite Director of Vice, SANDY DONAHUE, W4RU, suffered a mild stroke on the third of August. I'm pleased to report that he is doing very well. In fact, he broke out of the hospital just five days later (mumbling something about having to find something decent to eat...) and even made it to the Ellijay hamfest. He's gonna be working with a speech therapist and a physical therapist for some time, but he's gonna be just fine. Thank goodness. Talking about the Ellijay hamfest, they were right when they called themselves the "biggest little hamfest in Georgia". Even the rain couldn't keep people away. Good job! Details to come in the September newsletter. Two of our GA clubs held elections recently. The Atlanta ARC elected the following slate of officers: President- JIM FARMER, N4IBW; VP- GEORGE LANE, KI4SDO; Secretary- JACK BOLTON, WA4PNY; and Treasurer- CHARLES GOLSEN, W4CHG. For the SE DX Club, the new leadership includes President- AL LUDWICK, N4ZZK; VP- JOHN TRAMONTANIS, N4TOL; Treasurer- HAL KENNEDY, N4GG; and Secretary- GEORGE NICHOLSON, N4GRN. Congratulations to all of these fine fellas, and best wishes to both clubs for a successful and enjoyable year. Congratulations also go out to DAVID DZIMIANSKI, KG4BWM, one of our brilliant GA

Piglets... (AKA Young Hams) The ARRL Foundation recently released the names of this year's winners, and it's a pleasure to announce that David was selected as the recipient of the Charles Clarke Cordle Memorial Scholarship, a \$1000 award. Way to go, David! New EC-- JOHN PLAYFORD, WD8LQT, has been appointed as the new EC in Camden county, replacing CHUCK COOPER, N4TIS, who recently stepped down. Many thanks to Chuck for all of the good work that he's done, and to John, for stepping up to carry that work forward. Some of the ARES leadership in the metro Atlanta area will be helping support a big disaster response demonstration, which will be centered in San Diego, with supporting communications provided by hams from various areas of the world. This demo is called Strong Angel III, and you can read more about it at [www.strongangel3.net](http://www.strongangel3.net) Activity for this demonstration begins on August 21, and runs through the 26th, with the 22nd targeted as the date for major message relay via amateur radio. You can find the proposed operating schedule, and modes, at [www.dekalbares.org](http://www.dekalbares.org). There will also be a special event station, W6W, operating from the demonstrations sites at some times during the week. They'd like to make as many contacts as possible to show the "reach" of amateur radio. Coming up on August 27 at 8PM, and replayed again on the 28th at 8PM, the Weather Channel will be showing a program that you may want to see. It's going to be a special one-hour show on "Storm Stories" that will be about some of the post-Katrina recovery efforts. This program was produced by LES RAYBURN, N1LF, and is going to include some highlights on the role of amateur radio. Worth a watch! Several stories worth checking out, while the links are still working: 1. Do you struggle with CC&Rs and a Homeowners' Association that fails to see the beauty... or the value... of a good amateur radio antenna system? This story tells of a happy ending for a Florida ham: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/features/columnists/sfl-bb06marciaug06,0,3255347.column> 2. A sobering story on the FCC's latest "push" for BPL: [http://news.zdnet.com/2100-1035\\_22-6101925.html?tag=nl.e589](http://news.zdnet.com/2100-1035_22-6101925.html?tag=nl.e589) 3. Our own ANDREA HARTLAGE, KG4IUM, ASM for Youth, did herself (and us!) proud in her recent appearance on the TV news: [http://www.11alive.com/news/news\\_article.aspx?storyid=82800](http://www.11alive.com/news/news_article.aspx?storyid=82800) If you have a chance to get hold of the August issue of CQ Magazine, there are a couple articles of interest in there. One is a feel-good story on a couple of GA hams. ASHLEY WALKER, KI4MTU, got her license as a big surprise gift for her father, JIMMY WALKER, WA4ILO, a long-time ham who'd only dreamed of being able to share his love of the hobby with someone in his family. The other article is on data encryption... a very interesting read. Coming up on the 26th of this month is the next Chapter 49 QCWA meeting, and JOHN LANEY, K4BAI, will be regaling us with an account of his experiences at this year's World Radiosport Team Championships in Brazil. Where? Fire Mountain Grill, near the intersection of Jimmy Carter Boulevard and Peachtree Industrial Boulevard. Eat at noon, meeting to follow. Sadly, there are a few SKs to report: CHARLES CASWELL, KB4GV; HUGH "BUBBA" MAY, KE4CJM; and JAMES "LEROY" ROBERTS, KR4FN. Sincere condolences to their families and friends. Well, that's about it for now. Until next time, this is AF4FO, signing clear. Take care of yourselves. And each other. 73, Susan QTC July: WB4GGS-453; AF4NS-81; K4GK-39; K4WKT-32; KR4JI-32; K4BAI-23; K4BEH-12 +++ No trees were killed in the sending of this message. However, a large number of electrons were terribly inconvenienced. +++

## Southern Florida

Hi Everyone, There is a lot to cover in this allotted 120 lines so I will get right to the points. TRAINING All ARES and NTS members must obtain ARECC Level 1 certification and ICS-100. 2) ICS-200, 700 & 800 will be necessary for those who wish to deploy out of their counties. 3) RACES folks may need ICS-100, 200, 700 & 800 if their county desires to be NIMS compliant. This training certification is necessary in order to heighten the state of readiness of Amateur communicators and increase the level of professionalism of Field Volunteers so as to meet more effectively the needs of the served agencies. All training requirements must be met by January 1, 2007 for all ARES members and appointees of record as of 7/22/06. OES, EC, DEC, and HF Net Managers need higher levels of training. Level one ARECC EMCOMM training can be done in a variety of ways: Online with a mentor and completion of exercises (the most in-depth way) or registered classroom setting with Certified Instructor, for \$45. Buy the book,

about \$20, and study it, think about the exercises and do some of them but receive no feedback, then take the exam for \$10. Buy books in a group to save some shipping costs, study the material and complete the exercises in a local classroom or on a local repeater, provide group feedback, then take the exam. Some groups hold a one-day question and exercise session and then offer the exam. Borrow or share a book to study, listen to others discussing the material on local repeaters is another option. Whatever way you choose, it will cost \$10 to take the exam. You will get from the course what you put into it. Everyone reviewing the material and taking the exam will learn something. Currently Okeechobee ARES is conducting EMCOM Level 1 class on the Okeechobee repeater on Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7:00 till....3 to 4 sections per night. ICS-100 will take between 2 and 3 hours of your time. The DHS server is very prompt and even with a 26.4K dial up I completed the course in less than 3 hours. If you have an ARRL appointment remember that you need to report on your activities. ARES appointees and OOs should report monthly, others at least quarterly. When reporting net activities and meetings include only those ARES related if you are an EC or OES. All appointments will expire on 9/30/06 unless I receive an e-mail from you indicating that you wish to continue to serve. I have signed up for another 2-year term beginning 10/01/06 and I am asking appointees to do the same.

===== REPORTS ARES Report for July 2006: ARES Members 594, in counties reporting, Change -17 There were 14 Nets, 57 Sessions, and 5 nets have NTS Liaison. ECs reporting: WA4GUK, AG4AN, N1XC, AD4RZ, AA4BN, N5KFR, WA4ASJ, KF4MJJ, KA4HLO and N4LEM There were 5 drills, tests and training sessions and 62 total ARES operations. OESs Reporting: N3HOE, W4RCL, KE4UEI, W4DKB, N6USP, KG4EXA, and N3HN ===== SAR July 2006: KA4FZI 443, KE4UOF 117, N3OZP 93, KI4JRT 92, WA4EIC 87, AA4BN 67, K4FQU 58, AF4NR 16, W4WYR 12, K4OVC 10, K3QC 8 ===== PSHR July 2006: W4DKB 138, KE4UOF 130, AA4BN 125, K4FQU 120, KA4FZI 120, N3OZP 105, WA4EIC 100 ===== SFL NETS July 2006 Name of Net, Abbreviation, Sessions, QNI, QTC, Managers All Florida CW Traffic Net, QFN, 62, 688, 323, NY4E/W8IM Florida Amateur Sideband Traffic Net, FAST, 31, 184, 54, K4SCL Florida Medium Speed Net, FMSN, 31, 221, 72, AG4RJ/AB4XK Jupiter-Tequesta Repeater Group, JTRG, 5, 46, 10, AG4BV Palm Beach County ARES Net, PBCAN, 4, 43, 12, KG4PFY Saint Lucie Repeater Association, SLRA, 5, 34, 5, KE4UEI Southern Florida ARES Net, SFAN, 2, 23, 1, AF4NR Southeast Florida Traffic Net, SEFTN, 62, 718, 125, AG4RJ/AI4GE Southwest Florida Traffic Net, SWFTN, 24, 354, 59, K4FQU ===== Bulletin Report from David Smith KE4UEI: Recd 21, Sent 5, Total 26 ===== Your local ARES group should be represented at Citizen Corps and VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters) as an organization, not just via EOC/Emergency Management. Many of these groups meet during weekdays since they have paid staff. Representing your ARES group at these meetings is a way for retirees to get involved without committing to leave your home and work at a shelter. (Of course we need shelter volunteers, but that assignment is not compatible to everyone). Are there licensing classes in your area? Are the instructors registered with ARRL? Registered instructors receive a discount on textbooks and the savings can be passed to the students. Classes can also be registered at the ARRL web site – offering another way to advertise your classes. September is National Disaster Preparedness Month. This is a good time to publicize your club, Skywarn, and your ARES group. Till next time stay safe, stay on the air, keep an eye on the tropics. 73 Sherri, W4STB

## Southwestern Division

### Arizona

ARIZONA SECTION NEWS August 2006 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS It's been 2 months now since we rolled out the Arizona ARES web based registration system. When I asked Jim Hoff to develop this tool, I had no idea how slick it would be. We now collect information that can be used by EMCOMM planners when asked to respond to an emergency. The information we collect tells planners

what your personal capabilities are, what gear you can bring, what training you have had, and more importantly, how we can contact you. At Williams earlier this month, I had a chance to meet with many folks who had questions about the site, why we ask for so much information, how are we going to use it all. Here is a real life example of how this information could be used. We have an evacuation, and you are dispatched to a point behind a road block. You pull up, the officer explains this is a restricted area; you WILL turn around and go back. He's got the badge, the gun, and at that moment, he's heard it all. You try to explain, but in the end, you can't get past. BUT, it could go like this..... You are dispatched, and in the EOC, a description of your vehicle is given to the Sheriff' officer present. He relays through dispatch to allow the gray 4x4 License Number 123XYZ to pass. You roll up on the check point, tell the officer your assignment, he checks the plate, and you are on your way. As you can see, the tool gives us options to make your response easier. The tool also allows us to develop new and stronger relationships. We can show statistics to emergency planners that may make it easier to get grants. This is a huge step forward. I can't wait!! Arizona is leading the Nation in this effort. We ARE the cutting edge. Thanks to each and everyone of you for your commitment and support. Rick - W7STS ps.....if you see Jim Hoff, N7XXX.....shake his hand, he's put a lot of hours into this project. AMATEUR RADIO PLATES Ted Downing W7KEY (AZ State Representative for Tucson) made the big announcement at the State Convention at Williams, the Arizona Ham radio license plates have been approved. John Lanza KC7IM has been working on this for 12 years. John would like to thank the following individuals for there help and assistance: Ted Downing, W7KEY, Ingo Radicke, WA7UM, Past Chairman for ADOT for his contacts in the DMV and Office of Attorney General's office and Doug Pelley, WB7TUI, for his artistic capabilities in designing out new plate. With out these individuals it would not have come about. Now for the part that everybody has been waiting. The cost of the plate for the time being will be \$25 per year because it will take a legislative action to reduce the cost. This will be taken up in the next session of the new legislators after the November elections. What the new cost will be, I have to be fair and tell you I don't know. Nobody knows this because it has not been addressed to the State legislators. It may be no cost or it may be like the College License plates, except \$8 goes to the State and \$17 goes to ARCA we just don't know at this time. But, rest a sure Mr. Ted Downing, Ingo Radicke and myself have been and are working on it.” A picture of the new license plate is up on the following web sites.

[http://www.arca.\\_az.org/arca/](http://www.arca._az.org/arca/) and <http://www.az-arrrl.org/> BPL The city of Surprise just announced a pilot project with Tempe-based MTI and APS. Once a deal is finalized, the plan will go to the City Council for consideration. If the council approves, MTI and APS will provide BPL service to Surprise's Original Townsite, the square mile bounded by Bell, Dysart, Greenway and El Mirage roads. I have been in touch with the city leaders. They know about the difficulties BPL experienced in Cottonwood AZ and other places. They have had hundreds of calls from concerned hams. We are working on this and will keep you apprised of the situation. The article can be seen at:

<http://www.azcentral.com/community/surprise/articles/0719gl-nwvbp19Z1.html> NEW HAMS The following hams just received their FCC license, Congratulations! Leroy Anderson KE7IHR, Rebecca Anderson KE7IHQ, Christina Bartholomew KE7IIZ, Michaela Boles KE7IFT, Nicholas Bolt KE7IBK, Emily Carpenter KE7IID, Antoinette Deshaies KE7IBH, Jill Devine KE7IFS, Liz Durst KE7IFQ, James Fagan KE7IDC, William Fleckner KE7IDR, Stephen Gormley KE7IDQ, George Hatch KE7IDB, Lewis Henderson KE7IFW, Charles Inmon KE7IJD, Ashlee Jorgensen KE7IJC, Heather Jorgensen KE7IJB, Brian Lansford KE7IHY, Leo Martensen KE7IFR, Ryan Mccarthy KE7IDO, Karl Mckinney KE7IBJ, Carl Ostermann KE7IJQ, Michael Pastore KE7IIS, Kenneth Rogers KE7IDP, David Seitz KE7IEP, Michele Starker KE7IFU, Richard Starker Sr KE7IFV, Andrew Wickhorst KE7IHX, Ross Williams KE7IFP, and Darren Wunderle KE7IBI. SILENT KEYS Sue Hansen WB7WAS Williams Arizona passed away on July 26, 2006. Sue was very active with ARCA and the Williams Hamfest. HAMFESTS Arizona State Convention July 7-9, 2006 Williams Arizona. The rain came early this year. We needed the rain, so no complaints. Turnout was great 75% of the spaces were sold and several tailgaters sold all their wares on Friday and left. Several vendors reported their best day ever at the hamfest which included when they were at Ft. Tuthill. AES has expressed an interest in attending next year. That would be a first for AES at an Arizona Hamfest. The 2006 ARCA Ham of the Year was awarded

(posthumously) to Lee Crisman, AB7HW for his contributions to Amateur Radio, particularly to handicapped amateur radio operators. The 2006 ARCA Young Ham of the Year was awarded to David Clark, KD7NZK. David is an active member of the Explorer Post 599 and is currently serving his second year as president of the group. The 2006 ARRL EMCOMM Ham of the Year was awarded to Jim Hoff for the Arizona ARES web based registration system. HAMFESTS Hualapai ARC Hamfest September 9, 2006 in Kingman Arizona at Mohave Community College. Talk-In: 146.160/146.76 (PL 131.8) Contact: Bill Beaman, KA0IYS (928) 758-6780 ARRL and Tucson Amateur Packet Radio (TAPR) Digital Communications Conference September 15-17 (TAPR's 25th anniversary) Clarion hotel (at the airport) Tucson Arizona <http://www.tapr.org> Southwestern Division Convention 22-24 Sep 2006 sponsored by San Diego County Amateur Radio Council (SANDARC) <http://www.sandarc-conv2006.org/> Talk-In: 146.265 PL 107.2) Contact: Paul Rios, KC6QLS [kc6qls@cox.net](mailto:kc6qls@cox.net). The convention will be at the Marriott Mission Valley Hotel in San Diego. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about ARRL. If your club or group has an activity or event that would be of interest to other hams throughout our section please email me with the specifics. 73, Tom Fagan WB7NXH ARRL Section Manager Arizona Tucson Arizona 520 574-1129 [wb7nxh@arrl.org](mailto:wb7nxh@arrl.org) <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=AZ> <http://www.az-arrl.org/>

## **Santa Barbara**

Santa Barbara ARC Hamfest 2006 Location: Elk's Lodge #613 at 150 N. Kellogg, Goleta Date: Sunday, August 13th starting at 8:30 a.m. Each summer, the Santa Barbara Amateur Radio Club holds an annual Communications Fair and Hamfest.. This is an annual event that provides a day of fun for the whole family - SBARC style. From the Delicious Barbecue served HOT and the salads served COLD, from the fantastic prizes, games, demonstrations and flea market to the camaraderie and Eyeball QSOs, you are sure to have a wonderful day. Come early and stay until it's all over. For more information go to < <http://www.sbarc.org/annual/hamfest/index.html> >, where you can download a hamfest flyer with directions and a ticket order form. 73, Marvin Johnston, KE6HTS, President SBARC

===== Subscribe to the ARRL Santa Barbara Section e-mail reflector. Send an e-mail to < [arrrlsb-request@mailman.qth.net?subject=subscribe](mailto:arrrlsb-request@mailman.qth.net?subject=subscribe) >. Not only will you receive up-to-the-minute reports and items of interest, but you will be able to post your own responses or comments that will be read by all of the other subscribers on the list. Subscribe to the ARRL Santa Barbara Section Council of Clubs e-mail reflector. Send an e-mail to < [arrrlsbclubs-request@mailman.qth.net?subject=subscribe](mailto:arrrlsbclubs-request@mailman.qth.net?subject=subscribe) >. If you are a club leader, or just an active member interested in seeing your club grow and prosper, you must subscribe to this list. Your club doesn't have to be a member of the ARRL Club Council for you to subscribe. View the ARRL Santa Barbara Section Web site on your browser at < <http://www.qsl.net/arrrlsb/> >. Check to be sure that your club information is included and is correct, as you browse all of the information-packed pages on the ARRL Santa Barbara Section Web site. As an active member of the ARRL Santa Barbara Section (Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo Counties), you'll want to be on the cutting edge of all developments in today's Ham World. =====

## **West Gulf Division**

### **Oklahoma**

Topics Section Emergency Coordinator Change Broken Arrow ARC Chisolm Trail ARC Net Managers Route 66 2006 Traffic Report Texas State Convention Upcoming Events Section Emergency Coordinator(SEC)Change Mike Key-N5KEY has requested, due to health reasons, he be succeeded by Kevin Atnip -KD5WUP. N5KEY'S desire will be honored effective September 1, 2006. Mike has served nicely as Oklahoma Section Emergency Coordinator while laying a strong foundation for the

success of Kevin and emergency communication. N5KEY has agreed to stay on with the management of ARES in Oklahoma, which will help us all. KD5WUP has worked extensively in organizing the ARES system under Mike and is well tuned to take the reins for continued positive ARES developments. Kevin, who lives in Purcell, is an extra class operator and holds the League appointments of Assistant SEC and EC. His email is kd5wup@arrl.net Join me in wishing Kevin and Mike the best with these changes while knowing great days are ahead with Amateur Radio emergency communication in Oklahoma. The effort to put an ARES system to work in local areas, be regionally organized (zones) but have statewide coordination, continues. Broken Arrow ARC and Chisolm Trail ARC visits Very enjoyable and productive visits to these clubs in the past few weeks. The BA club meeting on August 7 included a program by Ron-KD5GEZ on the Dale OK ISS contact. Very well attended club gathering as League affiliation is coming soon to Broken Arrow. Thanks to Dean-KL7MA and Dave-NB5N, Section Official Observer and Affiliated Club Coordinators, respectively, for their presence and interaction with the club. Mark-N7XYO, Assistant SEC for NE Oklahoma, came to the meeting and met up with many in attendance. The Chisolm Trail ARC of Duncan is a new Oklahoma Section Special Service Club (SSC)! Congratulations to the club for their dedication and documentation of club effort to provide substantial Amateur Radio service to their community. This club was given their SSC certificate at their August 17 meeting. A note of thanks to club president Robert-WB5EKS and Wade-K5WPN for their hospitality and coordination of the SM visit. It was great to have Bob-W5KCB, Assistant SM, from Lawton at the meeting for support. Chisolm Trail ARC member Robert-KA5YOM and W5KCB were given their net manager certificates. Also, Robert-KA0VAN received his Public Information Officer certificate to reflect his recent appointment. Net Managers This is a very important position in Amateur Radio and those performing this special feat deserve a League field appointment. In the Oklahoma Section the list is below: Coxsey, Robert C, KM5GZ (NM/OK) Edmond, OK Denard, Robert , KA5YOM (NM/OK) Duncan, OK Dunn, Jerry D, KD5YPF (NM/OK) Ardmore, OK Edwards, Joel S, KD5DMD (NM/OK) Perry, OK Eimer, Charis D, KD5WXF (NM/OK) Tulsa, OK Elfers, Othello C, WA5OUV (NM/OK) Laverne, OK Etier, Charles , KC5TGA (NM/OK) Ada, OK Haley, Kenneth S, KD5NJR (NM/OK) Broken Arrow, OK Hays, Wesley G, W5JPI (NM/OK) Stillwater, OK Mann, Peter J, KF5RD (NM/OK) Tulsa, OK Sauer, Joseph J, KD5JSD (NM/OK) Blanchard, OK Sims, Robert E, W5KCB (NM/OK) Lawton, OK Skinner, Deward J, KB5KKT (NM/OK) Kingston, OK Watkins, Raymond M, NM5W (NM/OK) Edmond, OK Wehling, Bill C, KC5OKG (NM/OK) Enid, OK We salute these folk and want to appoint others as net managers. Advise if you or others are doing the effort of net manager. Route 66 September 9-17 Yes, it is time once again for this very special event. Oklahoma will have three of the 17 stations on the air in celebration of the Mother Road. What an exciting time it will be! Locations and call signs of our stations are: Tulsa-W6F Tulsa ARC Oklahoma City-W6G OKC Autopatch , Choctaw ARC and Edmond ARS Elk City-W6H West Central OK ARC Oklahoma Traffic Report by Arlyn-KK5GY July 2006 Public Service Honor Roll O.C.- WA5OUV Arlyn-KK5GY Sam-W5CU Station Activity Reports Cecil-KI5LQ O.C.-WA5OUV Arley-WB5NKC Pat-WB5NKD Arlyn-KK5GY Sam-W5CU July totals Sessions-217 Stations-2, 059 Traffic-955 Texas State Convention August 4-5 Austin Wonderful time of networking with so many active and fun Amateur Radio operators. Had opportunity to visit with Harold Kramer-WJ1B, League Chief Operating Officer, who came from League HQ to meet with West Gulf Division folk. Great opportunity to be with and learn from other field staff so our Division work together continues to be productive. Upcoming Events October 8 Salt Plains Hamfest. Burgers at 1 pm. Located near Byron in northwest Oklahoma, northeast of Alva in Alfalfa County Contact Gary kb0hh@sbcglobal.net October 27-28 Texoma Hamfest Contact Henry k5bug@arrl.net 800-588-2841 <http://www.angelfire.com/tx5/TexomaHamarama> November 4 Enid Hamfest Contact Tom 580-233-8473 enidhamfest@yahoo.com <http://www.enidhamfest.com> God's mercy and kindness to each of you! 73, John 405 844 1800

**South Texas**

What a great time we had at the Austin Summerfest. I was a little surprised that so many came to Austin with the cost of gas as it is. That shows us that a good ham can be depended on no matter what might stand in the way. That's why hams are so important when we need them in emergency communications. 9-11 brought America to the reality that we must all work together in all walks of life in order to combat those that have such HATE for just about anyone but themselves. Ham radio is the only means of communications when all else fails. Hams are unique in that they can take a little wire and a small radio and have a communication network operational in a very short period of time. This is why we must practice by having drills so when the real thing happens we don't have to spend time trying to think what we need to do, it will just come naturally. Shortly after 9-11 everyone relaxed again and all of the talk about all the changes slowed to a snails pace. Then Katrina and Rita came to our shores and again people began to think what we need to do in emergencies. I hope that we are ready if called upon. Why should it take years to make a badge and have a background check on those that will be the responders for communications and to assist in any kind of disaster. I hope this will start hams to start thinking about the part you play during a major disaster. May God Bless America and our Troops. Ray N5NAV



# Section News for August 2006

## Atlantic Division

### Maryland-DC

Upcoming Hamfests: FARFest Saturday, September 9th and Sunday, September 10th are the dates for this year's FARFest held at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds in Gaithersburg, Maryland. As always there will be two days of tailgating and vendors. This is also the site of our Maryland-DC ARRL Section Convention. On Saturday at 9:00 am, there will be a safety talk by Heru Walmsley, W3WVV. There will be some very interesting demos that you won't want to miss. At 10:00 am, we will hold the ARRL Forum, which is a gathering of National, Division and Section leadership to give you updates on current and future happenings. At 10:45 am, we will host Harold Kramer, WJ1B, the Chief Operating Officer from the ARRL Headquarters as our keynote speaker. Harold will talk about the League's response to Katrina and preparations for future major disasters. At 11:30 am, Doug Lindsey, KB3HER, our SEC will hold a practicum on digital/Winlink operations. From 12:30 pm until 2:00 pm, Bill Neeriemer, W3STG, will hold a session on the NIMS ICS-100 course and from 2:00 pm until 3:30 pm will have a session on NIMS ICS-700. Both of these courses will review the information you will need to be able to go on-line and complete the test to receive the certifications. Most Emergency Management Offices will need their Amateur Radio volunteers to have these certificates by the end of the year. On Sunday, Bill will run the courses from 9:00 am until 10:30 am for ICS-100 and 10:30 am until 12:00 noon for ICS-700. From 12:00 noon until 1:00 pm, Doug will repeat his digital/Winlink practicum. For those who are interested in becoming amateur radio operators or wish to upgrade their licenses, there will also be an amateur radio test session administered by the Laurel Amateur Radio Club VEC on Sunday morning at 9:00 am. Bill Dobson, N3WD will be checking QSL cards for ARRL WAS, ARRL 5BWAS, ARRL VUCC, ARRL DXCC and 3905CCN awards from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon on Saturday and by appointment on Sunday. Proceeds from FARFest support the Foundation for Amateur Radio's Scholarship Program. For more information, look at . CARA Hamfest: On October 1st, the Columbia Amateur Radio Association will host their CARAfest2006, an amateur radio and technology festival, at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Free amateur radio licensing examination testing will also be available. For more information, look at . ECHOLINK, September 15: The Section-wide Echolink net meets at 8 pm every third Friday of the month. Many repeater operators are linking their repeaters to the John Creel, WB3GXW server, (\*WASH\_DC\* node 6154) so that their regular repeater users can check in via RF. Learning to work with an Echolink connection will be good practice for using it in emergency communications. LEGISLATION Amateur Radio legislation will again be introduced in the Maryland General Assembly in January, 2007. The bills will be the same as in 2006. Homeowners associations formed after the effective date will be prohibited from restricting Amateur Radio antennas. Existing HOAs will be prohibited from enacting antenna restrictions after the effective date. Condos and coops are not affected. PRB-1 is incorporated into the Maryland Code by reference. As you know, antenna restrictions over the past 25 years have seriously injured Amateur Radio to the degree that since April 2003, we have lost 30,000 nationwide. For more information, go to the Baltimore Amateur Radio Club Legislative Affairs website, . The House and Senate committees that will conduct hearings on this legislation need to be educated on the issue before the session starts. (We learned after the 2006 session that most of them prefer this.) A half-hour meeting is sufficient, but it must be requested by a constituent. Legislators are much more responsive to constituents than to anyone else. Someone from the MDC State Government Liaison Team will accompany you to handle as much of the presentation as you wish and answer questions. For this project to succeed, we need a constituent from each of the districts represented by a committee member to request the appointment. If you are represented by one of the legislators in the lists below, you can help. Delegates: James E. Malone, Jr., Elizabeth Bobo, William A. Bronrott, Rudolph C. Cane, Virginia P. Clagett, Barbara A. Frush, Barry Glassman, Patrick

N. Hogan, Marvin E. Holmes, Jr., J. B. Jennings, Jane E. Lawton, Tony McConkey, Karen S. Montgomery, John A. Olszewski, Jr., Rosetta C. Parker, Richard A. Sossi, Joan F. Stern, Paul S. Stull, Michael H. Weir, Jr. Senators: Brian E. Frosh, Leo E. Green, Jennie M. Forehand, Robert J. Garagiola, John A. Giannetti, Jr., Ralph M. Hughes, Nancy Jacobs, Philip C. Jimeno, Alex X. Mooney, Norman R. Stone, Jr. Here's what to do: (1) Find out who represents you by going to and entering your address. (2) If you're represented by one of the legislators listed above, click on their name to get the phone number, call and ask if they're running for re-election (unless you know). If they are running, request an appointment to discuss "Radio Communications – Regulation of Amateur Radio Equipment – Limitations," SB 75 in the 2006 regular session. That's all there is to it, but it's crucially important. If the legislator's scheduler asks to hold the meeting after the general election, agree, but try to get a specific date and time, or at least a date (soon) when you can get a date and time. If the scheduler tells you that someone else is already scheduled on that topic, ask who it is, "so we can visit your office together." Then, coordinate with the other amateur; you might offer to serve as backup. Either way, notify Dave Prestel, the MDC SGL, via as soon as you complete this call to ensure that someone will be available to accompany you. Dave can provide copies of the entire presentation and guidance on how to handle it. A few committee members may lose their elections. The MDC SGL Team will monitor the situation, identify the replacements, and repeat the process described above, on a much smaller scale. Two things NOT to do: Do not discuss the election or any topic other than the Amateur Radio bills. (See "It Seems to Us," in August QST for the rationale.) Don't wait until after the election to initiate contact with your legislators. There is less than three weeks between the election and Thanksgiving, an extremely busy time for most politicians. They're more interested in your opinions before the election. Being early is more prudent. Experienced legislators have told us two things, emphatically: We have a strong case; and success in the 2007 session depends on educating each individual committee member before the session starts. The success of this vital legislation is up to you. FINAL THOUGHTS: Please remember to check my Section Manager's web page often. The URL is . I would like to thank ASM, Al Brown, KZ3AB, the webmaster, for keeping it up-to-date. I wish to again thank Al Nollmyer, W3YVQ, for his continued support by acting as the ARRL MDC Section Traffic Manager (STM) since the beginning of my appointment as the Section Manager. But, we really do need a permanent MDC Section STM. We also need volunteers as Local Government Liasons (LGLs) and Public Information Officers (PIOs). If you wish more information or wish to volunteer, please do not hesitate to contact me. Finally, if you would like Al and me to attend your club meeting and give a presentation, please let me know. 73, Jim Cross, WI3N, , ARRL MDC Section Manager

## **Northern New York**

THE 6TH ANNUAL NNYARA HAMFEST WILL BE ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 7, 2006. Your support for NNY and Amateur Radio as a whole is needed. I know many of us look forward to the Hamfest/Conv. and again this year I would like to encourage our NNY Amateurs to get involved and join us for some Ham Radio Fun in Lake Placid, NY at the beautiful Horse Show Grounds on Rt. 73 across from the Ski Jumps in Lake Placid. also, we will have a Special Event Station Operating from the grounds. N2Y so please check in and get a nice QSL card. A VE/Test Session will be at 1pm by the Tri-Lake VE Group, headed up by Roland Patnode contact wizardr@adelphia.net for more info if needed. More info on the Hamfest/ convention can be had at [www.nnyara.org](http://www.nnyara.org) or the ARRL NNY Section webpage. Also, up coming in Oct will be our SET drill and even sooner another Hospital drill. The next quarterly Northeast Hospital Drill will be held on Tuesday October 3rd at 6:15 pm. All stations are to monitor the Whiteface Mountain Repeater on 145.110 Mhz. with a PL tone of 123 Hz. and wait for the Net Control station to start the drill. The Net Control Operator will be using callsign K2SLC and will be operating from the Canton - Potsdam Hospital in Potsdam, N.Y. After all stations have checked in, the Net Control Station will send a test message in ARRL Radiogram format for all stations to copy. Please ask your Radio Operators to have blank message forms with them that evening. If you have any questions please email me or call me at (315) 848-3653 .....thanks.....Kerry Kerry Bickford - WA2NAN

## **Southern New Jersey**

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2006 SECTION MANAGER, JEAN PRIESTLEY, KA2YKN As we go into the beautiful Fall season with all its wonderful colors, we should start thinking about things that need to be done before the colors fade and we have a white winter wonderland. Now I know there is a school of thought that says you are not a real ham if you haven't gone up a tower or fixed a dipole in the middle of the first snow storm but the better part of valor is to live to work the next contest. Now is a good time to check wires, antennas, connections etc so we don't have to do it in the middle of that first snow. Each of us probably knows someone who lost some on 9-11 including myself. If you felt you wanted to do something to help, there is a way. Why not be a part of public service as ARES and RACES and even CERT. We can be part of the prevention. The more knowledge we have, the better equipped we are to help others in an emergency. Yea, I know you have heard all about this 10 or 20 years ago but our lists of threats keep growing. If it isn't natural disasters, it is the face of evil. There are courses that can be taken through FEMA and other organizations. It is our security and safety we are talking about. Another part of being prepared is at a personal level. Be sure you family is aware of hurricane safety and procedures and such things as a meeting place if the family is separated. Don't forget supplies for a few days during a hurricane. Now is the time to prepare. New Orleans has taught that the unexpected can happen. It is with a great deal of sadness that I report the passing of a friend and SJRA long time club member. Edwin T. Kephart – W2SPV became a silent key on August 20 of this year. Ed was 88 years young. It has been my great pleasure to present Ed with his 60 year ARRL membership plaque a few years ago. He had a good life and many friends. He was dedicated to the needs of others. As a member of SJRA he served as President for 1952 and for many years printed the club newsletter. Ed was an Electronic Engineer for the US Navel Air Development Center, a member of the Merchantville Masonic Lodge #119, Free and Accepted Masons, The Excelsior Consistory, Collingswood, NJ and the Crescent Shrine where he served as the official photographer and was a Potentates Aide. His hobbies were ham radio, photography and printing. Things on the Battleship New Jersey are quiet at this time. The ship is still on summer hours and open 7 days a week 9AM to 5PM with the last tour starting at 3PM. If your club is thinking about visiting the club station, please be sure and make arrangements ahead of the scheduled date to insure that someone will be there. Just go on our website [www.nj2bb.org](http://www.nj2bb.org) for how to schedule a visit. If you have worked NJ2BB and want to send a card, the QSL manager is Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR 150 Schooner Ave, Barnegat, NJ 08005. Please send your card with an SASE to insure receiving a card back from NJ2BB. The club has a very small fund for those who do not but when that fund is empty, cards without an SASE will not go out or will be severely delayed going out to you. Southern New Jersey will have one more hamfest and it will be in October. Delaware Valley Radio Association will host their hamfest on October 8, 2006 in West Windsor. For more information contact Glenn Costello, N2RPM. The club website is [www.w2zq.com/](http://www.w2zq.com/) Come early and get the good stuff before someone else does. Section Traffic report for May Traffic manager, K2UL, Dan Ostroy SNJ/NNJ Section Net Reports QNI reports NJM 74 N2GJ NJPN 200 W2CC NJSN 210 K2PB NJN(E) 237 AG2R NJN(L) 198 AG2R (the above nets are dual section nets of both SNJ and NNJ. Liaisons with 2RN) SNJ Local Net Reports JSARS NOT AVAILABLE W2HOG SJTN 42 KB2RTZ SJVN NOT AVAILABLE WB2UVB Station Activity Reports (SAR) WA2YL 141 AA2SV 57 KB2RTZ 56 K2UL 48 K2GW 37 WA2CUW 22 W2QOB 5 Public Service Honor Roll (PSHR) KB2RTZ 135 K2UL 120 WA2YL 110 K2GW 100 N2HQL 70 KA2YKN 58 WA2CUW 72 W2QOB 28 If you are considering upgrading over the cold winter months, here are just a few testing sites. JSARS holds their testing sessions on the 3rd Thursday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at the Riverwood Recreation Building, Riverwood Drive in Toms River NJ. For info contact Ed, WA2NDA at 609-693-3729. If you are in the Camden County area, Bellmawr also holds their on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Bellmawr Community Senior Citizens Center (in the basement) on Browning Road at Lewis St just on block east of the Black Horse Pike. For Handicap or special needs call ahead to Diane

N2LCQ at 856-227 6281. Just leave a message. If you are in the Toms River area, testing is the 2nd Saturday of every other month starting in January. Contact Bill AC2F at ac2f@earthlink.net or call at 732-240-7064.

## Central Division

### Illinois

SM Tom Ciciora KA9QPN, ASM KB9NW, ASM W9FX, ASM-Youth KB9ZGZ, ACC K9KQB, SEC KC6VVT, SGL, K9DUE, STM K9CNP, PIC KB9WPT, TC WA9IL, OOC KB9FBI, DEC: Central N9NP, NE AB9EE(acting), NW W8MQ, NB KA9IMX, Southern WA9APQ, SW W5DTR, VOAD (open), IMERT KB9ZDM\*\*Something to ponder from ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Allen Pitts, W1AGP: "Too often something happens, and everyone grabs a radio. No one grabs a camera or laptop and gets the word of ARES actions out to the media until long after the story becomes stale. We have wonderful stories to tell, but we are too busy to tell them when they are fresh." When you provide a public service, don't just tell other hams...tell your PIC and the local media.\*\*At this writing, we mark the anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. The Amateur Radio response before, during and after the storm was cited in the House Select Committee's Report as one of the few things that actually worked as advertised. A fair number of you put your lives on hold and responded. That response is ongoing in some places. Some of you were recognized, some weren't. All of you can be proud that you helped put a significant payment on our spectrum grant with your efforts.\*\*A 'hurry up and get well' wish to Don Whitney, K9DRW, EC Lake County, recovering from surgery.\*\*Please take some time to remember those lost on 11 September 2001, including the victims in the Towers and the Pentagon, the public safety people who ran into the burning buildings while everyone else was running out, and especially the men and women of Flight 93 who sacrificed their lives to stop the evil on that day.\*\*MUCH MORE SECTION NEWS AT <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=IL>.

### Wisconsin

WISCONSIN: SM: Don Michalski, W9IXG. BWN 3985 0500-0715 W9IXG. BEN 3985 1200 KE9VU. WSBN 3985 1730-1800 K9FHI. WNN 3723 1800 KB9ROB. WSSN 3645 1830 N9JIY. WIN-E 3662 1900 WB9ICH. WIN-L 3662 2200 W9UW. (All times are Central time) \*\* There a new amateur radio group in the Antigo area. The Langlade County Amateur Radio Assn (LCARA) was recently formed and has announced the following meeting and membership information: Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of each month at the St. Joseph's Clinic attached to Langlade Memorial Hospital. Talk in will be on the 145.31 PL tone 114.8 until sometime in September when 147.255 will become the primary talk-in repeater. The 147.255 repeater is scheduled for a location change in the coming weeks that should give it wider range. Anyone interested in joining the new group may contact Dennis Schmidt, W9DMS, via phone or email him at w9dms@wvraclub.org for additional information. \*\* Another new club, the Merrill Amateur Radio Group, <http://margdx.com/> generally meets on the second Tuesday of the month in the Cafeteria meeting room at Good Samaritan Health Center, 601 S. Center Ave. in Merrill. Meeting time is 7:00 p.m. Talk-in will be on 145.190 PL 114.8. Email [marg@margdx.com](mailto:marg@margdx.com) for more information on next meeting. Everyone is welcome! \*\* It might be time for you to update your club records by going to the ARRL Big Club List at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/biglist.html> Locate your Club in Wisconsin. Once you have the club records on your screen, scroll to the bottom of the page and follow the instructions beginning with "submit updated data for this club record". To renew as a SSC, go to this site: <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/forms/fsd7/renewal.html> This is done every two years. More info on SSC is at this site: <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/forms/fsd7/> \*\* Looking for the latest DXCC country listing? You can get it from the ARRL at this site: <http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/dxcclist.txt> \*\* Wisconsin Section STM Report August 2006 FAQ #59

– What does the SET have to do with the NTS? Oh, you mean, how's the annual Simulated Emergency Test connected to the National Traffic System. That's easy. The SET weekend, this year October 7–8, will test the capabilities of our emergency-ready equipment, our emergency-ready networks, and our emergency-ready traffic handlers. As our state plan documents, we will establish at least two statewide traffic nets – the Wisconsin ARES/RACES Net (Net Manager: N9VAO) and a special session of the Badger Emergency Net (Net Manager: KE9VU). Local ARES nets will have a liaison station to at least one of these section nets and will convey traffic to and from them. The regular NTS routing will be in place from the BEN to WIN, Ninth Region (maybe there'll be a daytime session), Central Area, etc. So what should we do about it? Send traffic! Prepare messages before the event with test precedences (test-routine, test-priority, test-welfare) for destinations throughout the state. EC's should send messages with specific data (See your 2006 EC Report form) to the DEC's and others. Send some to other EC's in the state, too. Request support from neighboring counties. All participants should send at least a few messages. Start the text of each message with the words, "TEST MESSAGE." This year's test will concern a simulated bioterrorism event. Messages from served agencies would be great. Messages describing implementation of activation plans would be in order, too. So would messages about activations that aren't functioning smoothly. We are trying to exercise the traffic system to see what works well and what needs work. Without plenty of traffic, we won't know. I'll be there on October 7. Send me as many messages as you can. 73, K9LGU/STM-WI \*\* Wisconsin Section Monthly Net Activity Summary August 2006 NET QNI QTC QTR SSNS NM BWN 2028 2803 4681 31 W9IXG BEN 580 51 1058 31 KE9VU WSBN 724 64 1106 31 K9FHI WNN 131 17 282 26 KB9ROB WSSN 141 19 264 28 N9JIY WIN/E 118 21 211 28 WB9ICH WIN/L 176 32 305 31 W9UW WRACES 80 0 185 4 N9VAO totals 3978 3007 8092 210 Note: BWN is Badger Weather Net; BEN is Badger Emergency Net; WSBN is Wisconsin Side Band Net; WNN is Wisconsin Novice Net; WSSN is Wisconsin Slow Speed Net; WIN/E is Wisconsin Intrastate Net/Early; WIN/L is Wisconsin Intrastate Net/Late; WRACES is Wisconsin Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service net. All nets details are found on this site: <https://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=WI> under Wisconsin Traffic Nets. 73, Don W9IXG

## **Dakota Division**

### **Minnesota**

ARRL MINNESOTA SECTION REPORT AUGUST 2006 SUMMARY FROM SM ++ The MN section ARES and Traffic summaries are enclosed below. ++ See the ARRL Section web site for up-to-date information and bulletins. ++ We are still looking for contributors for the new section news to start about September 1, 2006. We will be accepting articles for publication on the section website. I am looking for authors for articles of regional or club interest to include in the section news and website. Please contact your SM if you want to share your writings and / or your opinions. ++ Go to the new section website at <http://www.mn-section.com>. ++ We are always looking for ARES volunteers for members and EC positions. ++ Please go to the MN ARRL website and follow the link to the ARES website. Respectfully submitted by Skip Jackson, KS0J, MN SM MN SEC REPORT SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 2006 Total number of ARES members reported: 265 Change since last month: County EC's reporting: Anoka (KC0KEP), Blue Earth (WA2OFZ), Carver (N0EN), Clay, (KA0ZLG), Cook (KB0BDN), Itasca (KG0FD), Lincoln (WD0BZU), Lyon (WD0BZU), Redwood (KA0ISD), Rice, Scott (N0BHC), St. Louis-North (WD0GUF), St. Louis-South (KB0LC), Sherburne (N0YR), Washington (KC0OIO), Local Net Names: Anoka County ARES, CCART, River Valley, SEMARC, Scott County ARES, Chisago County, Carver County, Washington County, Forx Valley Monday Night Net, Mankato Area Radio Club Emergency Services Net, Marshall Emergency Net, Redwood County, Wadena Area Hamnet, Northern Lakes Radio, NE MN Public Service, SE St. Louis Emergency Service, Sherburne County Communications, Dakota County ARES Total sessions: 78 NTS liaison is maintained with the MN Section, Tenth Region, and NTSD Traffic Nets by N0UC, W0LAW Number of drills, tests and

training sessions this month: 14 Person hours: 103 Number of public service events this month: 8 Person hours: 272 Number of emergency operations this month: 20 Person hours: 374 Total number of ARES operations this month: 44 Total Person hours: 749 Comments: Go to section ARES website for detailed news Submitted by: Frank Karnauskas - N1UW, MN SEC MN STM REPORT FOR AUGUST 2006  
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W0LAW, MINNESOTA STM

## North Dakota

NORTH DAKOTA: SM, Kent Olson, KAØLDG - It's been a real busy time for me, and I'm sure you missed last months news. Work requirements pulled me away from home for the last seven weeks, thus I was unable to bring the news to you. Please welcome Lynn Nelson, WØCQ, to the ND Section Team. He has kindly volunteered to become an Assistant Section Manager for ND. Lynn will be a great addition as he is highly motivated and well known throughout the state. Also, due to me living in the eastern side of the state, Lynn will add balance as he lives in the western part. October 7-8 is the annual Simulated Emergency Test (SET). SET is a good opportunity to learn or practice skills in traffic handling, net operation, and emergency communications. The SET is a demonstration of Amateur Radio's capabilities and readiness. Contact your local EC to see if there will be a SET near you. There is a new Technician question pool out, as well as a licence study guide. Picnics in Dickinson and Grand Forks were well attended, and the Fargo bunch helped out with the annual MS Bike Tour. Please send me your news to post here. Hamfests coming up: Grand Forks February 3rd, Bismarck February 24th, and Fargo on April 21st. Section's web site: <http://home.earthlink.net/~qtipf16/>. HF NM KØJIM net reports for July: Goose River Net, 4/24/1; WX Net 26/357/5; Data Net 31/463/12, August: Goose River Net, 4/24/1; WX Net 27/524/6; Data Net 31/505/7.

## South Dakota

Brookings Radio Research Club The Brookings Radio Research club activity in the past few months includes a new repeater for the Brookings area. This machine will operate 444.700 with a standard positive offset. The repeater trustee is KG0XM. The machine is in the final stages of assembly and testing. The location of the repeater will be on top of 3M along I-29. The observations from the level of the antenna lend a great view of the horizon. This should give good coverage to most of Brookings county and possibly farther. It is planed that the repeater will have E-power available as well. We look forward to getting this machine on line and conducting on air testing within a month. If you are in the area give a listen. The tone for repeater access will be announced soon. Arend Schuurman KC0OFZ BRRC President Black Hills Amateur Radio Club. Technical Committee: · Doug Aldrich, W0WSP reported audio problems with the 76 to 94 link. This is very similar to the problem that occurred last

winter. The link audio from 76 is down 5-6 db. Occasionally, when 76 is keyed, 94 comes up but there is no audio from 76. When both repeaters drop, the problem usually goes away. Activities: · August 19th is the Rushmore Century ride. · August 19th and 20th is the Wyoming MS 150 ride · August 26th and 27th is the Leanhorse Ultra Marathon · September 23rd and 24th is the South Dakota MS 150 ride If you can help with any of these events, please contact the event coordinator. A complete listing of events is on the Black Hills Amateur Radio Club web site (<http://www.w0blk.org/modules.php?name=Content&pa=showpage&pid=16>). · The Quarter Century Wireless Association will meet in Mobridge on Saturday, August 26 for their annual dinner. ARES: · The next ARES meeting at Hermosa fire hall has been rescheduled for September 17th at 1330. · The annual meeting will be held at the old Story Book Island on September 10, 2006. The potluck starts at 1200 and the business meeting beginning at 1300. New Business: · The membership applications of Jim Irvine, KC0WNH and Bill Collister, N7MOG were approved. · Doug Aldrich, W0WSP reported on the status of the WB6GHA estate. An equipment list and pictures are available at [members.rushmore.com/~w0wsp](http://members.rushmore.com/~w0wsp) Sale dates are pending. Nominations of Officers for 2006-2007: · President – Gary Peterson, K0CX; Vice President – Jack Brand, K0STF; Secretary and Treasurer– have some suggestions ready for the annual meeting; Board Members – Gary Johnson, K0KLR and Doug Aldrich, W0WSP. If you would like to make additional nominations, please do so at the annual meeting. Respectfully submitted, Doug Aldrich, W0WSP Secretary Northern Hills Amateur Radio Club Committee Reports: · Public Service Events: · Please check the NHARC web site (<http://www.northernhillsarc.org/events.htm>) for more information. If you can help, please contact the person listed · The Mount Rushmore Century Ride (August 19th) and the Wyoming MS-150 (August 19th and 20th) were successful with very few problems. · The next event will be the SD MS-150. Volunteers are needed. If you can help contact Doug Aldrich, W0WSP or Chuck Palmer, N0UKO. · Technical Committee: · The 76 repeater is still having some problems. A work party will check the repeater in the near future. · There appears to be a receiver sensitivity problem with the 85 repeater that may be related to earlier problems with the duplexer harness. · A work party will be formed to repair the antennas at the Lawrence County EOC ARES: · The next ARES meeting at the Hermosa fire hall will be September 17th at 1330. · The State Link net has been on the air for two weeks. The net meets Wednesday evening at 8:00pm Old Business: · The SD Link is in need of money. Donations are tax deductible and should be made to the South Dakota Amateur Radio Council. Send contributions to SDARC Sec/Treasure Ed Gray W0SD 43804 257 St. Salem, South Dakota 57058. New Business: · The following were nominated by the members present: President – Jerry Hawley, KG0GG Vice President –Gene McPherson, N0MHJ Treasurer – Carroll Cash, K0RXC Secretary – Doug Aldrich, W0WSP · It was decided to start the meetings at the Sturgis Fire Station in November. · Doug Aldrich, W0WSP reminded everyone about safety during our public service events. Recently, two bike riders in Indiana were killed and several sere injured when a semi rear-ended a SAG vehicle, pushing the vehicle into a group of riders. · It was decided to research available grants and prepare a grant proposal to replace or upgrade the repeaters under the control of the NHARC. Respectfully submitted, Doug Aldrich, W0WSP Secretary

## **Delta Division**

### **Louisiana**

LOUISIANA SECTION NEWS – AUGUST 2006 Amateur radio operators from around the state participated in a "mass casualty" exercise on August 3. The drill originated at Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital (BJACH) at Fort Polk. WA5LQZ reports that Fort Polk officials were quite impressed with the capabilities of amateur radio and showed particular interest in the Winlink 2000 email system. Hams in Baton Rouge established a temporary emergency communications center at the Baton Rouge General Medical Center Mid City (BRGMC) with simultaneous VHF phone, UHF phone, and VHF APRS capability. N5KIP reports that the drill was a great learning experience and successfully demonstrated to hospital management the potential value of amateur radio in the event of a

communications emergency. Among the hams participating in this event were WB5JZP, WB5JZQ, N5NVP, KE5DJA, WA5LQZ, KD5KNZ, K5EOA, N5KIP, N5IB, WD5CMA, N5EPI, K5GWR, N5KXF, KE5ICJ, and N5ULA. Entergy will have a Broadband over Power Line (BPL) "demo" in Baton Rouge starting around October 1. Fortunately, Entergy has been discussing this situation with club officers in the Baton Rouge ARC for several weeks and promises to maintain a dialogue with the hams as things develop further. In addition, Entergy is planning to hire an independent firm to make measurements both before and after the BPL activation. Hams from the BRARC are also planning to gather field data to share with Entergy officials. Based on my conversations with two Entergy engineers, I am cautiously optimistic that no long-term harmful interference will be generated by BPL anywhere on Entergy's system. To check on BPL in your local area, type in your zip code (such as 70809) at <http://www.bpldatabase.org/> The LA Section Simulated Emergency Test (SET) will be Saturday, October 28, between approximately 8 and 11 am. Detailed scenarios are now being developed by our DECs and ECs. Depending upon propagation, the LA ARES Emergency Net will be on 3873 or 7285 kHz to handle test priority/test emergency written and tactical traffic. The NTS Fifth Region Net on 7280 kHz will provide an outlet for any test welfare/routine written traffic, plus we will try to have one or more NTS liaison stations available on the emergency net frequency to assist with such traffic. For non-voice traffic, PACTOR stations should monitor 3630.0/7080.0 kHz mark (center frequencies 3629.9/7079.9) at 15 and 45 minutes past the hour; CW stations should monitor 3711/7111 kHz on the hour and 30 minutes past the hour. If you would like a copy via email of the 2006 SET guidelines prepared by K5GLS, please let me know. College bound hams are encouraged to apply for the LA Memorial Scholarship, which is administered by the ARRL Foundation. The complete details on how to apply are available at <http://www.arrl.org/arrlf/scholgen.html> Terry W5TMP is a new Technical Specialist and Official Emergency Station. I'm very sorry to report that WA5MWH is now a Silent Key. Upcoming hamfests include the Central LA ARC Hamfest on October 14 in Pineville and the Twin City Ham Club Hamfest/LA State Convention on November 11 in Monroe. Traffic totals: K5MC 89, WC5M 70, W5PY 61, WA5LQZ 54, N5KWB 41, AE5V 7. Public Service Honor Roll: W5PY 237, N5KWB 115, K5MC 110, K5ER 71, AE5V 60, N5MEL 48, W5HUD 48, N5HMH 41, KB5UHH 34. Section net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Louisiana Traffic Net: 31/378/40. Louisiana CW Net: 62/276/42. Louisiana Slow Net: 8/43/13. Louisiana ARES Net: 4/69/0. Local/district net reports: sessions/check-ins. Caddo/Bossier Parish ARES Net: 4/59. Calcasieu Parish ARES Net: 1/9. East Baton Rouge Parish ARES Net: 4/16. Jefferson Parish ARES Net: 2/33. Orleans Parish ARES Net: 3/40. Ouachita Parish ARES Net: 4/50. Rapides Parish ARES Net: 1/9. Richland Parish ARES Net: 4/46. St. Charles Parish ARES Net: 3/59. St. Mary Parish ARES Net: 4/25. Tangipahoa Parish ARES Net: 4/92. Union Parish ARES Net: 3/25. Vernon Parish ARES Net: 7/105. Washington Parish ARES Net: 4/111. ARES reports: parish/EC. Allen/KA5NXT, Avoyelles/KD5IGG, Beauregard/KC5AHA, Caddo/Bossier/NZ5S, Calcasieu/KC5FGO, Claiborne/KD5JJP, DeSoto/AA5HY, East Baton Rouge/N5ULA, Jefferson/KD5EWD, Jefferson Davis/K5WNV, Morehouse/KB5SAR, Orleans/NO5FD, Ouachita/K5ER, Plaquemines/AI5B, Rapides/KD5DFL, Red River/KD5IUZ, Richland/N5MEL, St. Bernard/AI5B, St. Charles/K5CFJ, St. Mary/KA5LMZ, St. Tammany/KB5HFM, Tangipahoa/KD5PKS, Union/KA5JNL, Vernon/WB5JZQ, Washington/AI5B, Winn/KC5EWJ. 73, Mickey Cox K5MC LA Section Manager Email: [k5mc@arrl.org](mailto:k5mc@arrl.org) LA Section Website: [www.laarrrl.org/](http://www.laarrrl.org/)

## **Great Lakes Division**

### **Michigan**

Greetings Fellow Michigan Amateurs. Congratulations to Genesee County EC/RO Greg Ybarra N8HXQ. Greg has received the President's Volunteer Service Award. President Bush made a stop at Flint's Bishop airport to personally make the presentation to Greg on September 8th. Grace Ranger, Emergency Manager for Genesee County nominated Greg for the award, "...to not only recognize Greg for all the hard work he does, but also for all of our amateur radio operators. They are very much unsung



heroes". We met some more success in the halls of Lansing during the past three weeks. ARRL Member Tony, N8VR called to our attention that amateur radio's reputation was miscast on a web page hosted by the Michigan Public Service Commission. Your SM agreed, and a letter was sent to the MPSC Chairman expressing our concerns. I was extremely careful to not be accusatory or inflammatory, but to factually present our concerns and offer possible solutions. I was pleased to receive a reply that agreed with those conclusions. A portion of that text follows: "...We appreciate your bringing these concerns to our attention. The Commission prides itself on presenting what is often highly technical information in a simple and informative manner. We agree that this material should be replaced with language that has less emphasis on legal remedies and more clearly acknowledges the primary roll the Federal Communications Commission has in addressing these types of concerns, as well as informal solutions available at the local level...". I expect those corrections will take a few weeks to get posted, but I have offered the League's assistance in preparing a more suitable text. Election results for the new officers for the Midland Amateur Radio Club are: President Lee Hodges KC8ITI, Vice Pres: Keith Johnson KB8SOE, Secretary Linda Hodges KC8MUD, Treasurer: Larry Macklin N8CGP The Great Lakes Emergency and Traffic Net presented the annual Gold Key Award at their meeting held on September 10 at the annual Findlay (OH) Hamfest. The fourth Annual Award from the GLETN was awarded this year to Wayne Staats WS8RM of Ohio for his dedication and work with the net covering all facets of net operation, web site postings, net control duties and his history with the net. The Great Lakes Emergency and Traffic Net (GLETN) was the brainchild of Casey Cole (SK). He founded the net in 1956. GLETN Sec/Treas Ray Knuth KB8ZYY did some historical research and found that Casey had been recognized by the ARRL and the Michigan Section for his efforts with the net and his work with hurricanes and disasters. A plaque was presented in 1972 to Casey to honor that service. The plaque has been reproduced and is now a traveling award presented annually to a GLETN member for an outstanding contribution. The present GLETN officers are: Jack Wiswasser, WA8IAL NM; Raymond Knuth KB8ZYY Sec/Treas; Dennis Wilkinson VE3EUI Asst. NM. Our congratulations to WS8RM for his efforts, and to the GLETN for their continued successful net operations. GLETN serves the states and provinces surrounding the Great Lakes and meets Daily at 8:30 PM Eastern time on 3932 kHz. Our annual Simulated Emergency Test (SET) comes up the weekend of October 7 & 8. I urge everyone to participate in this endeavor. Amateur radio has received a tremendous amount of very positive press for our efforts during the hurricane Katrina and Rita efforts. Further, recognition of the worth and value of the communications we can provide is being actively encouraged within the Michigan Homeland Security/Emergency Management Division. Local efforts in communities across the state will provide further positive results when SET activities include your participation. Simply put, saying you can provide emergency communications has little value. One must practice, demonstrate, participate and most importantly learn from efforts like the SET. Gone are the days when served agencies will be calling for untrained and non-experienced volunteers. For us to be true to our "bragging rights" as a volunteer emergency communications resource, and to our description under FCC Part 97, we need to get involved. Check the MI-ARPS web page at <http://www.mi-arp.org/> for further details. This SET will include a scenario calling for the failure of repeaters and the need to use alternate communications for four hours. The "reason" for the failure is immaterial can be determined by local option, the real "need" is to deal with alternate options and maintain communications. Here is a great test for field gear and portable antennas both on VHF/UHF and the high frequency bands. Finding a missing report from last year's SET corrected Michigan's tally has placed us as THE TOP S.E.T. PERFORMERS in the nation. Look for the correction in Oct. QST. Thanks to everyone in ARES/RACES and NTS for taking the leadership position and producing those results. Station Activity Reports (SARs) for August, 2006: K8KV 259, N8FPN 243, KC8WSE 176, K8LJG 142, KC8MLD 104, K8AE 67, WB8RCR 49, KD8AAD 49, AB8WF 40, K8AMR 39, W8RNQ 31, KD8BGQ 23, W18K 18, KC8ZCF 10, KD8BMV 10, N8UN 9, WD8USA 8, AB8CB 7, KD8CVZ 4, KC8ZGB 3. Public Service Honor Roll Reports (PSHRs) for August, 2006: WB8RCR 200, KD8BGQ 160, K8AMR 110, N8FPN 110, K8MFK 103, K8AE 100, K8KV 100, K8VFZ 56, KD8CVZ 47. August Official Emergency Station reports came in from KC8ZCF and KC8ULE. PSHRs and SARs should be filed monthly with WB8RCR and your OES

reports with WA8EFK. 73, Dale WA8EFK

## **Hudson Division**

### **Northern New Jersey**

SM Bill Hudzik-W2UDT, ASM-N2WZB, STM-WB2FTX, ACC-N3RB, SEC-K2SO, OOC-K2ZD, PIC-W2WJO, TC-NR2H NNJ Webpage: [www.hudson.arrl.org/nnj/](http://www.hudson.arrl.org/nnj/) MONTHLY ARES NET: Second Monday of each month (8PM) on the Morris County OEM Repeater; WS2Q 146.895 MHz (PL 151.4) minus 600 Hz. For another year the ARRL is a national coalition member of the National Preparedness Month program sponsored by the government's Ready Campaign held each September. The program, a national public service advertising campaign, was started in 2003 to educate and empower Americans to prepare for, and respond to, emergencies. The web site at [www.ready.gov/](http://www.ready.gov/) contains information on emergency preparedness for not only homeowners but senior citizens and those with special needs. And, September 16th has been designated as Amateur Radio Public Awareness Day to draw attention to the emergency communications capabilities the amateur radio service possesses. We all know that emergencies can occur at any time and that we all need to be prepared should such a situation occur. Amateur radio has been recognized by many organizations and agencies for its response to disasters. Yet, we still have some local agencies that have not realized that we are trained volunteers who can help. The Ready Campaign is another tool to make those agencies aware that we are there to help. Please remember that we can only offer our services when asked, hopefully we will be. Also, continue to take advantage of the ARRL Emcomm courses and those offered by FEMA and the Red Cross. The phase "Trained Volunteer" is taking on a more important meaning. For the second year in a row the New Jersey State OEM is taking part in the Annual ARRL SET which will be held on October 7th and be statewide. They are bringing in other agencies that support OEM functions to test their communication response. Although the RACES program is part of the State OEM SEC K2SO and I encourage our ARES members to help where and when needed. Last year's SET was very encouraging and the ability for various agencies to come together via amateur radio helped our stature in the State OEM organization. Also, please check in to the section ARES net each month if you can. The frequency and time is always listed at the top of the monthly report. Information on ARES and a complete list of NJ nets can be found on the section webpage. A recent Raritan Bay ARA newsletter had a very interesting article about mobile power connectors, vehicle batteries and Anderson Powerpole connectors. These connectors have become the power connector of choice for emergency management since they provide the capability to interconnect equipment to various types of power supplies and batteries. If you have not done so, start fitting your gear with these connectors. The North America DX Association had a very nice article about its International Lighthouse Weekend operation appear in a recent Sunday edition of the Star Ledger. The staff writer pieced together an excellent public interest article thanks to the efforts of the club members who obviously were happy to translate what we do into plain language. I encourage clubs to add me to their mailing list as you may have some good information and news activities that can be shared with other NNJ hams. Last month I reminded licensees to keep their addresses updated with the FCC. Part of maintaining your license is to make sure it's also renewed before its expiration date. The ARRL VEC provides an effective renewal service for its members. Prior to the 90 day filing period for license renewal the VEC sends out a form reminding you its time to renew. The entire process only takes a few minutes and your renewed license comes back from the FCC in a few weeks. I know the process works as I used the ARRL VEC to renew two club licenses I'm trustee for as well as my own vanity call. By the way, the new fee for renewing vanity calls is \$20.80. If you have a vanity call issued in 1996 like mine but sure to renew early in the 90 day period as the FCC expects a large volume from those of us who took part in the initial 1996 grant process. Chris Campbell, W2JCC reminded me that those NJ hams applying for amateur radio license plates can only get them for motor vehicles as the MVC does not issue plates for motorcycles and has no intention to for the near future. Just a reminder, application information and hints for getting your amateur radio license plate is on the NNJ website.

Congratulations to Lew Tasso-KC2MCO who recently completed the ARRL EMCOMM Level II course. I'm sure Lew is following the lead of other NJ hams and moving on to Level II! Finally, congratulations also to Paul Trush-N2BX who recently qualified for Satellite VUCC. Paul had some very nice QSLs in his application. 73, Bill Hudzik, W2UDT

## Midwest Division

### Kansas

Kansas Section News Summary- August 2006 SM, Ron Cowan, KB0DTI-- SEC/OOC: Robert Summers, K0BXF ASM: Orlan Cook, W0OYH ASM-Youth: Emily Stewart, KC0PTL SGL: Steve Hamilton, KB0JYL PIC: Larry Staples, W0AIB Our convention was held in Salina August 20th. The show was well attended. I spoke with operators from Goodland to Parsons and Liberal to Leavenworth. Wendell was not able to attend and present the Oscar Baker Award for the Kansas-Nebraska club. Stan Creitz-WA0CCW represented the club this year. Preston Barrett-W0WWR was named Kansas Amateur of the Year. Dan Hay from Kansas Emergency Management gave us an overview of what his department is working on regarding communication programs and hardware. A main objective is to get all the agencies to the point that there is a common communications path during an emergency. Mike Stewart-K0MDS, from Leavenworth, gave us an idea of what it was like to be a ham in Mississippi after Katrina last fall. Mike put together a power point show of his time down there and offered some advice for those that will volunteer for similar duty in the future. The Division Directors meeting was conducted by Wade-W0EJ, now a Silent Key. Our Vice Director-K0BJ and K0BOG our HQ guest also participated. There were about 60 in each meeting. Wade commented on the good attendance that Kansas always gave him. Down in the fleamarket area our Assistant Section Manager for Youth activities, KC0PTL- Emily manned a booth geared toward the younger hams. Did you Dot your county ? A big thank you to the Central Kansas ARC for all the effort that they continue to put out as our host each year. I also want to thank all of the radio amateurs and their families that made the trip. Wendell-W0TQ was noticeably absent this year. He had an injury earlier in the summer and was in a rehab, or assisted care home in Concordia. Later we learned that Wendell had been admitted to the hospital in Salina and a couple days later we heard that he was a Silent Key. We have lost another " Doer " here in Kansas. Wen' was a very active Ham and participated in the Kansas activities with consistency and dedication. A short time later we were told that our Division Director W0EJ- Wade had passed away during surgery for a biopsy. We lost a great deal of good experience in a short amount of time. \_\_\_\_\_ S.E.T. the Simulated Emergency Test will be conducted on the weekend of October 7-8. A couple of hamfests are around the corner, both on Oct. 7. Chanute will have theirs at the Zion Lutheran Activity Ctr. Contact Keith-KB0ZAI 620-431-0930 Valley Center ARC hamfest will be in Wichita. Contact Sharon - KD0XW 316- 838-0286 KA0KCI has a VHF CW \ SSB contest working that begins in November and is a cumulative event that goes until November 2007. Sounds like fun ! KC0JCR, of Leavenworth has been working with the hospitals in her area to introduce them to the idea of ham radio as a backup communications source. She persuaded them to participate in a drill recently.

\_\_\_\_\_ ASM- Youth Activity: As most of you know, the convention in Salina just passed in August. This was the first event that I attended as an ASM for youth activities. We had 104 people from 44 counties put a dot on their county. We had a scavenger hunt and a Morse code keyer for kids to play with. The only thing missing? The kids! My goal is to get more Kansas kids involved in amateur radio. I would like to encourage you to bring your kids or grandkids to the next hamfest you attend. Please send me your news about Kansas kids and ham radio. E-mail me at: kc0ptl@arrl.net Emily- KC0PTL

\_\_\_\_\_ SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR  
ARES REPORT - JULY We heard from 13 Zones reporting 123 sessions 1095 QNI and 39 QTC.  
ZONES NOT REPORTING 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 1F, 2A, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2G, 3B, 3D, 4D, 4E, 4F, 4G, 4I,

4J, 4K, 5B, 5C, 5D, 5E, 5F, 5G, 5H, 6A, 6B, C, D. Are we not interested in Public Service any more? Any one with ideas on how to spur some activity within your respective counties please let KB0DTI or myself, K0BXF know how we may assist you in getting the job done. Disasters still continue to happen, Communication will still be needed, coordination of those willing to be of service should the need arise is still there! WANT TO BE A PART??????? Support the state traffic network system also. Monitor 3920 KHZ and 3610 KHZ as much as possible. Oh yes don't forget 3940 during emergencies because that's where KS RACES will be active also, especially the first Thursday of each month at 7PM. Bob K0BXF ARRL SEC KS. \_\_\_\_\_ July Sessions/QNI/QTC/Mgr: KSBN/31/874942 N0KFS KPN/23/270/46/ N0KFS KMWN/31/627/554/ WB0YWZ KWN/31/7865/525/ WB0YWZ CSTN/25/1351/55/N0BFB QKS 49/169/31/ NB0Z Traffic: W0WWR NB0Z 59 W0OYH 16 KB0DTI 14 N0ZIZ 12 Please note that I have a new e-mail: kb0dti@peoplestelecom.net If you're using the kb0dti@arrl.net keep using it. The barassoc is my work email. If that's not enough confusion, my Nite/Home phone number is now 913-757-3758. To receive or contribute to Orlan's Kansas Amateur Radio News E-mail News Letter contact Orlan-W0OYH-Editor at W0OYH@arrl.net

## Missouri

SEPTEMBER 2006 MISSOURI SECTION NEWS I'm sure that Amateurs all over the state of Missouri were as surprised and sad to hear about the passing of Wade Walstrom, WØEJ, on August 31, 2006. Wade lived in Cedar Rapids, IA and has served as the ARRL Midwest Division Director for 8 years. He had just been re-elected last fall to a third term. Wade lived in Cedar Rapids, IA and had just recently retired from Rockwell Collins. Wade Walstrom was a "class act" and brought considerable talent to every task he undertook. Wade's training as an electrical engineer made him the logical person to lead the effort to test the effects of Broad Band over Power Lines in the Cedar Rapids area. He attended many Missouri Hamfests, and Conventions and was always ready to listen to those that had ideas, comments and concerns. I know all those that knew Wade will feel a deep sense of loss and sadness for his untimely passing. Wade was an excellent leader, a fine person and great ARRL Director, he will be missed. Vice Director Bruce Frahm, KØBJ, of Colby, KS has succeeded Walstrom as the Division's Director and a new Vice Director will be selected in the near future. There must have been nearly 100 Amateur Radio operators helping with the St. Louis / Central MO Express Script MS-150. I know that there were just as many helping with the MS 150 in the Kansas City area and likewise in the Ozark FedEx Freight MS-150 that will be held Sept. 16th & 17th in the Springfield region. Congratulations for the great job done by the Amateur Radio Operators and all those that participated in this year's MS 150 activities. SEPTEMBER HAMFEST 2006 The Macon County's Radio Rendezvous / Ham Radio Camp-Out will be held September 22nd through the 24th at the Macon County Fairgrounds Park. There is no admission charge, but the Park has a \$10.00 electrical hook-up charge for each day you camp at the Fairgrounds. Camp sites will be on a first come first choice basis. You can camp in a tent or sleep in your car/van for no charge. The weather should be pleasant enough for all types of campers. You also can drive to Macon on Saturday or Sunday and enjoy the fellowship and check out the flea market. You can bring a lawn chair so that you can even better enjoy sharing your experiences in Amateur Radio If you need more information about the Radio Rendezvous, contact Larry Ballew lballew@missvalley.com or Ed Brockelmeyer, KØEB at epbrock@yahoo.com OCTOBER HAMFEST The Missouri ARRL State Convention and Southeast MO ARC Hamfest will be held in Springfield, MO on October 13th and 14th at Remington's Entertainment Complex (1655 W. Republic Road). For more information visit <http://www.smarc.org/hamfest> There will be forums about the ARRL, Antennas and Feedline and the National Weather Service. Khrystyne Keane, K1SFA, the new Assistant Editor of QST and Managing Editor of the National Contest Journal will be the special guest speaker from ARRL Headquarters. The Southside ARC Octoberfest '06 will be held October 21, 2005 in Grandview, MO at the Middle School (12650 Manchester). The Talk-in will be on 147.120 and the Hamfest opens at 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.. Tickets at the door are 3 for \$5.00 At The Door: \$3 each or 3 for \$5 and 4 for \$5 in advance. To request

tables, tickets or for more information contact Donna Quick, KBØJYN at kbØjyn@juno.com, (816-537-7464) or SouthSideARC@hotmail.com . The Southside ARC puts on a really nice Hamfest that draws amateurs and vendors from all over the Midwest. The St. Louis Amateur Radio Club is sponsoring their 15th Annual Halloween Hamfest on Saturday October 28th, 2006. The Hamfest which is held in the Kirkwood Missouri Community Center (111 S. Geyer Road) will be open from 7:30 a.m. with the main drawing at 1:00 p.m. Advanced tickets are \$3.00 each or 3 for \$7.00. At the door tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. To order tables contact Bob Sluder, NØIS bcs luder@msn.com or call Bob at 636-349-6584 the tables are \$15.00 each and \$15.00 for each electric drop. For more information visit <http://www.halloweenhamfest.org> . The Halloween Hamfest is a fun Hamfest in the St. Louis area and almost always sells out its tables. AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS KEITH HAYE, WEØG, ACC Missouri's newest ARRL affiliated Club is The Active Amateur Radio Society in St. Joseph, MO. Gail Iannone, ARRL Affiliate Clubs coordinator informed David Mollus, WØYZZ, of the decision of the ARRL Board of Directors on Sept 11th. One of the goals of the AARS is to increase the on air activity of Amateurs in the St. Joseph, MO area. Mike Hudson, KCØKQX, of the NWS passed on the following information and because Mike is so well known to Amateurs from every part of Missouri, I am including an edited version of his remarks. I know we'll miss having Mike working with us during Storms and Watches. "I have had the distinct pleasure of serving as your Warning Coordination Meteorologist (WCM) at Pleasant Hill for these past five years. It is with mixed emotions that I want to let you all know that I will be moving on soon to a new position in the NWS. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with each of you over the past five years. I know that my replacement will continue our tradition of a close working relationship, but I do want each of you to know that as I accept my new position, I do so with sadness at having to leave such a special position behind. Warmest regards, Mike Hudson" The Central MO Radio Association voted to reincorporate with the Secretary of State. This will re-instate the club's 501c3 status. One of the concerns that the CMRA will be addressing in the future is the manner in which they are going to deal with important documents. The CMRA just like most clubs in the MO Section have insurance papers, repeater registrations, incorporation papers, a club constitution and who knows what else that must survive the transition of club officers from one year to the next. Their Executive Committee will study the problem and bring a solution to the next meeting.

SECTION ARES REPORT FOR AUGUST 2006 DON MOORE, KMØR SEC Total # of ARES members: 720 Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month: 103 Man hours: 698.5 Number of public service events this month: 6 Man hours: 149 Number of emergency operations this month: 9 Man hours: 502 Total number of ARES operations this month: 118 Total Man hours: 1349.5 Comments: 6 of 9 districts reporting Jeffery Young, KB3HF, of St. Charles, MO has taken on the position of District Emergency Coordinator of District C. William Grimsbo, NØPNP of St. Charles, MO has taken over the Emergency Coordinator for St Charles County. SECTION TRAFFIC REPORTS FOR August 2006 DALE HUFFINGTON, AEØS, MO Phone Sessions 31 QNI 604 QTC 52 NM NYØT MESN Sessions 4 QNI 13 QTC 2 NM AEØS Audrain AARC Sessions 5 QNI 72 QTC 0 NM KBØKWC Callaway CARL Sessions 4 QNI 54 QTC 0 NM WBØHKN Boone Co Sessions 5 QNI 92 QTC 1 NM WMØH Howell Co Sessions 9 QNI 68 QTC 0 NM KØRWL Jackson Co ARESR Sessions 4 QNI 65 QTC 0 NM KØUAA Macon Co Sessions 5 QNI 39 QTC 0 NM KØKY Montgomery Cty Sessions 1 QNI 10 QTC 0 NM K2HT Rolla RRARS Sessions 30 QNI 507 QTC 12 NM NAØV WAARCI Sessions 4 QNI 102 QTC 0 NM KØDEC Station Report riginated 0 Received 10 Sent 22 NDØN

## **New England Division**

### **Connecticut**

Section Leadership: ASMs: N1FNE, K1STM, KY1F, NK1J, W1FXQ; Bulletin Manager KD1YV; Official Observer Coordinator W1GC; Public Information Coordinator K1SFA; Section Emergency Coordinator K1BRF; State Government Liaison K1MK; Section Traffic Manager K1HEJ; Technical Coordinator N1KHB. Five years after the terrorist attacks on our nation, nothing is the same. How real

is the threat of another attack and what is the probability of Connecticut being targeted? Over 14 billion dollars a year is being allocated to homeland security nationwide — find out how Connecticut is spending its portion. Learn how the job of protecting us has changed, and what role you play in helping law enforcement keep us safe. On Tuesday, September 26 at 8 PM, Connecticut Public Television has been working in association with the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security on a documentary entitled Connecticut: On Alert that outlines how the approach to public safety has changed since September 11th and how citizens can be involved. A live Town Meeting will follow the show. SEC Brian Fernandez, K1BRF, and DEC Wayne Gronlund, N1CLV will participate, representing the Connecticut Section of the ARRL. Here's your chance to be part of CPTV's studio audience for our live broadcast. On Alert: Connecticut's Response will be moderated by Anita Ford Saunders. Panelists will include: Murray Pendleton, Chief of Police, Waterford, James Thomas, Commissioner, Department of Emergency Management Homeland Security, Leonard Guercia, Chief of Operations, Department Public Health, and FBI Special Agent in Charge in Connecticut. So mark your calendars and be sure to watch!—K1SFA PIC Connecticut now has some new digital communication capabilities, through the work of Dana - KB1AEV, Paul - N1TUP, Rod - N1FNE, and Chuck, AB1CR and with the support of Bruce - N1XG and the PVRA. We now have a Winlink 2000 hub for Connecticut. What does this mean? It means that we now have the capability to use Winlink communications between stations in Connecticut, even during an Internet failure. It also puts us on a course to connect our hub with others, via RF, so that Internet failure does not reduce our capabilities. Our served agencies are repeatedly telling us that they need digital communications, so we need to practice with these new technologies whenever we can. K1EIC used Winlink 2000 to e-mail me the other day when her Internet Service Provider had failed. This is an excellent way to stay up to speed on using the system (but you don't have to wait for a real Internet failure!) Through the existing FBB/Flexnet packet system and the new Winlink 2000 packet capabilities, we are now able to provide this communications from most locations in the state of Connecticut. The Packet Quick Start guide at <http://www.ctares.org> will guide you through the use of the existing packet system. Information on using Winlink 2000 can be found at <http://www.winlink.org>. The free airmail software package is the quickest and easiest way to get into the Winlink 2000 system. To connect you need to access a TelPac node (Telnet to packet gateway) which serves as a gateway between your station and the Winlink 2000 hub. Call signs and frequencies of current TelPac nodes are listed below. The AB1CR-10 TelPac node covers much of the state, so please try it if there is not a local TelPac node. Thanks to Bruce - N1XG and the PVRA, the Connecticut Winlink 2000 hub (also known as a PMBO) is located in a hardened facility with battery backup and automatic generator support, about 10 miles east of Hartford. There is sufficient fuel to run quite a few days without resupply and due to the nature of the commercial 2-way equipment there, the site is high on the list for fuel re-supply. The AB1CR-10 TelPac node is also located there. The callsigns of those who are already using the new system are listed below. Who's next? AB1CR, K1CCT, K1EIC, KA1EOU, KA1RPM, KB1AEV, KB1ILY, KB1JDX, KB1JDY, KR1COM, N1DBF, N1HUI, N1MD, N1TUP, W1EO, W1HSR, W1WJB.--73, Chuck, AB1CR DEC Digital Communications Connecticut TelPac Nodes: (all 24 hrs except where noted) KR1COM-10 145.51 Ridgefield EOC week days and 24 hrs weekends; W1AW-10 145.51 Newington; W1GTT-10 145.03 East Lyme; AB1CR-10 145.53 Vernon (wide coverage); AB1CR-11 145.53 Bolton; N1BDF-10 145.05 Shelton (Also via W1HAD-2 digi); W1WJB-10 145.53 Ridgefield (as needed - mobile). Remember--"It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change."--Charles Darwin. Thanks Chuck and congratulations to you and your local team as well as the telpac system operators and the CLIDE committee on tremendous progress over the last few months. To all of you, I urge your support in getting on board with digital communications. The packet network is also being revitalized; a special edition of the SM news will be sent to all of you detailing our entire digital capability. Coverage maps of all these systems will also be made available. So stay tuned.—K1EIC Are you a video enthusiast? If so, contact Al KA1TCH because he is really interested in leading an ATV working group in CT. Al has had a great deal of experience with video transmissions and is excited about getting some good ATV activity going. So do contact him—email: [a@petrunti.com](mailto:a@petrunti.com). CHANGE OF FREQUENCY.—

The Connecticut Phone Net is meeting week days Monday-Saturday on 3.973 at 1800 local and on Sunday 3.965 1000 local. This change was made because of continuing interference problems from foreign broadcast stations in the evenings. There is no change in the emergency plan: tune to 3.965 as usual to stand by for instructions in the case of pending or immediate emergencies. The interference has only been known to occur during a couple hours so there is no change to the usual procedures in the event of an emergency. ARES nets will commence on that frequency if needed. Be sure to mark your calendars for October 28, the date of our simulated emergency test. A committee appointed by the SEC has been working on the design of this test; anyone interested in public service communications is encouraged to contact their DEC or EC and plan to participate. Write to [k1brf@arrl.net](mailto:k1brf@arrl.net) or [k1wmq@arrl.net](mailto:k1wmq@arrl.net) if you need assistance finding the DEC or EC. Thank you in advance.

## **Rhode Island**

Greetings Fellow Rhode Islanders: Got antenna projects planned for this fall? I surely do. My 35 year old TH-6DXX yagi recently informed me that it needs to retire. It seems that a couple of its traps have shorted and now the thing resonates at 15.6 MHz and nowhere at all on 15 meters. In early October, I'm planning to replace it with a Tennadyne T8 Log Periodic. Look out for me louder than I've been in a long while and making noise for the first time on 17 and 12 meters. We have several weeks to get our antenna work done but don't put it off too long. Winter is not the best time to be trying to handle small hardware with frozen fingers even if those antennas that are strung up during a blizzard usually seem to work great. By the time you read this, the '76 flea market and auction will have taken place. I hope you attended and bought some new treasures. I always enjoy going and seeing my friends there. Hope I saw you. In your October QST, please note page 81 and 82 for valuable tips on free on-line courses available from FEMA. Although no specific requirements have been formally released, it is popularly believed that having completed FEMA courses IS-100 and IS-700 will be required of all those volunteers who wish to work within the state EMA programs. As the QST article advises, "If members of the Amateur Radio community jump in and become certified before we are expected, and even before some paid public service staff obtains their certification, just how much better will we (as Amateur Radio operators) be looking in the eyes of our served agencies? Jump in there and get ahead of the curve." So there you go. On line courses are super convenient. You may complete them when and as rapidly as you wish. There's no excuse, they're even free. Please go to [www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/](http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/) for registration information and full listings of available courses. The website is a bit daunting when you first see it but it becomes less so as you browse through it. Just remember that you are planning to take IS courses on line. That will keep you focused. Your SEC, Sean Brennan, KE1AB asked me to announce our annual Simulated Emergency Test or SET, scheduled in Rhode Island for Saturday October 7th between 10am and 2 pm. Many ARES members have signed up for duty and can use more help. If you are an ARES member, please contact your local Emergency Coordinator (EC) if you know he or she is or contact Sean at [ke1ab@arrl.net](mailto:ke1ab@arrl.net) for specific assignments. Most all activity will begin on the 146.70 repeater in Cranston. Check in there at 10 AM and let NCS know what time you can put in. Thanks in advance for helping our RI ARES organization. We plan to make this a very successful SET. The Boxboro Convention last month was a little less than many wanted to see, probably a sign of how expensive it is for companies and individuals to travel these days. Since the last Boxboro Convention, gas had risen from below \$2.00 per gallon to about \$3.00 just before convention time. That had to keep some vendors and participants from coming. Of course, we all know that gas prices are falling now and will probably be down close to 2004 prices by next month. Regardless, I hope you enjoyed the convention. For those for whom this was their first one, please accept my thanks and I hope you will look forward to our next one as I surely will. They're held every even numbered year, next one is in 2008. Have you visited our new RI ARRL website? Its link is [www.arrlri.org](http://www.arrlri.org) , simple enough. In order to fully participate, read and contribute to all forums, you need to register. This is simple and painless. Please take part. Is there something you wish to see on your website? Fine, let me know about it and I'll look into it. Yes, it is your website. It is there to serve you and provide information to help enhance your

enjoyment of Amateur Radio. There's a forum at the site called "DXing with Bob". The moderator of the forum has asked us all to post our views about DXing today and how it may be different from the "old days" whatever they were. See if you can stump him. I know for a fact that it won't be hard. Give it a try. That website is [www.arrlri.org](http://www.arrlri.org). We have a new and very wide coverage two meter repeater on the air now. It is part of the expansive KA1RCI network. This one is in Portsmouth and transmits on 147.075 MHz with input +600 on 147.675 MHz. It requires a PL of 67.0 cycles, whoops I mean hertz. You may see the innards of the repeater and pictures of the people who brought it to you at [http://ka1rci.net/ka1rci\\_repeater/147075.htm](http://ka1rci.net/ka1rci_repeater/147075.htm). I have listened to it and spoken through it while doing errands and can report good coverage up, even up north in Cumberland. Give it a try and let Steve know how much you appreciate the fine work and generous sacrifice that he and his crew make so that you can enjoy using your HT to talk with friends all over our state. This repeater and others in the KA1RCI network are included in the RI ARES emergency communications plan. Till next month..73, Bob W1YRC

## **Northwestern Division**

### **Montana**

It has been a very busy August, with one of my daughters marrying and the other preparing to return to school. Most of my time has been spent away traveling and so I have little to offer this time. Many of our state members have been and are still active on wildfire duty with USFS. They have served long weeks and months without much of a break and deserve our support and admiration. All are active amateurs and share their extensive knowlege with those who need communications support. Thanks to all who serve in this capacity. Suitsat, the little bird that served so well earlier this year has finally burnt up in the atmosphere. Talk is continuing about another Suitsat in the near future. What better use for old space suits? Bozeman Hamfest is coming soon on October 14th. This is always a great time and lots of gear for sale/trade. Bring your "stuff" and an attitude of compormise. Ya never know what may tickle your fancy, looking super on the bench at home. The Bozeman folks work hard to make this Hamfest a success, so come along and support them. IMN-W5UYH, QNI-502, QTC-111 MTN-KD7HWV, QNI-2263, QTC-38 MSN-K7LMT, AE7V, WZ7V, W7MEX-QNI-91, QTC-3 73 All Doug, K7YD

### **Oregon**

September 2006 News In my ham radio volunteer activities, I have always done what I can to help those in charge of the activities. If I saw a hole I could fill, I tried to fill it. As a District 1 Net Control Station (NCS), I did what I could to help the Net Manager. As District 1 Net Manager, I did what I could to help the District Emergency Coordinator (DEC). As an Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) member and Assistant Emergency Coordinator (AEC), I did what I could to help the Emergency Coordinator (EC). I encourage you to do the same. Remember if each of us does a little bit, together we can accomplish a lot in the Oregon Section. I am doing my best to respond in some manner to every email or contact I receive. I may have missed one or two and if so, I'm sorry. Everyone should feel free to contact me about concerns and things you would like to see happen in the section. I am an elected leader and I need to hear from you. Phil Hawkins KC7KI is the Assistant Section Manager (ASM) for Northeastern Oregon, covering the area over to North Central Oregon and south through the central portion of Eastern Oregon. He is making contacts with clubs in those areas to learn more about their activities. If he has not found out about your club, don't hesitate to get in contact with him. Ed Ewell K7DXV is the Assistant Section Manager (ASM) for Southeastern Oregon and is providing section leaders with contacts and information about that area, primarily the Klamath Falls area since it is the most active. Ed is active and experienced in a wide variety of amateur radio activities. He owns a number of repeaters, is experienced in emergency communications and military communications and is



active on all bands and modes except packet. If anyone wants to hear from a section leader in that part of the state, please contact him. My plans to begin visiting all the affiliated clubs has been delayed a little bit because my father-in-law had a stroke the day after Labor Day while we were at work and passed away last night. Within a week or two I will be back on track and start that process. I have some updates to the appointee list for the Oregon Section website that I hope to have completed before the end of the day today. The website is at <http://arlloregon.org/news.php>. Please take a look at it and give me any suggestions. This is a start only. There is a lot of work to be done on it. One of the next things I am going to start adding soon is a list of anyone in Oregon who has completed the ARRL Emergency Communications courses. I will begin with level 3 and work my way down the list. Everett Curry W6ABM notified me of a media report of the activities at Yaquina Bay Lighthouse. Visit <http://www.newportnewstimes.com/articles/2006/08/18/community/community05.txt> to read about it. There were two new Emergency Coordinator (EC) appointments since the last report. Jerry Eifert, KB7WDR has been appointed Douglas County EC. Steve Long K7SLL replaces me as Yamhill County EC. Marsh Johnson KK7CW has started up a website for Wasco County ARES (WARS) at <http://www.geocities.com/wascoamateurradioservices/>. Please check out the site. One ARES group reported on their activities for the month of August. Frank KD7NNQ, AEC for Clatsop County reported that they participated in the Clatsop County Fair and the Hood to Coast relay race. I think it would be great if we hear from every county every month as well as clubs reporting their activities. There is a lot of activity going on in this state and we need to make that known. If anyone is offering the ARRL Emergency Communications course in a classroom format, please let me or Dean Davis KL7OR (ASM for Training and Communications) know so we can post it on the section website. Some people prefer to learn in a classroom rather than online. Dean posted a new notice on the website announcing ham radio licensing and upgrade classes that the Hoodview Amateur Radio Club is offering. If there are events that you would like additional communications assistance for, we can post those as well. Congratulations to the new ARRL Emergency Communication course certificants. Kenneth Taylor, W6NIB of Medford completed the ARRL Emergency Communications course Level 2 during August. Marsh Johnson, KK7CW, Wasco County EC, completed Level 1 in September. Joe Johnston N7HAE in Clatsop County completed Level 1 and Steve Crouch NO7V of Salem completed Level 2 in June. I have received information about a couple more activities for emergency preparedness month. Zale KC7FYD of Polk County ARES informed me that Goldie Burton (Mrs. Oregon 2006) organized an emergency prepared fair in the Roth's IGA parking lot in Independence on September 9th. The Polk County Incident Command trailer was there and Zale set up some stations around the parking lot for demonstration. Sharon Kennedy AC7UK, City of Hillsboro Emergency Manager, has been sending daily Emergency Preparedness tips to Washington County ARES this month. Three active official observers (OO) reported a total of 178 observation hours during August. OO's, please report your observation hours, bands and issues noted to Mike Califf AC7OC each month so we have a record of activities and are aware of issues that need attention around the state. The ARRL wants these reports as well and Mike forwards all he receives to both me and the ARRL. Bonnie Altus AB7ZQ Oregon Section Manager

## **Western Washington**

In District 1 Snohomish County reports that it is making an agreement with the Snohomish County Ham Club to include the 147.18 repeater in their weekly nets and using it as a resource net home during activations. This will require moving from the current 443.875 repeater to one located on Haystack Mountain on 444.975 (due to its linking and remote base capabilities). The new UHF repeater will serve as the primary operations repeater due to its ability to be linked to anything via its mountain top frequency agile VHF/UHF remote base. Skagit County reports a simplex exercise was held on 30 AUG. Whatcom County reports they had a RACES/ARES Field Day 25 - 27 Aug, an all weekend training event and that they put both EMCOMM vans on display at the NW Washington Fair for 2 days. District 2, Jefferson County ARES participated in a joint ELT trailing exercise with Jefferson County Search and Rescue. The Clallam County ARES members in Forks, with much assistance from the hospital

maintenance staff, completed installation of an IC-706, power supply and antenna tuner in addition to a 75/40 meter NVIS dipole at the Forks Hospital. The HF installation provides communication in an area only minimally served by VHF/UHF repeaters. Clallam County ARES provided training to 24 CCARES members on interoperability. Sheriff Joe Martin and the OPSCAN staff gave a presentation on OPSCAN (a microwave link multi-agency communications network for the Olympic Peninsula.) EC Chuck, N7BV met with the local pilots association to brief them on ARES/RACES functions. CCARES has incorporated HF into its Tuesday night ARES simplex net activity on 3.983 MHz. CCARES members Howard, AC7TZ and John, KE7FFX assisted CCEMD staff in the booth at the Forks Festival. Fourteen CCARES members helped staff the CCEMD booth at the Clallam County Fair. Kitsap County ARES successfully provided support again this year to the RAPSody Ride as it passed through the county. The Kitsap County ARES/RACES/ACS shared a booth at the Kitsap County Fair and Stampede with Kitsap County DEM and Red Cross. They were operational on 75M, 40M, 2M, 222 MHz and 440 MHz. Information was provided describing Amateur Radio's importance to emergency communications and how people can get their own Amateur Radio licenses to join the team. They also provided a display about Amateur Radio for the Poulsbo Branch of the Kitsap Regional Library. District 3 regrets to report that one of the Grays Harbor team members, Doug N7WMS, is silent key after a 2 year battle with cancer. The Mason county team is Planning for Nat'l Preparedness Month. Family Prep class Sep 10, the SET and a MST SET in October. Pacific County supported the Nat'l Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society contest and Mt Hood-To-Coast Relay Race. For the relay race they reconfigured the Beachnet repeater system. The Megler 147.18 repeater was tied to Naselle 440.675 repeater. These were disconnected from BeachNet for the two-day event, and the Naselle remote base connected to the 146.76 Nicolai repeater, allowing the Race Committee in St. Helens to communicate effectively with the last few stages and the finish. The circuit created was used for medical and emergency traffic, while the Astoria linked system was used for Operational matters District 4 reports in Cowlitz County Randy NU7D, Connie KB7AYY and Judi KD7GZR participated in National Night Out in Longview Representing the Cowlitz County DEM. August 2nd to 5th The Hams also represented DEM at the Cowlitz County Fair. The Hams displayed the Comm-Van and passed out handouts for Cowlitz 911, DEM, National Weather Service and Ham information. Ed N7CFA and Alan KA7QOX demonstrated how the ELT Team looks for ELTs & EPIRBs to an Experimental Plane Builders Flying Club. Several ARES/RACES along with other Public Service Groups took NIMS 100 & 700 Training. Clark County had a surprise call-out on August 29. They have a new revamped web site up and running. [www.ccares.org](http://www.ccares.org). Check it out In July District 5 has supported the following operations; Vashon Island Strawberry Festival, FEMA Search Dog Certifications, City of Lakewood Festival, Pierce County Sheriff evidence search, EOC-EOC drill, Pierce County Sheriff search and rescue mission August was a slow month for Dist. 6 team activities, although several teams were active with public-service events. The North Bend team conducted a Technician Element 2 class, with 5 persons in attendance. Shoreline ACS provided communications for the Shoreline Rotary Fun Run, and displayed its communications van at the Celebrate Shoreline event. The Federal Way team provided communications for the Federal Way Fun Run, Federal Way Festival Days, and Auburn Good Old Days. A meeting was held with the Emergency Mgr. for the city of Kent, who expressed enthusiasm for establishing an ARES/RACES team there. A search is underway for an EC and organizing a kickoff meeting for the new team. In District M MST has had 4 antenna work parties at NW Hospital and St. Peter Hospital; still a few more to go before the repeater project is completed. Ten team members attended the annual King Co ARES/RACES/ACS/MST picnic. Plans are under way for the annual SET exercise to be held 10/28. MST will be sponsoring a Tech level ham class for healthcare personnel in early November. So far there are 22 signed up to take it. From the SEC. Now that the summer season is over (although with the El Niño in place, we may have a warm dry winter), it is time to think about the SET coming up on Saturday, October 7, 2006 from 10:00 to 14:00. It will be a message handling exercise utilizing the Network architecture defined in the Washington State RACES Plan <http://emd.wa.gov/1-dir/com/races/racesplan-idx.htm> We are looking for stations to volunteer as NCS for the WSEN while we active for the duration of the exercise. Please contact the SEC K7TAG@comcast.net to volunteer.

## **Pacific Division**

### **East Bay**

Hello all I'd like to announce the re-formation of one of the oldest clubs in the section. The University of California Berkeley, Amateur Radio Club. Because of trademark restrictions the club is going to be known as the W6BB Amateur Radio Club. The club is open to all UC students, campus employees and alums. If you work or are a student or a grad contact Jack K6JEB@arrl.net. South Bay Amateur Radio Association had a special event station W5O, on the air Saturday and Sunday Sept 09 and 10th commemorating the 50th birthday of the City of Fremont. They operated 2, 20, 40 and 80 meters. AMSAT Director Emily Clark, N1DID, addressed members of East Bay Amateur Radio Club at their Sept meeting. As usual Emily did a superb job explaining the various ham satellites and even demonstrated how easy it was to get involved with just a ht and a gain antenna, by making a few contacts after the meeting in the parking lot. Btw: the AMSAT symposium is Oct 6-8 in Foster City <http://www.amsat-na.com> for more info. The Contra Costa Communications Club and EBARC held their annual picnic on Sunday Sept 17th at the Knox-Miller park in Pt. Richmond. Attendees were treated to a demonstration of a compressed air powered tennis ball antenna launcher by K6JEB. The food, tri-tip and salads were yummy. Ray W6FYA from ELK Antennas give a, very informative talk on log periodic designs and building techniques at the Sept.MDARC meeting. The Pacificon committee says that the banquet is almost sold out so if you haven't bought a ticket do so now. <http://www.pacificon.org> NTS Traffic report: W6DOB WB6UZX: Orig 1 Recd 85 Sent 57 Deld 2 Total 145 KE6QR: Orig 0 Recd 8 sent 0 Deld 6 Total 12 PSHR WB6UZX: August 2006: 1/40 2/40 3/10 4/25 Total 115 W6DOB: August 2006 :1/40 2/40 3/30 4/0 5/0 6/0 See you at Pacificon October 13-14 in San Ramon. 73 Ti

### **Nevada**

Nevada Section News Summary See the Nevada Section website at <http://nv.arrl.org> for the complete, unedited stories. September 13, 2006 - One month until Pacificon'06 in San Ramon CA! - Pacificon'06, the 2006 ARRL Pacific Division Convention is just a month away! Information and on line registration is available at the Pacificon'06 website, <http://www.pacificon.org>. This is the Pacific Division Convention, and we hope to have a good showing of members from the Nevada Section. SM Dick Flanagan K7VC, SEC Don Carlson KQ6FM and other NV section officials will be there and will share progress we've made on several key issues. Pacificon includes a lot of activities beyond the tech sessions and the "hucksters hall", including a banquet, a swap meet on Sunday morning at 6 O'Dark and the Saturday night Wouff Hong at Midnight. If you've never been, make this your year! See if you can find the whizzing rettysnitch! September 12, 2006 - ARES Monthly Report for August'06 - SEC Summary - The biggest thing that happened during the month of August took place in Elko County - FIRES! There were many lightning induced wildfires touched off with a little help from mother nature, and from the pictures sent by Joe Giraud, N7JEH, the skies looked like a Friday night poker party most of the summer! Fortunately Joe's troops were not called upon to do any major callouts, which could have kept them busy for most of the season. Thanks guys for being prepared and for standing ready. We are planning on having a statewide SET on Saturday October 7 in conjunction with a major planned drill based in Washoe County by the EOC, The Office of Homeland Security and the local CERT team. The scenario will be announced soon, and we hope for good participation from around the section. All it takes is a few dedicated operators from each of our 3 districts to make this work. The more prepared we are, the better we will perform when called upon to do so by our served agencies. Don Carlson, KQ6FM NV, SEC/PIC. SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORT: Clark County ARES/RACES is using WinLink as another means of checking into the weekly net. Bruce AL7LS has put his VHF/HF packet station back on the air. HF links to the Tahoe area are now available. No comments from most EC's reporting - Glenn Hale, KB7REO Clark County EC Charlie AA5QJ - Aug 15 Charlie Kunz AA5QJ EC and Vern Garman

K0EGA AEC Ops/Training met with the Emergency Management personnel at UNLV to discuss ARES/RACES support Aug 31 Charlie Kunz AA5QJ EC met with North Las Vegas Police Dept Emergency Management and Radio Systems personnel to discuss ARES/RACES support

**NORTHEAST DISTRICT REPORT:** NE NV ARES participated in a Red Cross Shelter opening in support of the Mud Fire immediately north of Elko. They also supported the Elko Velo Second Annual Lamaille Canyon Bicycle Hill Climb. Elko Amateur Radio Club members provided emergency communication support for the Pony Express 100 Open Road Race in Battle Mountain. 3 commercial linked repeaters were deployed along the course. Additional temporary linked amateur repeaters were also deployed but were not needed. Joe Giraudo - N7JEH

**NORTHWEST DISTRICT REPORT:** Glenn Thomas, WB6W, Douglas County EC, writes, "The training subject for the DCART meeting was the American Red Cross 'Introduction to Disaster Services' course, given by Gary Grant K7VY and Tom Stames from ARC/Reno. A mid-air collision between a glider and a small jet resulted in a mutual-aid callout in support of Lyon county. Dale Anderson KV7S provided support from the Douglas County EOC." Harry Bryant, KC7HVM, Lyon County EC, writes, "Wow!! A slow month for us. Was good to get a break from all the action. Only emergency this month was the mid-air collision. I would still be using toilet paper if it was me. The marine radio is here and will be installed in our comm van soon." Bob Miller, WA6MTY, Washoe County EC, writes, "On August 12TH I held my first WC-ARES Training Session introducing the new AEC's, AEC Washoe County (KE7AJO), AEC VA Medical Center (KD7ZEM), AEC Red Cross (KD7QDL). Unfortunately due to health reasons, our friend Max (K0MC) resigned as AEC for the Regional EOC. Kevin Marriott (KE7BQX) has accepted the position and we are working together to bring the EOC up to our requirements. I feel it necessary to exercise the radios in each of the Served Agency EOC's every Tuesday during the NW District ARES net. Frank (KE7AJO) and I are rotating around each Served Agency EOC to become familiar with the stations as well. My plans for the Monthly ARES training sessions are a Combination of Strategic Planning & Training, to keep the WC-ARES Team, Informed, Involved and Trained. The Focus will be on ARES training, workshops along with exercises Thanks to all those members that came out and helped at the Nevada State Fair (Aug 23-27) along with members of the CERT Teams. Don, KQ6FM, pointed out that any organization that is dealing with FEMA must have their people certified in ICS-100, 200 and 700 at a minimum. AEC TECHNICAL Andy Munoz (KD7ZEV) gave a Digital Infrastructure update on OUTPOST, PACLINK to Aaron Kenneston Director of the Regional EOC and Chris Smith, EOC Manager of Washoe County School District. Thanks to Steve Kometz (N7KP), he has provided a Commercial Midland radio to replace the ICOM at the WC-REOC. The combination of a Discone Antenna installed by the County and the extra wide receiving bandwidth of the ICOM made it impossible to use the ICOM because of all the interference from Red Peak. We are in the process of recommending a commercial radio, along with a commercial VHF only antenna to Aaron Kenneston to purchase for the EOC. Plans are underway for the next WC-ARES Training Session for Saturday September 9TH, where we will be discussing the upgrade of the interactive WC-ARES website, ARES communications support for CERT, and a planned CERT/ARES Exercise to coincide with the ARRL SET. -by Doug Abramson, KA7FOO September 4, 2006 - Mesquite IRLP Node 3705 Rebuilt and Back on the air - Kent W7AOR reports, "Mesquite NARRI IRLP Node 3705 Rebuilt and Back on the air with a totally new computer and software. I was able to talk over the Western Reflector as far South as Beacon Hill. Coverage will be improved when the 145.370 repeater is sited. This node was put in Mesquite last year with the assistance and cooperation of NARRI and the VVARC to allow for hams in that area to participate in various types of Voice-over-IP (VoIP) nets. A very special thanks to Charlie KH6AB and Harry WA6GLB." August 25, 2006 - New website for Washoe county ARES - BOB MILLER WA6MTY (Washoe County Emergency Coordinator) writes, " The new Washoe ARES website is at <http://washoeares.hopto.org> Andy Muoz KD7ZEV has done a lot of work putting this together. We will soon have the capability of entering applications and updating member data online. Check it out.. " -30-

. . . . Please consider Joining the ARRL. The best deal is the Life membership. Please let me know of any concerns, needs & news. Reports are QST is back to its delayed delivery schedule. Maybe the couple months of timely delivery we have recently enjoyed are gone again. Does anyone have an update? The October issue sent by first class came a couple days ago. We hope Hawaii's Hams get their copy by the first of October. . . . Last month we listed the updated list of ARRL affiliated clubs in the Pacific Section. I have received a copy of the acceptance letter for Kohala Hamakua Radio Club. The Executive Committee just met and approved the club for ARRL affiliation. Also since last month Hilo ARC and Hawaii QRP club have renewed. The EARC and Kona ARC have recently expired and need to be renewed. We still need new updates for EARC, Maui ARC, Samoa ARA and Molokai ARA. I have requested that Iolani School RC and Honolulu Dx club be dropped from the ARRL list. I can find no evidence of a club at Iolani and the main driving force for Honolulu Dx Club, Pat Corrigan, passed away several years ago. There are many benefits to being affiliated with ARRL and even more to be one of the elite SSC. Forms for application, renewal and updating are on the ARRL web site. . . . Wayne Jones, NH6K reports the 60th Aloha Festivals Parade will be held on Saturday September 16, 2006, starting at 0900. The route is as always -- from the Ewa end of Ala Moana Park, along Ala Moana Blvd to Kalakaua, along Kalakaua to disband at Kapiolani Park. The theme honors the Paniolo, so there will be a considerable increase in the number of horse units in the parade. Contact Wayne Jones, NH6K, at (808) 621-5916 for further information. . . . Gabriel, WH6CVI reports that not to long ago he found a key for Iolani Palace in the street front of the Honolulu Main Post Office. No one was at the Palace so he took the key to the Major's Office. The next day he received an invitation from the Iolani Palace Operations Manager. Gabriel said "After all I explained for the Operations Manager that I would like to invite my Ham Radio operator Friends. Oahu RACES and EARC members; helping out in emergencies communications and the Honolulu Marathon and the upcoming Aloha Festival. Our volunteer work is free of charge and we are using our own radios in our expenses." The Iolani Palace Operations Manager recognized the importance of our volunteer work. We are invited free of charge to visit the Iolani Palace on Sunday Nov. 05. 2006. !!!!! The regular entrance fee is \$15 and \$20. Please send Gabriel your first name with your call-sign for the list. He needs at least 10-peoples for a group tour. Iolani Palace was the first place in Hawaii with a telephone line and Thomas Edison designed the electrical service for the Palace. wh6cvi@yahoo.com "73's and Aloha! WH6CVI Gabriel" . . . . Please join members of PacSecARES Net this Sunday, 17 Sep 2006, at 0900W, for a test on 3580 KHz + 1000 Hz offset, USB. Backup freq will be 7080 KHz LSB voice. (And Yahoo IM also.) Tuesday night we had 4 stations, one on each island (Hawai'i, Maui, O'ahu, and Kaua'i), using 5W each, talking BPSK with better than 80% copy. We want to see what condx will be like for the SET on 07 Oct 2006, so will try both 80m and 40m at a time when both are transitioning. All welcome to sign up. If we pass formal traffic, it will be with ARRL format. ;-) Aloha, Norm, NH7UA - . . . ARRL is affiliated with Citizen Corps. You can read more about ARRL's national relationship with the Department of Homeland Security and Citizen Corps on the ARRL Web site at <http://www.arrrl.org/FandES/field/mou/> and at <http://www.arrrl.org/FandES/field/mou/FEMA-ARRL-SOA1.pdf> - - ... VOAD net every Tuesday on the RACES repeater system 147.02+, 147.04+ and 147.06+ MHz at high noon 1200W (2200Z) Please review emergency message handling. A good source of information can be found on: <http://aditl.com/dradio/> We usually pass messages in standard ARRL format. There will be a statewide test in October so now it the time to practice message handling. Tom, KH7CC Thomas Worthington [worth@maui.net] - - . . The SET Exercise is scheduled for Saturday October 7th. Any HAM interested in participating in the upcoming SET exercise please contact NH7WK hydra@bizwind.com or NH7WL hunklerj001@hawaii.rr.com . Be prepared to commit a full Saturday to the exercise, as all Hams will be given specific task/assignments. There will be a general meeting approximately 2 weeks before the exercise to review the HUB concept and outline the goals of the exercise. Specific HAM assignment will be given at that time. No further information is available at this time as the exercise is in it development stages. The Neighbor Islands are included via the ARRL ARES organization. All amateurs are encouraged to pass ARRL Radiogram messages in accordance with SET event guidelines. <http://www.arrrl.org/FandES/field/setguide.html> Ron Hashiro, AH6RH - - - . Reminder = Hawaii

International Hamfest at Waimea (Kamuela) on October 21. See the BIARC website for details. - - - - -  
Let us again look at the Amateur Radio Code. A Ham is Considerate, Loyal, Progressive, Friendly, Balanced and Patriotic. "Balance" means to keep the Ham Radio aspect of life in perspective. Other people like your friends, family, co-workers and neighbors may not think of it in the same way as you do. Most funerals of Hams I have attended just mention the hobby in passing even for those whose involvement was well-known. 73, Bob Schneider, AH6J Pacific SM

## **Sacramento Valley**

SECTION NEWS AUGUST 2006 SECTION MANAGER: As I have mentioned several times that I need to give up the SM position because of my wife's medical problems, I have submitted my resignation to the ARRL HQ, to be effective on November 30, 2006. My current elected term ends on September 30, 2007. I have met with and discussed the SM position with a ham that I have known for several years and have confidence in his ability to handle the position. I have recommended that this person take over as SM for the remainder of my term. I believe I should not release the name of this person until HQ either approves my recommendation or appoints some one else to take over. It is with deep regret that I must write this, as I have enjoyed serving as your ARRL Representative for nearly 17 years, attending many club meetings, hamfests, picnics and made many friends. To all of you, many thanks for accepting me as your representative. When I have more information, I will post it on the Section News web page. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has set the month of September as National Preparedness Month. The ARRL is one of the National organizations that has signed with the DHS and as such has declared September 16, 2006 as Amateur Awareness Day. It is hoped that clubs and organizations will have public demonstrations of amateur radio and contact local political and public entities to advise them on what ham radio can do in times of emergencies. ARES groups could do some good PR work during this period. More information can be found on the ARRL home pages, [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org). CALIFORNIA QSO PARTY: CQP contest will be held the first full weekend of October, 7 & 8th. Some of the SV section's Counties are quite rare on the ham bands, County Hunters will be out to work YOU. So make an effort, if only for a couple of hours. More information can be found on [www.cqp.org](http://www.cqp.org). NEW SECTION MEMBERS: I received an email and some pictures, from Brian, KP2HC and Ann, KP2YL. They have moved to Roseville from the U.S. Virgin Islands and are looking for a home with no antenna restrictions and room for the antennas. Good luck Brian and Ann! GOLDEN EMPIRE ARS: Their next VE exams will be held on Sunday, October 1, at the Chico branch of the Butte County Library. CW and Written exams will be held at 2 pm. Call Gene, WA6ZRT at 530-345-3515 for more information. The club will hold a Technician Licensing class in mid September. Randall Stone, K6RCS, is the coordinator, call 530-521-1318 for information. GEARS had an Amateur Radio Showcase at the Chico Air Show. LASSEN ARC: The club will provide communications for the Eagle Lake Triathlon, on September 10. They also will help with the Buzz Johnson Marathon on October 7 & 8th. The club owns and maintains 6 repeaters and 5 digital packet – APRS Nodes. MOUNT SHASTA ARC: They provided communications for the Tinman Triathlon, around Lake Siskiyou. George, AB6UE is the coordinator for the event. Congratulations to Earl Wilson, K6GPB who recently married Sheryl Castro. The club wants to know if she knows about Amateur Radio and of HAMS in particular. Michael Zanger, W6WJR, will be sailing up the Alaskan Peninsula, for a week and will hold a schedule with Dennis, WB6MBF, on 14,288 KHz at 0330 UTC on September 3 to 10. An email announced that long time member and lifetime resident of Siskiyou County, Joe Fornero, KO6PB, became a Silent Key. TAHOE ARA: It was beautiful day for the Death Ride until a storm cell passed over with thunder and lightening. A nearby lightening strike started a fire – but the rain put it out before the fire crews arrived – but it also damaged one of the rigs, even though it was connected. TARA will provide communications during the annual Hospital Simulated Emergency Test on October 5. Two stations will be manned, one at the Barton Hospital and another at one of the local schools. Their annual Bar-B-Q will be held at the Zephyr Cove Library in Nevada. The new Project 73 Mobile Repeater and trailer, was used as a backup for the Americas Most Beautiful Bike Ride around Lake Tahoe and it worked

exceptionally well. They also will provide communications for the Tour De Tahoe on September 10. This bike ride is also around Lake Tahoe. They expect 1500 riders. AMADOR COUNTY ARC: The annual Swap Meet will be held on October 21, 7 am until 3 pm. Seller Spaces are \$10. For reservations and information contact Ray Parker at 209-267-5958. There will be food and drinks, a Bake Sale, Vendors and a club equipment sale table. It will be held in the K Mart Parking Lot in Martell – near Jackson. Also call Ray for information on a one day Ham Cram Course for Technician licenses to be held in Jackson on September 23 at 9 am. The group has had very high passing rates on their previous classes. Members of the club will help with communications for a 3 day Bike ride as a fund raiser for the Breathe California organization. WHAT IS AMATEUR RADIO? North Hills RC will demonstrate all modes and equipment of ham radio at the Southside Park in Sacramento. It will be open from 9 am until 4 pm on September 16th – Amateur Awareness Day. The Red Cross Mobile Communication Van will be on display. In previous years this annual event was held at their regular club meetings for a couple of hours. With an all day event and in a public park this should give excellent exposure to amateur radio. For more information on this event or the North Hills Radio Club go to; [www.k6is.org](http://www.k6is.org). MISC: I hope every one is enjoying the Labor Day weekend and get back home safely, if you are traveling. No major fires so far this year, but the fire season is still with us. Probably will be no rain to speak of until mid October or early November. Keep those Ready kits handy, just in case of an emergency. Another item that has been stressed recently is in regards to your own family and home. Do you have an emergency or evacuation plan for your own family? I hope to get to a few more club meetings and events before the end of November. If you go to Pacificon in San Ramon, please stop by the ARRL Booth and say hello. I am now QRU. 73, Jettie, W6RFF, [w6rff@arrl.org](mailto:w6rff@arrl.org)

## **San Joaquin Valley**

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for the month of August 2006: 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. An Emergency Coordinator is needed in Merced County. Contact N6ZFN ([n6zfn@bak.rr.com](mailto:n6zfn@bak.rr.com)) or W6DPD ([w6dpd@arrl.org](mailto:w6dpd@arrl.org)) if you can help. Mark your calendars.. September is National Preparedness Month. The San Joaquin Valley ARS presents the Harvest HamConVention Sept 15-16 in Fresno. Check [www.sjvars.com](http://www.sjvars.com) for information. Amateur Radio Awareness Day is Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006. The annual Turlock ARC Auction will be September 30, 2006. Check [www.w6bxn.org](http://www.w6bxn.org) for information. The 2006 California QSO Party is October 7-8. Check [www.cqp.org](http://www.cqp.org) for information. Pacificon 06 will be October 13-15, 2006 at the San Ramon Marriott. Check [www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org) for information. The Scout Jamboree on the Air is October 21, 2006. The International DX Convention is April 27-29, 2007 at Visalia. Check <http://www.dxconvention.org/> for information. EMCOMM West is May 4-6, 2007 at the Atlantis Resort and Casino in Reno NV. Check [www.emcommwest.org](http://www.emcommwest.org) for information. Field Day 2007 is the fourth full weekend of June. The 65th Fresno Hamfest is tentatively scheduled for August 4, 2007 at the Holiday Inn at the Airport in Fresno. 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. If you fail to update your clubs information for 2 years, your club will be placed in the inactive file. Need to take an Amateur exam? Check the ARRL web page, [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) for exam information. You can also search for Amateur Radio Classes in your area. 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. The California Traffic Net meets daily on 3.906 MHz and 6:30 PM local time. The California QSO Party, CQP, is October 7-8, 2006. This is a good opportunity to put your county on the air and be sought out by stations across the United States and around the world that are participating in the party. The Northern California Contest Club has a great award program for participating stations. Check out [www.cqp.org](http://www.cqp.org) for information. Pacificon 2006 will be October 13-15, 2006, at the San Ramon Marriott. This is the

ARRL Pacific Division Convention. ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, will be present and speak at the Saturday Banquet. ARRL Chief Operating Officer, Harold Kramer, WJ1B, will speak at the Saturday breakfast. They will meet the members at the ARRL booth. Check [www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org) for information and registration forms. It is my sad duty to report that KD6AHF, KE6ESY, W6KOC, and W6FRG are Silent Keys. They will be missed. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security for the third year is sponsoring National Preparedness Month which is a nationwide effort held each September to encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. This year's goals are to increase public awareness about the importance of family emergency preparedness and to urge individuals to make themselves and their loved ones better prepared. National Preparedness Month is a nationwide effort held each September to encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. This year's goals are to increase public awareness about the importance of family emergency preparedness and to urge individuals to make themselves and their loved ones better prepared. More than 200 organizations including ARRL are members of the coalition promoting National Preparedness Month. Amateur Radio Awareness Day is sponsored by ARRL and is September 16. This is a good opportunity for your club to set up an Amateur Station in a shopping center parking lot to demonstrate Amateur Radio to the public. This is in the middle of National Preparedness Month. The Scout Jamboree on the Air is October 21-22. If you want to participate, contact the Scout Service Center in your area to volunteer. This is a good event to showcase Amateur Radio to the Scouts. There are radio badges for both Girl and Boy Scouts. The 64th Fresno Hamfest was well attended. It was a successful event. W6TLM won the main prize. WS6X won 3 handheld radios plus several other prizes. Pacific Division Director Bob Vallio, W6RGG, presented the February 2006 cover plaque to Dave Rosenthal, N6TST, for his article in the February 2006 QST, "Polar Bear Portable". The cover plaque is awarded to the best article in each QST, as voted by the ARRL members on the Cover Plaque Poll Webpage. Traffic for July 8 K6RAU 16, and N6SUZ 45; Total 63. PSHR: K6RAU 59 N6SUZ 96.

## **Santa Clara Valley**

Santa Clara Valley Section News Summary. SANTA CLARA VALLEY: SM, Bill Dale, [n2rhv@arrl.org](mailto:n2rhv@arrl.org), -- ASM, SEC/DEC Santa Clara Larry Carr, KE6AGJ, [KE6AGJ@arrl.net](mailto:KE6AGJ@arrl.net), ASM, Jim Oberhofer, KN6PE, [jim\\_oberhofer@agilent.com](mailto:jim_oberhofer@agilent.com), BM/Webmaster, Frank Kibbish Jr, WB6MRQ, [wb6mrq@arrl.net](mailto:wb6mrq@arrl.net), OOC, Andy Korsak, KR6DD, [kr6dd@arrl.net](mailto:kr6dd@arrl.net), STM, Pink Foster, KG6ILA, [kg6ila@arrl.net](mailto:kg6ila@arrl.net), TC, Kit Blank, WA6PWW, [wa6pww@arrl.net](mailto:wa6pww@arrl.net)

===== A number of events coming up in October:  
October 5-10, 2006 2006 AMSAT-North America Space Symposium and Annual Meeting  
[<http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/symposium/>] A Joint Meeting with ARISS International, IARU Satellite Advisors and AMSAT International. The AMSAT 2006 Space Symposium and Annual meeting will be held October 2006 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel San Francisco Mid-Peninsula hotel located at 1221 Chess Dr, Foster City California. The Symposium will again be a joint meeting with the ARISS International Delegates and will also include the IARU Satellite Advisory Panel annual meeting, and a meeting of AMSAT International Delegates. -----  
October 7, 2006 Electronics Flea Market at De Anza College The Electronics Flea Market (official site: [www.electronicfleamarket.com](http://www.electronicfleamarket.com)) is held on the second Saturday (pre-dawn) of each month, March through October. The flea market is operated by ASVARO. See the FARS calendar (or the official schedule) for actual dates. The market opens at 5:00 AM and closes at 12:00 Noon. The flea market is located at De Anza College in Cupertino. You can find detailed directions on the Electronics Flea Market web site. -----  
October 7, 2006 Amateur Radio Technology Day. [<http://www.fars.k6ya.org/amtechday/>] 8:00am — 9:00pm 13 Hours of Fun Amateur Radio Activities in Menlo Park one Saturday a month! Panofsky Auditorium Presentations, Sign up to speak at Am-Tech Day, Prospective speakers may make a request to speak at an upcoming Amateur Radio Technology Day event using the form on this page. Get On The Air (GOTA) High Frequency Radio Station on Air All Day! -----  
October 13, 14, 15. PACIFICON 2006, [<http://www.pacificon.org/>] the great west coast ham radio convention, takes place



Friday, October 13th through Sunday, October 15th, 2006 at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel at 2600 Bishop Drive in San Ramon, California. ----- 21 & 22 October 2006 49th Jamboree On The Air, [<http://home.hetnet.nl/~richard.middelkoop/Jota/jota.htm>] The largest annual WOSM event, the Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA) will be held this year for the 49th time during the weekend of 21 and 22 October 2006. The JOTA is an annual event in which about 500,000 Scouts and Guides all over the world make contacts with each other by means of amateur radio. It is a real Jamboree during which Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared, thus contributing to the world brotherhood of Scouting. ----- And a correction from last month: The San Jose Grand Prix ATV crew was made up of operators and equipment from the San Jose ARES/RACES group. K6BEN was not used in that event. Also, I mangled the call for Michael Wright, K6MFW. This is the correct call for Mike who worked that event as well as providing NASA ISS/Shuttle video and audio retransmissions. STS-115 is just wrapping up this week. ----- I'm still looking for news from your Ham group. Please send it to me at [n2rhv@arrl.org](mailto:n2rhv@arrl.org) before by the 12th of the month. 73, Bill, N2RHV

## **Roanoke Division**

### **North Carolina**

**SECTION TRAFFIC MANAGER** Our Section Traffic Manager is responsible for the National Traffic System nets in our section, making sure thousands of NTS messages are routed into, out of, and through our section efficiently. After almost four years of outstanding service Bob Lukaszewski, K4HA, has asked to be relieved in order to focus on family and work commitments. North Carolina has one of the most active NTS organizations in the country thanks to the efforts of Bob and his predecessors. On behalf of our section's 4,000 members, I want to thank Bob for his dedication and support! Congratulations and thanks also to David Roy, W4DNA, for agreeing to take the helm from Bob. I look forward to working with you Dave!

**2006 SIMULATED EMERGENCY TEST** The ARRL Simulated Emergency Test is a nationwide exercise in emergency communications, administered by the ARRL field organization. The SET weekend gives communicators the opportunity to focus on the emergency-communications capability within your community while interacting with NTS nets. This year's North Carolina Section SET will be held on October 28 from 8am to 12noon. The test scenario will be announced later by our Section Emergency Coordinator, Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK. Your local area may choose to hold an SET anytime during the fall season, just make sure your report reaches ARRL headquarters by January 31, 2007.

**WITHER PUBLIC SERVICE?** During a bike ride a few weeks ago I talked with an MS Society volunteer who asked why ham radio was needed on the route when Nextel coverage was so good. The question got me thinking about my younger days when spring and summer weekends were booked solid with walk-a-thons, bike rides and other special events. Today, our local club works only a handful of public service events each year. It's the inevitable result of the proliferation of cell phones. Served agencies just don't need us as much anymore. Considering that there are fewer of us around to work these events, it's probably a good thing. Small events in urban areas can be managed quite well with cell phones and none of us want to show up for an event and have nothing to do. But there are still many events when our services are valuable and a few where hams are so critical that the event couldn't safely proceed without us. How do we best match our capability to the agency's needs? Here are some of my thoughts on our unique capabilities:

**Coverage:** Commercial carriers can't afford to build out cellular coverage in sparsely populated areas. Remember the MS volunteer with his Nextel? He missed numerous calls that weekend when his Nextel coverage WASN'T "so good". Ham radio provides coverage everywhere, and during a disaster we can do it without any fixed infrastructure.

**Dispatch Radio:** I work for an electric utility and whenever there's a major outage the first step in our recovery plans is to open a telephone conference bridge. We then appoint a moderator who manages the agenda. Having key personnel gathered in a virtual "meeting" allows everyone to hear the same information at the same time and the moderator makes sure the meeting proceeds in an orderly fashion.

Sounds like a ham radio net doesn't it? The point-to-point nature of most cell phone calls makes it difficult for an event director to use cell phones to get an overall picture of how the event is progressing. And when that director is talking a call on their cell phone from one person, they miss calls from others. The chaos is manageable for a small walk-a-thon, but not when you've got 2,000 cyclists and 1,000 volunteers spread over 100 miles of Carolina countryside. Public safety agencies, power companies and other critical infrastructure entities still rely on 2-way dispatch radio systems as the primary communications method for their critical functions. Our served agencies can't afford to provide these networks for themselves, so they rely on ham radio. Technology: Ham radio can offer a served agency not just voice dispatch radio, but also vehicle location services (APRS), mobile data services (Packet Radio), and amateur television. We can also provide telephone interconnect (phone patch) in places where cellular networks don't have coverage. ".....to provide a pool of trained radio operators..": These words describe one of the purposes of Amateur Radio in the Communications Act of 1934. When a served agency asks for assistance from amateur radio, they get not only our technology but also US. Solving challenging communications problems is what we're all about. In our role as dedicated communicators, we aren't as likely to miss key information shared on the net because we were busy doing other things. We're more likely to convey accurate information over the radio because of our experience and training. Served agencies also get a group of experienced, disciplined volunteers who know how to work together as team and can even provide other services related to their communications role. Several hams in our club are also Emergency Medical Technicians. We can drive supply trucks and poop-out vehicles. We can help staff a rest stop. Sometimes we can help make decisions about the event because we've been monitoring the net and know more about what's going on than the directors. So what do we get out of it?: The FCC allows us to use vast portions of the radio spectrum and it's mostly because of our ability to provide service to the public in times of need or distress. Public service events help justify our existence with the FCC and other government entities. These events promote our image and visibility with the public. They serve as a great training exercise for the next disaster. Public service events are also a lot of fun! Contact your local club for the events in your area. Also, check out [www.hampublicservice.org](http://www.hampublicservice.org). Thanks to Bill Cole, KG4CXY and Eric Christensen, KF4OTN for their excellent work on this website. UPCOMING PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS September 30: Diabetes Walk, RTP. See [www.hampublicservice.org](http://www.hampublicservice.org). October 7 & 8: 2006 ARRL Simulated Emergency Test October 21 & 22: Scouting Jamboree On-The-Air October 22: Inside-Out 10k, Cary. See [www.hampublicservice.org](http://www.hampublicservice.org). October 28: North Carolina Section Simulated Emergency Test UPCOMING HAMFESTS October 8: Maysville October 14: Pfafftown Swapfest, [www.w4nc.org](http://www.w4nc.org) November 19: JARSFEST, Benson, [www.jars.net](http://www.jars.net) AUGUST TRAFFIC W0UCE 553 (BPL), W4EAT 485, W4UEF 247, K4IWW 194, KI4YV 149, W2EAG 137, KE4JHJ 101, W4DNA 84, WA4OBR 78, KG4YNM 68, KD4FUN 64, KF4OCU 62, W4FAL 44, W3HL 43, W4NCD 42, K4RLD 41, KE4AHC 33, W4EHF 26, W4TTO 25, W4IRE 15, W4LN 11, AK4GY 2 AUGUST PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL K4RLD 255, W4NCD 180, W4DNA 165, W4TTO 155, W4EAT 130, W4FAL 130, K4IWW 120, W0UCE 120, KD4FUN 110, KE4JHJ 110, W2EAG 100, KI4YV 90, KG4YNM 80, KF4OCU 80, W4LN 74.

## South Carolina

Greetings to all Amateur Radio Operators. This is Dr. Jim, N2ZZ with the September 2006 South Carolina Section Manager's Report! Please remember that the SC Section website can be found at: [www.arrl-sc.org/](http://www.arrl-sc.org/) where my full SM report will be listed as well as up-to-the-date information on Amateur Radio in South Carolina! I had the pleasure to travel to Shelby, NC for the Shelby hamfest over Labor Day Weekend. The weather was fantastic, and it was great to see everyone again, after a very long Summer. The ARRL forum was given by our Vice Director of the Roanoke Division, Rev. Les Shattuck, K4NK. I was pleased to see the Director and the Vice Director of the ARRL Southeastern division, Frank Butler W4RH and Sandy Donahue, W4RU who also attended the forum. North Carolina's Section Manager Tim Slay N4IB was unable to attend, due to a back injury. We all wish him

a speedy recovery. Les touched on a number of topics of interest to the amateur radio community, including BPL, FCC issues, the Grass Roots initiative, and happenings at ARRL headquarters. I learned of an honor that was bestowed on Les by the President of the ARRL, Joel Harrison, W5ZN. At ARRL headquarters, generally only Directors are asked to head committees. Les accepted the invitation to become chairman of the historic committee of the ARRL, a very prestigious assignment with a great deal of responsibility. I met with Joel and Les at the SVHF conference earlier this year, and was very impressed with the respect Joel had for Les. We should all be proud to have Les K4NK as our Vice Director! The South Carolina QSO party is this weekend! Please plan to participate in our section's on-the-air event! The contest runs from 1300Z Sept 16 to 2100Z Sept 17. The object is to contact as many South Carolina stations in as many South Carolina Counties as possible. There are three divisions; SC fixed stations, SC mobile stations and out of state stations. There are plaques for the high score in each category, with certificates for 2nd, 3rd and 4th place. The Exchange is: sequential serial number and county for SC stations; sequential serial number and state/province/country for non-SC stations. The SC QSO party is sponsored by the Columbia Amateur Radio Club, and full information is available on their website: <http://www.kf4ghc.net/scqsoweb2006.shtml> . Remember, contact with either myself (N2ZZ) or the CARC club station KF4GHC will add 300 points to your score! Hope to see everyone on the air, and I really hope to see some roaming mobiles. A few years ago, we had two mobiles that operated from each of the 46 counties in SC. Any takers? I spoke with Brian KR4SP, ACC regarding developing a speaker's bureau for our section. One of the great opportunities of club meetings is to have a speaker discussing a topic related to amateur radio. As I found from my Field Day travels, our state is large, and it is difficult for someone in one area of the state to speak at a club meeting, and then have to drive 2-3 hours back home to go to work the next morning. I ask that if you have an interest, please contact Brian [kr4sp@arrl.net](mailto:kr4sp@arrl.net) , become a member of the speaker's bureau, and volunteer to be a speaker at club meetings in your area! I was contacted by Thalia KF4UMR regarding the MS 150 bike tour. Here is her abbreviated message: ----- The MS 150 is one of the largest fund raisers in the South-East. This event raises an exuberant amount of money to go to the services and research of the National MS Society. There will be 800 or so bicycle riders just on the South Carolina side of the ride. There is a wealth of information at the website that shows the maps for the ride. The address for this is <http://ms150maps.com>. Please go to this site and pay attention to the "South Carolina" or "Columbia" maps and directions. There is also a document called "Sagger-Do's". This will only reinforce what we already know about performing this job, but it is nice to have a friendly reminder. There are several different positions available on the route. Phip Lackey and I will be handling the net control at the Darlington Raceway. There are ten rest stops, two route directors, and as many SAG's as we can find. Many of you have given me an idea of what you would like to do on Saturday. If everyone (including those who have already voiced their desires) will please respond to this e-mail and tell me where you want to be and what you would like to be doing, I will do my best to accomodate your request. I will also need t-shirt sizes for everyone so that I can work towards getting volunteer shirts. Anyone with a truck would be a huge asset out on the route doing SAG (Support and Gear) Duty. I know that gas prices are horrible right now, but remember, you can claim the mileage on your taxes at the end of the year. IF you want a written receipt, I will be glad to provide you with one. Also, if anyone knows of someone who didn't make my list (which is highly probable as I have changed computers twice in the past year so I lost a lot of data), please forward this to them so that they may take part in this great event. If anyone has any questions, comments, suggestions or ideas, please feel free to send them to me and I will see what we can do. Most of you know how much it means to me personally for all of us to be involved with this event. To me, although there are others, events such as this is what HAM radio is there for. I appreciate all of you! Thanks again for everything! 73s Thalia Wilhide, KF4UMR, (803) 413-0260 ----- AUGUST 2006 NTS REPORT FOR SOUTH CAROLINA – Mac Heaton N4MEH, STM NET REPORTS: Net Name/Check Ins/Traffic/Sessions/Reported By Anderson Radio Club 2M Net/874/31/31/N4MEH BRARS 2 Meter Net/2035/34/31/K4SUG Carolina's Net/283/165/61/K4IWW Carolina Slow Net/172/34/31/W4EAT Columbia ARC 2M Net/185/9/9/K4RKC Grand Strand ARC 2M Net/236/24/15/N4XML Greater Pee

Dee 2M Net/869/39/31/K4DTT Greenwood ARC 2M Net/117/7/5/W4DEW Greenwood Friendly  
Net/515/48/28/W4JAK Lancaster County 2M Net/142/23/13/N4WMB Laurens County 2M  
Net/98/3/4/KF4BVK PALS Net/843/79/31/KG4KOE (AUG2006) PALS Net/799/103/31/KG4KOE  
(JUL2006) SC Single Sideband Net/1396/70/31/WB4DLD York County ARS 2M  
Net/813/95/53/LI4NBA STATION ACTIVITY REPORTS:  
Station/Sent/Received/Delivered/Originated/Total KA4LRM/4/14/1/0/19 KA4UIV/22/20/0/0/44  
N4MEH/5/49/6/2/62 WA4BUO/3/1/1/0/5 WB4DLD/4/27/1/2/34 PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL:  
Station/Cat 1/Cat 2/Cat 3/Cat 4/Cat 5/Cat 6/Total KA4LRM/40/19/20/0/0/79  
N4MEH/40/40/20/0/0/0/100 Well, that is it for September! Have a great month! '73 de Dr. Jim N2ZZ,  
ARRL SC Section Manager

## Virginia

Section Managers Report for August 2006 As Section Manager, I was busy in the early days of August visiting radio club meetings and hamfest. I attended the Roanoke Hamfest on August 5th and participated in a forum along with other cabinet members. On August 11th I was the guest of the Lynchburg ARC followed by meeting with the QCWA on August 12th. In late August the Section began to brace for the impact of tropical storm Ernesto. Early forecast models had the storm passing through the eastern section of the state with the center of circulation projected to pass near the state capital of Richmond Virginia. All Amateur Radio interest in the projected storm path began early to prepare and those in areas outside the corridor of impact did some rechecking of their "Go Kits". Hams in central and western Virginia also began to think in terms of ARESMAT assistance if required. Some of the specific preparations and responses to this heavy rainmaker is as follows; Hampton-Earlier in the month they conducted their first ever shelter drill where Hampton opened all three hurricane shelters. Amateur Radio had an outstanding turnout with 10 people responding. Emergency Management was extremely pleased that we had such a turn out in the middle of the business day. They also installed (2m/70CM) in the Buckroe Fire Station for CERT use. Newport News: Amateurs made preparations for the arrival of tropical storm Ernesto. The storm impacted the area on September 1st so details will follow in the September reports. The ARES unit had a meeting with the Newport News Sheriff's Department to discuss the role of Amateur Radio operators in support of the Project Lifesaver, a program which used radio direction finding equipment to locate missing Alzheimer's patients. Gloucester/Mathews Counties-A/EC and RACES RO Joe, K4JJS attended a meeting at Gloucester County Social Services to discuss shelter activations and policies. The county envisions enhancing the five shelter teams with CERTS members and Amateur Radio operators. The county is planning to sponsor an Technician licensing class in late October or early November with Joe, K4JJS as primary instructor. This is being done to help bolster the ranks of available operators to support the county EMCOMM requirements. Joe Safranek, K4JJS also attended a shelter walk-through meeting prior to the arrival of TS Ernesto. Representatives from emergency management, school system maintenance, Red Cross, sheriff's department, social services etc. toured the three primary shelters and were briefed on the results of a recently conducted emergency power survey. Amateur Radio was given assigned space in the shelter with access to emergency power. Skywarn nets throughout the Virginia Section were placed in the standby mode prior to the arrival of TS Ernesto. The storm didn't arrive until September so the response to the heavy rainfall, evacuations, high winds, flooding and power outages will be reported next month. The After Action Reports from the impact area showed an ARES system that was willing, ready and able to meet the emergency communications requirements for this event. A number of ARES members from District 14 participated in a Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) on Tuesday August 15th. This was an exercise that was designed to simulate a catastrophic regional incident. This training involved emergency management, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors, rescue, fire, police, FEMA, SAR, Red Cross, Twin County Regional Hospital, ARES/RACES etc. October 7th and 8th is the days designated for the nationwide Simulated Emergency Test (SET). October 21 and 22nd is JOTA. For additional details on JOTA go to the the Section Website at <http://www.arrlva.us/>. To view the Section

Traffic report go to the Section Website. To access the SEC monthly report go to the ARES website at <http://www.arrlva.us/aresva.html> 73 Glen Sage, W4GHS-Virginia Section Manager

## **Southeastern Division**

### **Georgia**

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purposes. This is why the ARRL is called the Amateur Radio Relay League. Thru experience and drills is how we become effective in working together no matter who gets the credit. The list of is too long to mention and I don't want to leave anyone out. From DEC'S, EC'S, All ARES Members in and out of state, ARES-MAT Team, Public Health, EMA Directors and the Georgia Air National Guard. So a very special thanks to all that worked so hard in making this drill preparation a success. Thanks to everyone in advance for their participation in this event Greg N4VAD ASEC Ga. ARES Operations ---- This Saturday will be the Dallas hamfest, sponsored by the Paulding ARC, and to be held at Paulding Meadows Park. See [www.pauldingarc.com](http://www.pauldingarc.com) for directions. (Click on the "events" link) This is always a fun event. Hope to see you there. COMING UP: Ten-Tec hamfest, September 29-30. SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS: September 29-30, 1700Z-2400Z, Macon-Bibb EMA ARC, WX4EMA, for the 151st anniversary of the GA State Fair. 14.255, 7.220. CERTIFICATE. QSL- KS4GH. September 30- Columbus ARC, for its 50th anniversary, W4CVY/50. 1500Z to 2100Z. 7.250, 14.260, 21.360. CERTIFICATE. CONGRATULATIONS to JACK MASON, KI4ATE, who has been appointed as our new ADEC for Digital. Jack brings a lot of expertise to the table, and we very much appreciate his willingness to serve. FINAL REMINDER: The deadline for submitting nominations for the 2006 GA Youth of the Year is coming up at the end of the month. To date, there have been NO applications. If we don't receive a minimum of three nominations, I'm afraid there WILL be no award this year. Every once in a while, when a leader yells "Charge!", he has to look over his shoulder to be sure that the troops are following. If there is no interest in our continuing with this award, sobeit. Saves me from having to go begging for prizes. It's always a sad thing to report to you on our SKs. We have three to mention here: ROBERT (SONNY) HARRIS, K4JRH; EDDY KOSOBUCKI, K4JNL; and BILL LLEWELLYN, WA4AEM. Sincere condolences to their families and friends. Well, folks that's about it for now. Until next time, this is AF4FO, signing clear. Take care of yourselves. And each other. 73, Susan +++ No trees were killed in the sending of this message. However, a large number of electrons were terribly inconvenienced. +++

## **Southern Florida**

Hello Everyone, So far the tropics have been kind but we still have a few weeks of peak season to work through. Stay alert and if you are able, make your time and knowledge available to your local ARES group. Please contact your local ARES EC and participate in the ARRL SET (Simulated Emergency Test) scheduled for the weekend of 9/30 – 10/1 in this section. NIMS, FEMA, ARES, NTS, PSHR, ARRL, HSA, NFL, ARC – Alphabet Soup. When I entered the phrase of alphabet soup into Google I had over 5 million hits. Wikipedia states the term is used to describe an abundance of abbreviations or acronyms that goes back at least as far as Franklin D. Roosevelt's alphabet agencies of the New Deal. In the United States one of the most common targets of the term is the Federal Government because of the multitude of agencies, including the NSA, CIA, FBI, USSS, BATF, DEA and INS. The many sanctioning bodies of boxing - WBA, WBO, IBF, WBC, IBA, etc. are often referred to disparagingly as alphabet soup organizations. We can't escape it anywhere and it seems to be increasing. My use of the alphabet soup is not meant to confuse, only to abbreviate or to use common terms. TRAINING All ARES and NTS members must obtain ARECC Level 1 certification and ICS-100. 2) ICS-200, 700 & 800 will be necessary for those who wish to deploy out of their counties. 3) RACES personnel may need ICS-100, 200, 700 & 800 if their county desires to be NIMS compliant. This training certification is necessary in order to heighten the state of readiness of Amateur communicators and increase the level of professionalism of Field Volunteers so as to meet more effectively the needs of the served agencies. All training requirements must be met by January 1, 2007 for all ARES members and appointees of record as of 7/22/06. Those joining ARES after 7/22/06 will have six (6) months to complete the training. OES, EC, DEC, and HF Net Managers need higher levels of training. This focus on training is not something new nor is it unique to the SFL section. In July of 2002, (before Frances, Jeanne, Wilma and Katrina) it was discussed at length in the ARRL Board of Directors meeting. The ARRL Volunteer Resources Committee, appointed by the ARRL president, had the following comments in their reports of July 2002

and January 2003: ARES needs to be more focused on training. We need to project an image of greater professionalism than we do at present. Amateur Radio must earn and maintain increased credibility with served agencies, both nationally and at the local level. The existing ARRL certification programs can help in this regard. Additionally, excellent training is available through FEMA, the Red Cross, and other served agencies. Such courses aren't designed for exclusive Amateur Radio audiences, but present an opportunity for ARES/NTS volunteers to expand their emergency preparedness horizons. Amateur Radio emergency communications volunteers must be more actively involved in a variety of training experiences throughout the year. Amateur Radio should exhibit a higher level of readiness than is presently the case. This may be accomplished, at least in part, by encouraging SMs, in collaboration with their SECs and STMs, to study, on a continuing basis, the training needs of their Sections and the effectiveness of training programs in place. Amateur Radio should exhibit a higher level of professionalism than is presently the case. This may be satisfied, at least in part, by adhering to the following program:

- \* SECs and STMs earn Level 1, 2, and 3 certification as soon as possible
- \* DECs and NMs earn at least Level 1 and 2 certification as soon as possible
- \* ECs and OES appointees earn at least Level 1 certification as soon as possible
- \* SECs and STMs strongly encourage all ARES and NTS members to earn Level 1 certification in order to prepare them for possible future disasters and in order to prepare them to become future leadership officials.

Homeland Security states the following: All first responders, all federal, state, territorial, tribal, private sector and non-governmental personnel at the entry, first line supervisor, middle management, general staff and command level of emergency management operations must complete Incident Command System—100 level training. NIMS compliance is a prerequisite to obtaining any federal preparedness assistance (defined by Secretary Ridge as “grants or contracts that contribute to building preparedness and response capabilities”). If your group or your local served agency is applying for grants they will be asking the ARES EC and the RACES officer about our training as responders. **IMPORTANT** – Please pass this information to all appointees who do not, but should, receive these e-mails. If you have an ARRL appointment remember that you need to report on your activities. ARES appointees and OOs should report monthly, others at least quarterly. When reporting net activities and meetings include only those ARES related if you are an EC or OES. All appointments will expire on 9/30/06 unless I receive an e-mail from you indicating that you wish to continue to serve. I have signed up for another 2-year term beginning 10/01/06 and I am asking appointees to do the same.

REPORTS SAR for August 2006: KA4FZI 397, KE4UOF 120, N3OZP 101, AA4BN 75, K4FQU 60, KI4JRT 54, WA4EIC 53, W4WYR 12, K3QC 9, KI4KQQ 5  
===== PSHR for August 2006: N3HN 761, WA4ASJ 166, AA4BN 130, KA4FZI 125, KE4UOF 120, K4FQU 117, WA4EIC 115, N3OZP 95, W4WYR 79, W4DKB 6  
===== Net Reports for August 2006 NET NAME Abbreviation. Sessions QNI QTC MGR. All Florida CW Traffic Net QFN 62 716 347 NY4E Florida Amateur SSB Traffic Net FAST 31 281 36 K4SCL Florida Medium Speed Net FMSN 31 217 64 AG4RJ/AB4XK Jupiter-Tequesta Repeater Group JTRG 4 81 12 AG4BV Saint Lucie Repeater Assoc. SLRA 4 37 5 KE4UEI Southeast Florida Traffic Net SEFTN 62 803 119 AG4RJ/AI4GE Southwest Florida Traffic Net SWFTN 26 389 51 K4FQU ===== Bulletin Report from David Smith KE4UEI: Recd 52, Sent 36, Total 88 ===== ARES EC REPORT ARES Members 407 Change –3 in the 9 counties reporting. There were 12 nets in those 9 counties, 3 with NTS liaison. ECs reporting were: WA4GUK, KF4MJJ, AA4BN, AD4RZ, KF4IHX, N4LEM, KA4HLO, N1XC and WA4ASJ There were 35 drills, tests and training sessions and 44 total ARES operations. 7 of the 9 SFL counties reporting were activated for TS Ernesto. We should be receiving more reports from ECs, OES and OBS appointees. We should also have more PSHR reports from ARES members. The report data is used to lobby Congress, to talk to the FCC, and to apply for grants. Please do your part and report your time. Till next time stay safe, stay on the air, keep an eye on the tropics. 73 Sherri, W4STB

## Southwestern Division

### Arizona

ARIZONA SECTION NEWS September 2006 ARIZONA TRAFFIC AND EMERGENCY NET (ATEN) Interested in Traffic Handling? Well The Arizona Traffic and Emergency Net, (ATEN), a member of the National Traffic System, is still very much active on 3992 kHz at 7pm MST every night of the year. Hi, I'm Tomy Ivan, KF7GC, Net Manager. I would like to invite you to join with us. We have a growing number of new and experienced traffic handlers that get together each night to pass and receive message traffic and have a lot of fun doing that. We practice message origination, sending, receiving, and delivery. We use mostly ARRL Radiograms, but lately we have been practicing the ICS-213 form also. Young or old, rural or from the city, there is a place reserved for you on our Net. Young people often can gain respect among much older peer group and obtain high levels of responsibility through the Traffic Nets. If you are still working like myself, you still can find 15 to 30 minutes to participate in net operating at least once a week. Retired people can stay active in an important activity, while helping to provide a service to the general public. Traffic Handling is probably one of the most highly organized special interests of Amateur Radio. Come and join the most active Section Traffic Net in Arizona. All you need is a strong willingness to learn to send and receive Messages. To become a member, you must be willing to check into the net once each week, and willing to accept traffic for your area. If you have any desire to join please contact me any time at: Tomy Ivan KF7GC 928-636-7782 kf7gc@arrl.net or on the net at 3992 kHz 7pm EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS We had another good month for registrations on the ARES site. People continue to be drawn to the site. I am energized by the response we have had to the site in just the short time it's been live. I do need to say, we need more hams in the system. When I look at the summary tools available to me, I see we have 100 hams signed up in Maricopa County. When you consider there are more than 60 entities which would like to be served by Amateur Radio, we just flatly don't have enough registered hams to fill the needs we have. And, if I only consider the needs of Maricopa County Emergency Management, we need probably 200 more than we have registered in the event of a MAJOR disaster. To meet the needs of all the agencies we probably need somewhere around 500 hams just in Maricopa County. I was asked recently if I would support a new central Arizona Emergency Net - Maricopa (AEN-MAR) on 2 meters FM. Having been asked in the past why we don't in Maricopa County have such a net, and the short answer is we haven't had anyone who would champion the activity. When I was approached, I noted that most of these nets fail for a couple reasons -- lack of net control stations or they become just a check-in net and people blow them off. Generally, over time people fail to step up and keep them running, and they just fade into the airwaves. Last night I had the opportunity to review a plan that was nothing short of incredible. I saw a plan with 52 weeks of activities, ways to get out and exercise your equipment, your brain and still to have some fun and socialization too. This net may have been announced before this column is published or it may come to light just after, but we are going to have said net. Mike Pulley, WB4ZKA, will run the net. Mike is one of the event coordinators for public service events in Maricopa County. If you haven't met or worked with Mike, you will find that he knows how to mix professionalism with fun. Mike plans to make the AEN-MAR net interesting, lively, and educational. You will learn about your capabilities as well as those of your equipment, and maybe we will swing some of the fence-sitters into signing up for ARES 'cause I am still looking for 400 good operators!! Rick Aldom W7STS Section Emergency Coordinator natecf@gmail.com NEW HAMPS The following Arizona hams just received their FCC license, Congratulations! Robert Anderson Jr KE7IMU, Matt Borja KE7INI, Melissa Closson KE7IQM, Teresa Cummins KE7INK, Ryan Dyches KE7IMN, Ryan Dyches Jr KE7IMO, John Gardiner KE7IMT, David Garlock KE7IOU, Joseph Hansen KE7IMY, Steven Hodges KE7IOO, John Holt KE7IMP, Michael Jaeger KE7IOS, William Jordan KE7ILU, John Kells KE7ILT, Richard Latimer KE7IOQ, David Maier KE7ILF, Donald Malick KE7ILV, Raymond Moore KE7IOP, Jerry Nelson KE7IOY, Edward Patino KE7INF, Gregory Pierce KE7IOR, Ted Roy KE7INA, Randall Shepherd KE7IMZ, Christopher Tucker KE7IMV, Steven Tucker KE7IMW, Richard Turley KE7IMS, Kellie Turley KE7IMR, Jeff Vogan KE7IMX, Geoffrey Wallis AD7JC, Jean Wallis KE7INJ, Jon Wilson KE7IOT and Rita Wilson KE7INL. HAMFESTS Hualapai ARC Hamfest September 9, 2006 in Kingman Arizona at Mohave Community College. Talk-In: 146.160/146.76 (PL 131.8) Contact: Bill Beaman, KA0IYS (928) 758-6780 The 2006 TAPR/ARRL Digital Communications Conference (DCC)



September 15-17 at the Clarion Airport Hotel in Tucson, Arizona, will mark the 25th anniversary of the founding of Tucson Amateur Packet Radio (TAPR) and of the DCC! It also will host the 10th annual APRS National Symposium. This is a must-attend event for all technically inclined radio amateurs. A just-updated schedule of forums and speakers is available on the TAPR Web site and includes sessions for beginners and experts alike. ARRL Publications Manager and QST Editor Steve Ford, WB8IMY, will represent the League at the 2006 DCC. Southwestern Division Convention 22-24 Sep 2006 sponsored by San Diego County Amateur Radio Council (SANDARC) <http://www.sandarc-conv2006.org/> Talk-In: 146.265 PL 107.2) Contact: Paul Rios, KC6QLS [kc6qls@cox.net](mailto:kc6qls@cox.net). The convention will be at the Marriott Mission Valley Hotel in San Diego. Tucson Hamfest October 21, 2006 sponsored by the Old Pueblo Radio Club, Tucson Repeater Association, & Radio Society of Tucson. Kino Sports Park 2500 East Ajo Road Talk-In: 147.30 (PL 110.9) Contact: John Clor, N7SQQ Email: [w7gv@aol.com](mailto:w7gv@aol.com) Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about ARRL. If your club or group has an activity or event that would be of interest to other hams throughout our section please email me with the specifics. 73, Tom Fagan WB7NXH ARRL Section Manager Arizona Tucson Arizona 520 574-1129 [wb7nxh@arrl.org](mailto:wb7nxh@arrl.org) <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=AZ> <http://www.az-arrl.org/>

## Orange

SECTION MANAGER SUMMARY July and August 2006 July 2006 – Orange County Fair kicked off of July 9 thru July 30 in Costa Mesa, CA where the Orange County Amateur Radio Organization set up towers, radios, ATV, CW practice keys and displayed information on each club that is represented in Orange County. The group got 1st prize once again for a creative booth based on the theme at the fair. Congratulations! Hats off to Kristen Dankert K6PEQ, Dan Dankert N6PEQ, Gordon West WB6NOA and his lovely wife Susie, Corkey, and all the clubs in Orange County that volunteers to help make this a great success. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION S: ORANGE SECTION ARES DATABASE IN FULL SWING The Orange Section has introduced a new database for securing ARES members and all those that have a great desire to assist in an emergency. We encourage you to register and we are adding group memberships to the database to make it easier for you to identify who you are obligated to in a possible emergency, be it RACES, ACS, ECS, ARES, HDSCS, etc. We already have 75 members signed up and increasing daily. It helps us to know where you are and who we can turn to for extra help if needed. During a disaster as all of you know, the stress of making sure family is safe first is a priority. This can limit the amount of volunteers needed at any given post. We therefore, need a strong and effective database that will ensure us the volunteers needed. As you know 100% is less then 30% active. If you have questions, please contact my Section Emergency Coordinator, Steve Grudzinski AD6HT at [ad6ht@arrl.net](mailto:ad6ht@arrl.net) . Our website is: [www.orange-arrl.org/secure](http://www.orange-arrl.org/secure) to register as an emergency communicator. There will be a table at the Southwestern Division Convention in San Diego, sponsored by Arizona (the creator of the database) Rick Aldom N7STS and Jim Hoff N7XXX to discuss how the database works and why it is a necessary part of an emergency communication system. HAMFEST SWD Convention starts September 22 – 24 in San Diego. The convention will be at the Marriott Mission Valley Hotel in San Diego. Please visit their website for further information of events, speakers, and commercial exhibits [www.sandarc-conv2006.org](http://www.sandarc-conv2006.org) talk in: 146.265 PL 107.2. Contact Paul Rios KC6QLS [kc6qls@cox.net](mailto:kc6qls@cox.net) Amateur Radio Expo 2006 September 8 – October 1 is the L. A. County Fair always a fun place to go. Over 1.5 million people will attend the 6th largest fair in the Nation. This will be the second year for the Amateur Radio Expo 2006. Please come by or join us as a volunteer of your time to spread the word to the general public. We are always preaching to each other, here is the opportunity to let the public know who we are. For further information visit our website at <http://lafair.b2v.org> Inside the fair we are located on Sycamore St. Highlights: Exhibits of Amateur Radio emergency communications, radios, T-hunting, antennas, The Widget Factory and Special Event Station N6E, VE Testing every Sunday 4pm – 6pm. NEW HAMS – Orange Section The following received their licenses in August – Congratulations! Baghdassar KI6ESP, Andrew KI6EVT, David KI6ESX, Terry KI6EVY, Jean KI6EVU, Fred KI6EUV, Brenda KI6EVR, Dennis KI6EVW, Melissa KI6EVX, Rodolfo KI6EVZ,

John KI6EXN, David KI6EQL, Bonny KI6EVS, Paul KI6ERI, Andrew KI6ERJ, Scott KI6ERK, Gary KI6ESY, Lowell KI6EQK, Frank KI6ESW, Christina KI6ESV, Virginia Lynne KI6EQP, Thomas KI6EZI, Stanley KI6EZL, Gary KI6EZH, Karen KI6EPY, Patricia KI6ETG, George, KI6ESU, Robin KI6EZG, Robert KI6EXI, Cristina KI6EXH, David KI6EXQ, Thomas KI6EYW, Cynthia KI6EYB, Cindy KI6EXD, Karen KI6EYG, Henry KI6EXG, Paterik KI6EYT, Bonnie KI6EYD, Edwin KI6EYE, Garrett KI6EPS, Bill KI6EYF, Stephen KI6EYX, Kathy KI6EXC, Yuan KI6EYS, Christine KI6EXU, Brian KI6EXY, Megan KI6EXZ, Lynn KI6EZD, Keith KI6EQV, Stacie KI6EYV, Denise KI6EPW, John KI6EXA, Bobby KI6EZF, Nigel KI6EYP, Jerome KI6EYN, Carlos KI6EPX, Marshall KI6EQO, Justice KI6EYI, Juti KI6EYJ, Guy KI6ERN, Sandra KI6ERP, Doris KI6EXJ, Helen KI6EPR, Jamie KI6EYO, Stephan KI6EQR, Ye KI6EPU, Wade KI6EQC, Christopher KI6EQW, Kristine KI6EQJ, Aaron KI6EYK, Tommy KI6EYL, Joseph KI6EXF, Paul KI6EPV, Anthony KI6EQY, Ryan KI6EXO, Brenda KI6EXL, Brian KI6ERO, Jacob KI6EXM, Steve KI6EYQ, Rosario KI6ERM, Charles KI6ERL, Carl KI6EXX, Amy KI6EXW

## **Santa Barbara**

ARRL Santa Barbara Section Council of Clubs Semi Annual Meeting 10-14-06 The second Saturday in October at 10 a.m. The ARRL Santa Barbara Section Council of Clubs serves all amateur radio clubs within the San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties. ARRL Santa Barbara Section Council of Clubs - The Official Meeting and election of officers will be at 10 a.m. on the second Saturday in October at the regular location: 10060 Telegraph Road Ventura, California 93004 Regular Meeting Location Map < <http://www.qsl.net/arrlsb/SBSCC/whereitsat.html> > Be sure your Club Representatives will represent your club at this important meeting. Nominations will be made from the floor for the officer positions. Voting will be by those Club Representatives present. All officer positions are open for nominations: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. Any other council business may be offered by any attending representatives of the paid member clubs. Plan ahead: The first meeting of the council for 2007 will be on the second Saturday of February. The ARRL Santa Barbara Section Council of Clubs Official Meeting is an opportunity to bring your club's dues up to date. Download the renewal application or if your club is one of the few that has never applied for membership, download the new member application. Membership Renewal Form <

<http://www.qsl.net/arrlsb/SBSCC/PDFfiles/RenewAp2006.pdf> > New Member Form <

<http://www.qsl.net/arrlsb/SBSCC/PDFfiles/NewAp2006.pdf> > Those clubs that have overlooked paying the yearly membership dues for this year are listed below: Amateur Television Network, W6ATN Paso Robles ARC, W6LKF San Luis Obispo Emergency Communications Council Satellite Amateur Radio Club, W6AB ===== Southwestern Division Convention:San Diego! The Southwestern Division's largest Amateur Radio gathering is at the Division Convention on September 22, 23, and 24, at the San Diego Marriott Mission Valley Hotel. A full program of talks and events is at < [www.sandarc-conv2006.org](http://www.sandarc-conv2006.org) >

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## **West Gulf Division**

### **South Texas**

I want to thank the clubs that are still sending me their newsletter. These are the ones I still get. AARO in San Antonio. Doug, KA5KLU, I really enjoyed the article on CW. Thank you Austin for AARC OVER. Sorry to hear about Don Newcomb, W0DN becoming a SK. I stopped in his plant in Lockhart several years ago. It was great to see that Joe Fisher is busy with the LBJ School kids. Thank you Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club. The Ice cream social drew a large crowd. NARS, thank you for sending yours by electronic mail. I also want to thank GCARC in Denison North Texas Section for your fine newsletter by electronic mail. These clubs all have emergency operation as part of their interest. I did get three times that many. What happened? For some time we have not had an OO group in South Texas for several reasons. I am happy to say we now have a very active group. Thank you for your time spent. Tonight we are under a flash flood watch. Hard to believe after such a long time with no rain to speak of. It is raining but nothing too great yet. It makes you feel better when the rain comes back. However, it means we have to start mowing the lawn again. You have to love it, though, because it gives you the much needed exercise. That may be the reason gas prices are going down. It's been so long since we had rain that the new South Texas dictionary didn't even list rain. Hi Hi. I hope everyone has a great month. God Bless America and our Troops. Ray N5NAV

# Section News for September 2006

## Atlantic Division

### Southern New Jersey

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER 2006 SECTION MANAGER, JEAN PRIESTLEY, KA2YKN Welcome to Fall and the start of a busy three months. Everyone has their own activity list and the Battleship is no exception. BNJARS will again host a full schedule of scouts for JOTA on the weekend of October 21 and 22. JOTA, of course, stands for Jamboree On The Air. Arrangements have been made with local scout troops to be on the Big "J". The scouts will be looking for YOU to talk to THEM. There will also be groups in other counties working with groups of scouts. This is our golden opportunity to share something with our most precious resource, our young people. There will be plenty of scouts shying up to the mic and we hope there will be a long line of hams operating at home to talk to them. There will be scouts from across the United States learning what Amateur Radio is for the first time. For other scouts it may be their second or third time. Let's make their experiences good experiences. Radio control operators will be working with the scouts. They may have excited youngsters so please be patient with the control ops as they work with these fine young people. The South Jersey DX Association and Old Barney ARC are co-sponsoring "The Jersey Shore DXPO and dinner on Saturday November 11, 2006. It is being held at The Ocean Acres Community Center. Doors will open at 11AM and seating is limited. Tickets are \$20 and each ticket includes the show and buffet. For more information, contact Bob Pantazes, W2ARP, at w2arp@arrrl.net. "Day Passes" will be available at the door for \$5. a piece and are good from 11AM to 5PM. There will be an assortment of presentations and forums along with DXCC card checking. Please visit [www.sjdxa.org](http://www.sjdxa.org) for full details. This event promises to be a day full of exciting and interesting things to see and do. There will be good friends to meet up with and new friends you have yet to meet. Things on the Battleship New Jersey are quiet at this time. The ship is on winter hours and open 7 days a week 9AM to 3PM with the last tour starting at 3PM. If your club is thinking about visiting the club station, please be sure and make arrangements ahead of the scheduled date to insure that someone will be there. Just go on our website [www.nj2bb.org](http://www.nj2bb.org) for how to schedule a visit. If you have worked NJ2BB and want to send a card, the QSL manager is Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR 150 Schooner Ave, Barnegat, NJ 08005. Please send your card with an SASE to insure receiving a card back from NJ2BB. The club has a very small fund for those who do not but when that fund is empty, cards without an SASE will not go out or will be severely delayed going out to you. Congratulations to Gene, WB2UVB for finishing first in SNJ during the NJ QSO party. There is not a lot of news or events for this newsletter but then that can be expected time to time. If you have an activity coming up or a report of something that happened, please send a short write up to me and I will put it in next month. It is nice to have no silent keys to report or at least that I heard up in our ham community. Please remember that if you work traffic to report it to Dan, K2UL. If you do an event, remember to send the information to the league. Those numbers may seem small to you but they add up like pennies in a jar. This numbers go to Washington and help us when a need arises. Section Traffic report for May Traffic manager, K2UL, Dan Ostroy SNJ/NNJ Section Net Reports QNI reports NJM 91 N2GJ NJPN 184 W2CC NJSN 185 K2PB NJN(E) 252 AG2R NJN(L) 189 AG2R (the above nets are dual section nets of both SNJ and NNJ. Liaisons with 2RN) SNJ Local Net Reports JSARS NOT AVAILABLE W2HOG SJTN NOT AVAILABLE KB2RTZ SJVN NOT AVAILABLE WB2UVB Station Activity Reports (SAR) K2UL 42 AA2SV 40 K2GW 13 KC2IYC 8 W2QOB 7 WB2UVB 66 AUGUST Public Service Honor Roll (PSHR) K2UL 120 N2HQL 100 KA2YKN 85 K2GW 75 KC2IYC 67 W2QOB 36 September news: STM monthly reports for the past six years have been posted on the web at [http://k2ul.home.att.net/stm\\_smothly.htm](http://k2ul.home.att.net/stm_smothly.htm) I Please remember to honor our military overseas and at home for the sacrifice they make for their country. The holidays are coming up and there will be many groups sending things over that are needed and things just for fun.

Please don't pass that donation box by without a small donation. The small donations are, again, like pennies. They add up fast.

## **Central Division**

### **Illinois**

SM Tom Ciciora KA9QPN, ASM KB9NW, ASM W9FX, ASM-Youth KB9ZGZ, ACC K9KQB, SEC KC6VVT, SGL K9DUE, STM K9CNP, PIC KB9WPT, TC WA9IL, OOC KB9FBI, DEC: Central N9NP, NE AB9EE, NW W8MQ, NB KA9IMX, Southern WA9APQ, SW W5DTR, VOAD (open), IMERT KB9ZDM\*\*We've happily appointed Bob Cockream, AB9EE as DEC of the NE IL district, dropping the 'acting' moniker. We are also in search of an ASM to act as VOAD liaison and an ASM who will report to the ACC and handle the clubs in the southern part of the Section. Requirements are the usual plus willingness to attend the semiannual meetings for the VOAD liaison. Contact me if interested.\*\*I've had the great pleasure of attending a Workshop for new SMs at ARRL HQ. Not only was it a very informative 72 hours, but it was very personally rewarding. I've wanted to make the trip to Newington ever since I first read descriptions of HQ when I was 11. It is everything that I imagined. If you ever have the opportunity to travel to CT, do yourself a favor and pay those good folks a visit. You will not be disappointed.\*\*Among the things that were covered in the Workshop was the wealth of material scattered around the [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) website. For instance, in the 'Multimedia Library' link of the 'Clubs' section, there are a bunch of downloadable videos and PowerPoint presentations (with presentation notes!) to liven up a club program or fill out a license class. See <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/materials/videos.html> and see what I mean.\*\*FULL SECTION NEWS AT <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=IL>.

### **Indiana**

Indiana Section News for September 2006 Condolances to the Family and Friends Of Ted K Clifton W9TC, of Fort Wayne. Ted was a longtime member of the Amateur Radio Community in the Fort Wayne area. He will be missed. Delbert Felix KC9HRO, and other local hams of Napoleon, Indiana, had a good experience with upgrading their amateur radio licenses. Delbert contacted James Vohland Jr. N9VO who, with Perry Cummins WK9L, set up a class for 8 individuals in a meeting room at the Hampton Inn Hotel in Batesville, to hold classes in CW. The Hampton Inn Hotel donated the use of the meeting room at no-charge. Delbert KC9HRO, would like to extend a large "Thank You" to Jim N9VO, and to Perry W9KL for donating their time above and beyond the call of duty away from their families to help this group upgrade their licenses. On Tuesday, September 26th, the City of Bloomington, Parks and the Recreation Department honored area radio amateurs with the BRAVO award. This award is presented monthly to community volunteers that contribute significantly to the programs and events offered by the Parks and Recreation Department. The award recognizes three local groups who made up amateur radio support for the Hoosier Hills Bike Tour, the Monroe County ARES-RACES Group, Bloomington Amateur Radio Club, and the Indiana University ARC. Emergency Coordinator Carl Zager KB9RVB accepted the award on behalf of Monroe County hams from Bev Johnson, Adult/Family Services Manager. It is most gratifying to see local amateur radio groups receive the recognition that they so richly deserve for their public service. I have been informed that ARRL Card Checkers, Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA and Vicki Luetzelschwab AE9YL, will be next to the ARRL Table at the Fort Wayne Hamfest/Indiana Section ARRL Convention to do DXCC/WAS/VUCC card checking and applications. Bill NC1L, from ARRL Hq is to be there also for WAC card checking and answers to your awards questions. Newt Straup KJ9J, Co-Manager of the Indiana Section CW Traffic Net (QIN) would like to express his thanks for all of the help he has received this summer in the operations of the net. Newt will be heading south for the winter about October 25th. One of our net regulars, Kirk KO9D, has

asked to be relieved of his NCS duties. If anyone can see a way to help out this fall and winter as a NCS, it would be greatly appreciated. QIN meets daily at 0930 and 1900 EST (1330 and 2300 UTC) on 3656 KHz. Needless to say, help on either of the Section Traffic Nets QIN and ITN are always appreciated. Speaking of help, our OOC, John Merkley AA9WD, is looking for a few good operators to serve as Official Observers. Sorry to say, this is not a high profile appointment, but it is an important one. Please contact me or John <jmerkley@psci.net> if you are interested. Total number of ARES operations for September: 65. Total Person-Hours reported 635.07. Thank you Dave N9YNF for your always regular monthly SEC Report. One of the factors that helps keep a club "glued" together is a periodic newsletter. I receive about 10-12 newsletters monthly from various clubs, and I'm pleased to receive them. If your club doesn't publish a monthly newsletter, give some serious thought to doing so. Even if it is only a one page affair, it helps remind members that there is something of local interest for them to be involved in. It also serves as a reminder of monthly club meetings, and any program content for the meeting. The following VHF/UHF Net Managers reported their net's activity for September: KC9BHI, N9ZMY, N9DGQ, KE9WI, KB9UAG, WA9PSV, KF9EX, WB9RVN, WB9NCE, WR9G, KA4HWX, W9THD, W9AU, and KA9QWC. If your Net Manager's callsign does not appear in this list, then no report of your net's activity was sent to the Indiana Section VHF/UHF Net Manager, John Kinley KC9BHI. Send monthly reports to: kc9bhj@arrl.net. September Section Net Activity: NET FREQ DAILY TIMES (UTC) QNI QTC QTR SESS ITN 3910 KHZ 1230/2030 224 123 1184 ?? QIN 3656 KHZ 1330/2300 197 133 961 51 ARES 3910 KHZ 4TH SUN/MO @ 1200Z 1 0 5 1 HOOSIER VHF NETS 13 REPORTING 608 12 970 56 HOOSIER DIGITAL NETS (2) NO RPT RECD September ORS Traffic Reports: KJ9J 156, K9PUI 132, WA9JWL 52, AB9AA 15, KA9QWC, 12, N9HM 10, NA9L 8, WB9NCE 6 James S. Sellers K9ZBM Indiana Section Manager

## Wisconsin

WISCONSIN: SM: Don Michalski, W9IXG, SEC: KB9ENO, STM: K9LGU, SGL: AD9X, OOC: KC9IS, PIC: KB9NUM, TC: K9GDF, BM: WB9NRK, ACC: N9LVS ASM: K9UTQ, W9DGI, N9VE. \*\* With regret, I am informing you of the passing of the following Amateurs: -- David Marx, NG9C, age 43. -- Robert Perthel, W9MWD, age 86. -- Keith Swenson, WB9JXT, age 63. \*\* ARRL requests members' input on recent FCC "omnibus" Report and Order (Oct 13, 2006) -- The ARRL is requesting members' input concerning the FCC's Amateur Radio proceeding, WT Docket 04-140, released on October 10. The Report and Order will not take effect until 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. This publication date is not yet known. The complete text is available for viewing as a PDF file on the FCC Web site. A summary is available on this Web site. The ARRL is specifically seeking member guidance on how the changes will affect current operating activities on 80, 40 and 15 meters (see the current ARRL band plans and an ARRL FAQ that includes a chart showing the band changes.) Comments may be submitted by e-mail [bandplan@www.arrl.org]. All e-mails will be read and considered, but individual responses will not be possible due to the message volume expected. The deadline for comments is October 31. \*\* The Badger Weather Net held its banquet in Wausau and many Wisconsin members and their spouses attended to hear from the National Weather Service representatives from Sullivan and Green Bay on how much they appreciate the daily 24 hour "Ground Truth" data from each station. It is nice to provide a valuable service. Congratulations! More members are welcome to join this 75 meter morning net. Contact me for more details. \*\* There is a new club on Washington Island-- The Washington Island DX Club, WI9DX. The Club was formed in 2006 to actively DX and Contest. Founding Members George Ulm, W9EVT, Mac Reynolds, W9EVI, and Steve Weinert, K9ZW, invite your participation in the club. <http://www.greengate-wibb.com/HamRadio.html> Contact Club Trustee, K9ZW, k9zw@arrl.net \*\* Richard Polivka, N6NKO, will be giving a talk on ARES-RACES systems at the Juneau County ARC November 8 meeting in the Mauston City Hall at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend! Contact: jcaresracesinc@yahoo.com \*\* The Fond du Lac ARC ARES/RACES Team was called to participate in the Hazmat Drill. Just over 40% of the Team reported "Ready to Serve" for the drill. The Red Cross personnel were very pleased with the performance during

the drill. \*\* The eighth annual Wisconsin ARES/RACES conference will be held in Madison on October 28 at the Wisconsin Emergency Management building. Anyone interested in ARES/RACES is invited to attend. Registration is required by October 21 via the web <http://www.wi-aresraces.org/2006confreg.htm> or email Bill Niemuth, KB9ENO, at [bniemuth@new.rr.com](mailto:bniemuth@new.rr.com) \*\* The Wisconsin Valley Radio Association will be holding a Technician Level Licensing Workshop on October 21st & 22nd: The WVRA is again sponsoring this licensing workshop for individuals interested in obtaining their operating license. Contact Jerry Graebel, W9GLG, [w9glg@arrl.net](mailto:w9glg@arrl.net). If anyone wishes to post their classes on the ARRL Wisconsin website, [www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=WI](http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=WI) just drop me a note to [w9ixg@arrl.org](mailto:w9ixg@arrl.org) and I will add it to the list. \*\* JOTA 2006 is coming up on October 21, 22! JOTA is an annual event in which Boy and Girl Scouts and Guides from all over the world speak to each other by means of Amateur Radio. We hope that you will be able to participate. More details are available at these sites: [www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/jota.html](http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/jota.html) and [www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/ideas.html](http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/ideas.html) \*\* The M&M ARC reports that the DAR radio room has received a grant from the M&M Community Foundation in the amount of \$1210. The club hopes to use the funds for an upgrade to the HF equipment. The radio project is a joint venture between the Menominee, MI Boys/Girls Club and the M&M Amateur Radio Club. Ed, KG8CX, and Jim, KS8O, are two of the leaders working with the kids. Some photos are on the Wisconsin Section site: <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=WI> Keep up the great work!! \*\* STM Report Wisconsin Section September, 2006 FAQ #60 - How do the Wisconsin Section Nets connect? Let's see. The SSB bone connected to the CW bone, the CW bone connected to the. . . Oh, sorry, the way it works is smooth, but not quite so musical. Traffic from local nets can be brought to any section net. If, for example, a message for MA is brought to the BEN, it could be taken to the Daytime Ninth Region Net (although currently it doesn't meet for lack of a Net Manager) or to the next section net - the Wisconsin Side Band Net. From the WSBN, the WIN (Wisconsin Intrastate Net) rep would take the traffic to WIN where a Ninth Region rep would take the message to 9RN. From 9RN, the message would go to the Central Area Net (CAN) and from there to the Eastern Area Net (EAN) and then to the appropriate MA section net. If a message for Green Bay starts in California, it will be routed from PAN to CAN to 9RN. A 9RN rep will bring it to Late WIN. If it can't be handled to the destination on WIN/L, it should be taken by an SSB rep to the BWN or BEN. If it can't be passed there, it should be taken to the next section net, the WSBN. From the WSBN, to the WNN, WSSN, and WIN/E. This way, as many potential handlers as possible hear the listing. So what's the connection? See it? It's the liaison stations. The 9RN reps, the WIN reps, the SSB reps, the volunteers that take traffic from net to net. Their net work is what makes it a network. 73 - K9LGU/ STM-WI WISCONSIN SECTION MONTHLY NET ACTIVITY SUMMARY September 2006 NET QNI QTC QTR SSNS NM BWN 1918 2803 4638 30 W9IXG BEN 531 39 1011 3 KE9VU WSBN 679 50 1062 30 K9FHI WNN 141 15 304 26 KB9ROB WSSN 134 22/16 253 26 N9JIY WIN/E 134 33/25 214 26 WB9ICH WIN/L 149 28 282 30 W9UW WRACES 77 0 202 4 N9VAO Note: BWN is Badger Weather Net; BEN is Badger Emergency Net; WSBN is Wisconsin Side Band Net; WNN is Wisconsin Novice Net; WSSN is Wisconsin Slow Speed Net; WIN/E is Wisconsin Intrastate Net/Early; WIN/L is Wisconsin Intrastate Net/Late; WRACES is Wisconsin Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service net. All nets details are found on this site: <https://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=WI> under Wisconsin Traffic Nets. \*\* I will be at the Fox Cities ARC Swapfest on November 5. <http://www.w9zl.org/> At this event you may join or renew your ARRL membership and get a free 2006-2007 Repeater Directory! We hope to see you there!! 73, Don W9IXG

## **Dakota Division**

### **Minnesota**

ARRL MINNESOTA SECTION REPORT SEPTEMBER 2006 SUMMARY FROM SM ++ The MN section ARES and Traffic summaries are enclosed below. ++ See the ARRL Section web site for up-to-date information and bulletins. ++ Do you have any interesting news to report? Have you had a good

special event, a good class result, good contest results, a special program? Send me a report to be posted on the section news website. Send a copy by email. ++ Do you or your club want to hold a class? Want some help with your class in the form of content or publicity? Let me know and I will help. ++ Go to the new section website at <http://www.mn-section.com>. ++ We are always looking for ARES volunteers for members and EC positions. ++ Please go to the MN ARRL website and follow the link to the ARES website. Respectfully submitted by Skip Jackson, KS0J, MN SM MN SEC REPORT SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2006 Total number of ARES members reported: Change since last month: County EC's reporting: Carver (N0EN), Cook (KBØBDN), Itasca (KG0FD), Lac Qui Parle (KC0QED), Lincoln (WD0BZU), Lyon (WD0BZU), Redwood (KA0ISD), Sherburne (N0YR), St. Louis-North (WD0GUF), St. Louis-South (KB0LC), Steele (N0UW), Washington (KC0OIO), Local Net Names: CCART, Scott County, Chisago County, Carver County, Forx Valley Monday Night Net, Mankato Area Radio Club Emergency Services Net, Marshall Emergency Net, Redwood County, Wadena Area Hamnet, Northern Lakes Radio, NE MN Public Service, SE St. Louis Emergency Service, Dakota County ARES, SARA River Valley 2m, SARA River Valley 70cm, SARA River Valley 10m, SEMARC ARES/RACES Total sessions: 62 NTS liaison is maintained with the MN Section, Tenth Region, and NTSD Traffic Nets by N0UC, W0LAW, WD0GUF Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month: 20 Person hours: 227.5 Number of public service events this month: 7 Person hours: 155.5 Number of emergency operations this month: 2 Person hours: 24 Total number of ARES operations this month: 29 Total Person hours: 407 Comments: Washington County: Radiation Awareness Training provided in conjunction with MN Dept of Human Services & HSEM Nuclear Power Plant Evacuation Reception Center Drill scheduled for Oct 5. Sherburne County: MOU with Sherburne County Public Health signed and in place. Redwood County: Our Repeater was accessed by the Weather Service using Echolink and we had reports of Funnel and Wall Clouds. Submitted by: Frank Karnauskas - N1UW, MN SEC MN STM REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2006 NET FREQ TIME QNI/QTC/SESS MGR ~~~ ~~~~ ~~~~  
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 MINNESOTA STM

## North Dakota

NORTH DAKOTA: SM, Kent Olson, KAØLDG - Lots of great ham activity this past month, so lets get to it. The Dickinson club recently participated an exercise at the Burning Coal Mine north of Amidon. According to Joe, NØQAU, they were the first on the scene and performed admirably. The club felt it was a good exercise, and a lot was learned. The Benson County hams helped out with a hazardous chemical spill exercise last month. Hams manned the County EOC as well as their emergency trailer and helped out with passing messages. Communications was an issue, and the hams proved their worth again. The BNSF folks brought in tanker cars for the simulation, and lots of regional emergency response people were involved. The Fargo guys helped out the Boy Scouts with their fall hike southwest



of Valley City. An HF station was set up and it drew a lot of interest from the scouts. The Grand Forks folks braved the rain and helped out with the Jaycees annual Potato Bowl Parade. Great job to all! Wahepton has a new club call WØEND (Eastern North Dakota) and website: <http://w0end.tripod.com/> Please send me your news to post here. Hamfests coming up: Totten Trail Hamfest - October 29th, Grand Forks February 3rd, Bismarck February 24th, and Fargo on April 21st. Section's web site: <http://home.earthlink.net/~qtipf16/>. HF NM KØJIM net reports for Sept: Goose River Net, 4/37/0; WX Net 24/592/3; Data Net 29/616/9.

## **Delta Division**

### **Arkansas**

ARKAN News - It's "Show & Tell" with HF rigs for this meeting. Several club members will be bringing in their rigs and showing them off. This is a great chance to see different radios. Feel free to bring YOUR radio in! President's Note: It's time to think about electing new officers for the club. We will be taking nominations during the October meeting, with elections to be held during the Nov. meeting. All positions are open, and don't be embarrassed to nominate yourself. VE testing results. 4 applicants took various tests. Congratulations go out to Kathryn King & Patrick Bourne for passing the tech -no code. The Christmas party for the club has been set. It will be at Fire Mountain (restaurant) pm December 15, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. All family members are invited and we hope to have a great turn-out. New officers will be installed, and this will count as our December meeting. We are always on the lookout for meeting ideas. If you have an idea for a meeting, or if you would like to give a presentation, please let me know 73, Scott KD5KZJ. The Weather Report From Bill Smith, K1ARK- SET is Here Saturday, Oct. 7 is the Arkansas Simulated Emergency Test. This year's drill is based on an earthquake along the New Madrid fault. But how does that effect northwest Arkansas? Tune in at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning to find out. This is the major drill opportunity many of you have hoped to see for several years. We need your turnout to support it. The plan is for an all-up drill from a cold start. We want to exercise our ability to contact and rally volunteers, along with formal and tactical traffic handling. Final plans for working with other served agencies are in the works, and will be announced closer to SET weekend. If you know that you want to take part, please let me know with an email at K1ARK@arrl.net. Congratulate yourselves; because through the end of August the W5YM Weather Net had posted its best year for check ins and active net participation. The numbers are way up, and what's important to note –really in a year that has not had a lot of extended weather. Everything the rest of the way just extends this record year – our sixth year, by the way – and I appreciate each and every one of the spotters. ICS Training Continues to Grow Student members of the University club were put on notice by the campus public safety structure in August that those who will be acting as responders for emergency communications must complete the FEMA introductory courses on the Incident Command System by Oct. 1. This is the start of seeing ICS 100 and ICS 700 as a requirement for participation in public service communications. Arkansas River Valley Amateur Radio Foundation News- Monthly Club Meeting, Western Sizzlin' Restaurant August 15th, 2006. Sonia read the minutes of July. Clarence made a motion to accept the minutes of the July meeting. Seconded by Bob Battershell, motion passed. Dennis Schaefer announced there will be a ARES/RACES meeting Tuesday, August 22nd at the 911 building. Wayne Van de Pol announced that he was working on finding a group of disabled individuals to get involved with ham radio, also youth groups. Wayne will show a video about the Handi-Hams at the next meeting. George Murphy volunteered to help out. Steve Green made a motion to the club that we make a donation to the Civil Air Patrol for letting them use their building for ARES/RACES meetings. Aulton made a motion for a \$100 donation. Clarence seconded it, motion passed. Steve Green also announced that on Saturday August 19th at 9:00 p.m., there will be a Test Session at the Civil Air Patrol building at the Russellville Airport. He also suggested perhaps the club could meet at other restaurants, for example, Ryan's. Lots of suggestions were made, but no concrete answers so far. As of this meeting, we will continue to meet at Western Sizzlin'. There was a discussion about having a booth

at the upcoming County Fair. Please volunteer if you can make the time to help the club. Steve Felkner will find out more about the fairs. Aulton announced that the Razorback frequency on Monday, Tom Harris (K5WTH) will be speaking on the air about the ARES/RACES. His website is <http://home.CABLELYNX.com/~K5WTH> - Wayne announced that planning is underway for a fall class, which may be either a Technician or General class. He made a suggestion that we could perhaps make a show for the emergency management class. Kay Green told the club that we need to influence the young people that cell phones are NOT totally perfect and that in emergency situations they might be unreliable. Steve Felkner moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Steve Green, the motion was approved. Sonia Picado - KE5EIW Secretary. Batesville ARC News- Club members were recently given the opportunity to participate in a survey to determine the direction or focus for the club. The results were varied as shown later in this newsletter. The next club meeting is on October 19, 2006 at the Citizen's Bank - Southside. We will discuss the changes to the repeater program and this year's plans for JOTA. Hope to see you there! BARC is revamping its emergency communications plans. The club is expanding its capabilities with more equipment. However, the club is always in need of trained radio operators. Area hams interested in serving in ARES and RACES should contact Noel, KD5HPK who is our county EC. JOTA – Jamboree on the Air 2006- The first JOTA was in 1958 and since then JOTA has grown to become the largest international Scout event ever. See the article on page 102 of the September 2006 QST publication. A few hams from the BARC will setup a station and participate in JOTA at the Scout camp in Damascus. Area hams may join the fun at the Scout camp or from their home station. JOTA begins on Saturday, October 21, at 12:01 AM local time, and ends on Sunday, October 22, 11:59 PM local time. The September meeting was held at Poppy's Pizza in Batesville. Attendance was good and we all enjoyed the food and fellowship. All members completed the BARC 2007 club priorities survey and we will know the results soon. The Cross County ARC will hold its monthly club meeting September 21, 2006 at the CrossRidge Hospital in Wynne Ar. Everyone is invited to attend. One of the things that will need to be discussed will be the upcoming CCARC 2006 SET. New DEC- I am happy to announce that I, Terry Busby W5ARS have been appointed as the ARES and RACES District Emergency Coordinator for District D - Arkansas Section. This appointment came about after Gene the former DEC went SK. In other news I have also accepted the appointment as the District Coordinator for Skywarn. The Skywarn program is undergoing some major changes and we hope that things work better. New Ham Congratulations goes out to William T Ross for passing his Technical Class Test. We are happy to have Bill Ross on board. Jon Reed, KE5DKR has been appointed ASM for Youth by Arkansas SM David Norris, K5UZ. Congratulations Jon! The Sharp County Amateur Radio Club held their regular meeting September 9, 2006, with 10 members. Sue KD5LKG read the minutes from the last meeting. Ann KD5LKF made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Bill KA9SGL seconded the motion, all voted yes. Robin AD5JA read the Treasurer's report in the absence of Mr Bill. Bettie KC5CUO made a motion to accept the report as read, LaDonna seconded the motion and all voted yes. Robin did not get back with Manager Mike Alexander about the upcoming safety event for Wal-Mart in October for safety month. She stated that the club is fully booked through the month of October and that some members could not be there. However, Pete Reilly, Office of Emergency Services called and we are to get with the Ash Flat Fire Department and set something up. I'll get back with everyone on this matter. Also David K5UZ has more of the "HELLO" campaign brochures for us to use. LaDonna KE5DMX has volunteered to put club labels on the brochures so anyone interested in amateur radio will know who to contact. We will have a definite time and date on this at the next meeting. NOTE: OUR SECTION TRAFFIC REPORT WILL BE SENT AS A SEPARATE POSTING!!

## **Louisiana**

LOUISIANA SECTION NEWS – SEPTEMBER 2006 The FCC released its long-awaited Report and Order in the so-called "omnibus" Amateur Radio proceeding, WT Docket 04-140, a few days before I prepared this monthly report. According to the ARRL, the FCC adopted nearly all of the changes it had put forth in its 2004 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the proceeding. This R&O does not include

action on the FCC's proposal to eliminate the Morse code exam for all license classes. An R&O in that proceeding, WT Docket 05-235, is pending. The League is requesting members' input concerning the FCC's Report and Order on WT Docket 04-140 via email by October 31. Among its various provisions, the R&O significantly expands the phone subbands on 80 meters. The complete text is available as a PDF file on the FCC Web site and a summary is available on the League Web site. The ARRL is specifically seeking member guidance on how the changes will affect current operating activities on 80, 40, and 15 meters. The band charts at <http://www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/wt04-140/faq.html> are very handy in understanding the frequency and mode privileges by license class that will become effective 30 days after the R&O is published in the Federal Register. As mentioned in last month's report, the LA Section Simulated Emergency Test (SET) will be Saturday, October 28, between approximately 8 and 11 am. Depending upon propagation, the LA ARES Emergency Net will be on 3873 or 7285 kHz to handle test priority/test emergency written and tactical traffic. The NTS Fifth Region Net on 7280 kHz will provide an outlet for any test welfare/routine written traffic, plus we will try to have one or more NTS liaison stations available on the emergency net frequency to assist with such traffic. For non-voice traffic, PACTOR stations should monitor 3630.0/7080.0 kHz mark (center frequencies 3629.9/7079.9) at 15 and 45 minutes past the hour; CW stations should monitor 3711/7111 kHz on the hour and 30 minutes past the hour. Sample test messages for SET and other drills are included in the latest LA Section Net Newsletter at <http://www.laarrrl.org/netnews.html> Please encourage college-bound hams in your local club to apply for the LA Memorial Scholarship, which is administered by the ARRL Foundation. The complete details on how to apply are available at <http://www.arrl.org/arrlf/scholgen.html> Congratulations to Ken AD5XJ, the new Emergency Coordinator for Terrebonne Parish, and John WA4ERU, a new Official Relay Station. I want to welcome the following new hams to our great hobby: Christopher Boros KE5KHU, Michael Mason KE5KMH, Mary Mason KE5KMM, Alexis Lutz KE5KMQ, Dawn Waldrop KE5KMO, Buffi Skinner KE5KME, M E Todd KE5KMA, Dudley Nielson KE5KMB, Cynthia Ingram KE5KMK, Harold Reid KE5KMN, Nancy Corkern KE5KMD, Marvin Blount KE5KMJ, Elizabeth Stokes KE5KMC, Aaron Vernon KE5KML, Aaron Travis KE5KMG, Paul Azar KE5KHP, Jessica Arnold KE5KJC, Angela Lucito KE5KJE, Sandra Leblanc KE5KJF, Larry Leblanc KE5KJD, Bryan Lahaye KE5KMR, Harlan Savoie KE5KNS, Linda Rachinskas KE5KMP, Michael Duceung KE5KPD, and Jared Fields KE5KKS. Our special guest from ARRL Headquarters at the Twin City Ham Club Hamfest/LA State Convention on November 11 will be Dave Patton NN1N, Manager of the Field and Educational Services Department. Traffic totals: K5MC 70, WA5LQZ 48, W5PY 46, N5KWB 36, WC5M 9, AE5V 5. Public Service Honor Roll: W5PY 191, N5KWB 111, K5MC 110, K5ER 72, AE5V 59, N5HMH 45, KD5ITA 43, KB5UHH 35, W5HUD 32, N5MEL 32. Section net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Louisiana Traffic Net: 30/360/35. Louisiana CW Net: 53/268/35. Louisiana Slow Net: 7/26/6. Louisiana ARES Net: 4/78/0. Local/district net reports: sessions/check-ins. Caddo/Bossier Parish ARES Net: 4/65. Calcasieu Parish ARES Net: 1/12. East Baton Rouge Parish ARES Net: 4/25. Jefferson Parish ARES Net: 2/28. Orleans Parish ARES Net: 4/46. Ouachita Parish ARES Net: 4/50. Rapides Parish ARES Net: 2/9. Richland Parish ARES Net: 4/28. St. Charles Parish ARES Net: 3/68. St. Mary Parish ARES Net: 4/18. Tangipahoa Parish ARES Net: 4/96. Union Parish ARES Net: 4/39. Vernon Parish ARES Net: 6/104. Washington Parish ARES Net: 4/65. ARES reports: parish/EC. Allen/KA5NXT, Avoyelles/KD5IGG, Caddo/Bossier/NZ5S, Calcasieu/KC5FGO, Cameron/W5JFW, Claiborne/KD5JJP, DeSoto/AA5HY, East Baton Rouge/N5ULA, Franklin/N5ASA, Jefferson/KD5EWD, Morehouse/KB5SAR, Orleans/NO5FD, Ouachita/K5ER, Plaquemines/AI5B, Rapides/KD5DFL, Red River/KD5IUZ, Richland/N5MEL, St. Bernard/AI5B, St. Charles/K5CFJ, St. Mary/KA5LMZ, Tangipahoa/KD5PKS, Terrebonne/AD5XJ, Union/KA5JNL, Vernon/WB5JZQ, Washington/AI5B, Winn/KC5EWJ. 73, Mickey Cox K5MC LA Section Manager Email: [k5mc@arrl.org](mailto:k5mc@arrl.org) LA Section Website: [www.laarrrl.org/](http://www.laarrrl.org/)

SM: Malcolm Keown, W5XX. Mississippi Section Web Page at arrlmiss.org. Web Master W5KWB at w5kwb@arrl.net. STM: N5FP. NM: WB5ZED, K5NRK, KB5W, AD5J, W3TWD, KA2KMU, K5ASL, and KM5UH. Thanks to the Jackson ARC for hosting the 2006 ARRL Day at the Park at Shiloh Park in Brandon. Some 75 plus hams and their families enjoyed the fellowship, tailgating, and food. The weather and park facilities were perfect. Following the noon meal, informative visits were made to the new MEMA Headquarters at Whitfield and the National Weather Service at Thompson Field. Visitors were impressed at both locations to say the least including the HF/VHF ham radio stations set up at both facilities for emergency operations. Thanks to Chairman AB5WF and his assistants KD5WEA, KD5WYG, KD5JPB, K5TMA, K5BLL, W5GEJ, and W5XX, plus a bunch of other JARC members for their efforts in organizing and hosting this event. The Ole Miss ARC (W5UMS) has formally organized and in the process of applying for ARRL Club Affiliation. In addition, the Club has started a Tech Class with six students and several others studying on their own. The new officers are W5MPC, President, KD5JHE, VP, W5JMO, Secretary, WB5VYH, Treasurer, and K5DSG, Emergency Communications Chairman. The club will have a website up shortly. W5THT in Long Beach is one of 21 stations in the US authorized to transmit for two years on the experimental 600-Meter Band. Power is limited to 20 watts erp. When Pat gets on the air his beacon will be transmitting slightly above 505 KHz. He reports hearing one QSO and several beacons already on the air. Maybe we will get a new ham band after the two-year experimental period is over. Event Chairman KD5WEA reports that the Jackson ARC again provided communications for the Multiple Sclerosis 150. This is a two-day bike race that winds some 150 miles through Hinds, Claiborne, Copiah and Warren Counties. At the mid-point of the race on Saturday Night a banquet is held, this year at the Battlefield Inn in Vicksburg. K5BLL was given 10 minutes at the banquet podium and gave the riders an overview of ham radio. KD5WEA notes that he had a lot of assistance from K5BLL, KD5JPB, K5RWB, K5TMA, KE5JKC, N6LYO, KD5CZF, and KD5ZDS in making this a successful public service event. Speaking of public service, the Hattiesburg ARC furnished communications support for the Heart Walk held October 7 at the Long Leaf Trace in Hattiesburg with over 400 walkers participating. The HARC managed communications through the K5IJX repeater and HTs manned by KD5XG, KE5JJE, KE5KJS, WZ5Y and AG5Z. KA1ZIA has taken over the MSPN Flower Fund from K5NRK. Although a number of generous contributions were made at the Day in the Park, due to the large numbers of hams we have lost in recent months the Fund is low. Contributions should be sent to Mark. Applications for the ARRL Mississippi Scholarship are due to Mary Hobart, K1MMH, at ARRL Headquarters no later than February 1, 2007. Complete information is on the Section Website under 'What's Up.' Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: W5JOR -- Corinth; KA5AEU -- Vicksburg; KB5EOK -- Starkville; KE5HYS -- Corinth; KC5IJP -- Ponotoc; N5JMJ -- Vicksburg; KB5MMI -- Byram; WB5VGN -- Vicksburg; and WA5ZDD -- Vicksburg. Also congratulations are in order for KA5DON on completing ARRL ECC-002, KB5BE on completing FEMA IS 100/200/700, and WB5GUD on completing FEMA 800. Welcome to new Mississippi Hams: KE5JWF, Paul -- Hattiesburg; KE5JYD, Donald -- Jackson; KE5JYE, Joan -- Brandon; KE5JYF, Kathleen -- Jackson; KE5JYG, James -- Jackson; KE5JYH, Larry -- Clinton; KE5JYI, Richard -- Clinton; KE5JYM, John -- Gautier; KE5JYV, James -- West Point; KE5KBF, Tom -- Marks; KE5KBG, James -- Falkner; KE5KCG, Rita -- Hattiesburg; KE5KCF, Cayman -- Columbus; In addition, welcome to new ARRL Members KE5ANV -- Prentiss; KA5CUI -- Indianola; N9GTA -- Olive Branch; W5HM -- Jackson; KE5HVV -- Hernando; KE5HXI -- Carriere; KE5KBF -- Marks; and N5TZE -- Houston. Regret to report the passing of WB5VGM of Union. Newsletter/Club Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Sundancer Solar RC (KA5ICO), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), Vicksburg ARC (W5WAF) DEC/EC Reports: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), KD5CQT (Jackson), KC5EAK (Pearl River), WB5GUD (Newton), KD5GWM (Lauderdale/Clark), N5TBB (Tippah/Benton), K5WSY (Tishomingo). PIC Report: N5TBB Net Reports: Session/QNI/QTC (Net Manager) DRN5 60/MS 100% rep by N5FP, W5OXA, KB5DZJ, KA5UFX, WA5FB, W5XX (WB5ZED) MSPN 30/2189/20 (K5NRK) MS TFC Net 30/128/2 (KB5W) Magnolia Section Net 30/691/6 (AD5J) Jackson Co ARES 30/419/5 (KD5CQT) MS Slow Net 21/56/1 (W3TWD) Newton County ARES 4/31/0 (WB5GUD) MLEN 4/33/1 (K5NRK) Meridian Area EN 4/47/0 (KD5GWM) JARC EN 4/41/0 (AB5WF) Monroe Co ARC Net 4/55/0

(AD5DO) Hattiesburg AEN 4/49/0 (N5MZ) Pearl River ARES 4/28/0 (KC5EAK) Lowndes Co ARC Net 4/45/0 (KM5UH) Itawamba Co ARES Net 4/43/0 (KB5NMB) Metro Jackson ARES 4/57/0 (AB5WF) MS Baptist Hams Net 4/25/0 (WF5F) MS Coast ARA Net 4/44/0 (KA2KMU) PSHR (minimum 70): WB5ZED 150, N5FP 110, KD5FUY 92, W5XX 71 Traffic: WB5ZED 2233 (BPL), N5FP 40, W5XX 5, KD5FUY 2. Compilation of Net and Traffic statistics provided by N5FP, Mississippi Section Traffic Manager.

## **Great Lakes Division**

### **Michigan**

Fellow Michigan Amateurs, Our sincere congratulations to the newly elected officers of the following Radio clubs: Marinette & Menominee ARC: Pres K8IR, VP AA9GZ, Sec KC8WAI, and Treas WC9E. The Auto State Young Ladies (TASYLS): Pres KC8FSK, VP W1LMN, and Sec-Treas, K8SYL. Blossomland ARA: Pres KC8TSE, 1st VP N8KBG, 2nd VP KD8ZB, 3rd VP KC8YTA, Sec W8JBA, Treas KB8VIM, Trustee KE4PM, and PR N8MS. Our Michigan Section radio clubs are the backbone of the hobby, offering many opportunities for local hams to become involved in the hundreds of facets of amateur radio. Please support your local clubs, and continue to mentor new hams. Mentoring is absolutely critical to newcomers and it is incumbent upon each of us to see that every radio amateur who is newly licensed has someone to personally assist them in getting on the air. Let us all pitch in to insure a bright future in ham radio for all newcomers. The Simulated Emergency Test is now behind us and reports are being complied by our Emergency Coordinators and Net Managers. The initial comments have included favorable remarks about the statewide scenario requirement to "fail all repeaters" for a 4 hour window. This put the onus upon everyone to use alternate modes for local as well as regional communications. I appreciate the effort everyone put into this exercise and it clearly shows the desire of all involved to continually improve the quality of the communications services we provide to our served agencies. Our SEC Marty N8MG will be getting reminders to all DEC's and EC's regarding the early completion of SET activity reports, and EC's should not overlook reporting their net activity for the SET. Again, thank you all. The release by the FCC of WT-Docket 04-140 - the so-called "Omnibus" rule changes affecting the Amateur Radio Service bears some serious review by all radio amateurs. While there appears to be some minor text conflicts, the overall impact of the changes may significantly affect some familiar net frequencies as well as other operating situations. Please take the time to review the docket and as ARRL Director Jim Weaver K8JE has suggested, forward your comments by email to [bandplan@www.arrl.org](mailto:bandplan@www.arrl.org). All e-mails will be read and considered, but individual responses will not be possible due to the message volume expected. The deadline for your comments to be submitted is October 31. I am pleased to report to you that our Section's NIMS compliance efforts are working effectively and the results are outstanding. Most all RACES key staffers have now met those training commitments outlined in Homeland Secretary Tom Ridge's letter to all state governors from September 8, 2004. ARES personnel have been working diligently to assist in meeting the training requirements needed for RACES authorization as well. WE all can certainly be pleased that Michigan ARES/RACES members have been diligent in meeting those commitments. Does your local net report its activities? We are interested in what each local net is accomplishing around the state. Please look at the Michigan Section NTS page at <http://www.mi-nts.org/> and see the impact of local nets around the state. If your net is not shown, please consider adding it to our listing. we all put a lot of time and effort onto our nets, our web listing will help recognize that effort. Any questions can be directed to our Section Traffic Manager, John WB8RCR at [wb8rcr@arrl.net](mailto:wb8rcr@arrl.net). Your SM will be at the Holland and Blossomland Swaps this coming Saturday Oct. 21 and Sunday Oct. 22. I then will be at the USECA Swap on Oct. 29. I hope to have the opportunity to meet with many of you on those occasions. Station Activity Reports for September, 2006: KC8MLD 314, KC8WSE 238, N8FPN 189, K8LJG 144, AB8WF 85, W8RNQ 58, WB8RCR 48, AA8SN 44, WI8K 27, K8AMR 26, KD8BGQ 20, WD8USA 18, K8ZJU 10, AB8CB 6, N8UN 4, KD8BMV 2. Public Service Honor Roll for September, 2006: KD8BGQ 205, WB8RCR 150,

K8AMR 127, N8FPN 110, K8MFK 105, AA8SN 100, K8ZJU 91, K8VFZ 71. August Official Emergency Station reports came in from K8COP, Kc8ULE, N8HA, and W8RAE. PSHRs and SARs should be filed monthly with WB8RCR and your OES reports with WA8EFK. 73, Dale WA8EFK

## **Hudson Division**

### **Northern New Jersey**

SM Bill Hudzik-W2UDT, ASM-N2WZB, STM-WB2FTX, ACC-N3RB, SEC-K2SO, OOC-K2ZD, PIC-W2WJO, TC-NR2H NNJ Webpage: [www.hudzon.arrl.org/nnj/](http://www.hudzon.arrl.org/nnj/) MONTHLY ARES NET: Second Monday of each month (8PM) on the Morris County OEM Repeater: WS2Q 146.895 MHz (PL 151.4) minus 600Hz. The major news this month is the just released FCC "Omnibus" Report and Order which covers a wide range of Amateur Radio subjects including expansion of the current band plans for 80, 40 and 15 meters. However, the FCC has still not made a ruling on whether Morse code will continue to be a required element for higher classes of amateur radio licenses. A summary is on the ARRL homepage and the League is actively seeking comments from members by October 31st. Please take the time to read the news story and submit any comments you may have as this Docket will do much to change band plans and types of modes allowed within them. The Report and Order becomes effective 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. However, a publication date has yet to be set. There is still some time left to get your tickets for the annual Hudson Division Awards Dinner set for Saturday, November 11th. More information and details can be found on the Bergen ARA website: [www.bara.org](http://www.bara.org) and at [www.ka2anf.com](http://www.ka2anf.com). We may be almost out of the hurricane season but severe winter weather will be coming soon and our services may very well be needed. Many of you may have seen an article in a recent Hudson Division newsletter by our ARES SKYWARN DEC, George Sabbi-KC2GLG. As George points out the National Weather Service is one of the government agencies which actively seek amateur radio operators to serve as severe weather spotters. The NWS holds classes several times a year to train spotters in observing and reporting severe weather events. By the way, being a spotter is another way to serve the public and illustrate how the amateur radio service can contribute as a community service. You can still participate without formal training by checking into a SKYWARN Net during weather events as the Net Control will often give guidelines for what type of weather events need to be reported. More information as to classes and other weather information links can be found at: [www.bergenskywarn.org](http://www.bergenskywarn.org). Also, the Essex County Skywarn Net meets the first Tuesday of each month on the WA2JSB OEM repeater at 146.415 MHz. All check-ins are welcome. In spite of requests during the month from various groups for ARES/RACES members to help with communications NNJ amateurs were able, once again, to provide outstanding support for the annual weekend Multiple Sclerosis MS-100 Bike Tour. SEC K2SO and I would like to thank all those NNJ amateur radio operators who turned out for this event and the others during the month. We know everyone has limited time these days but the participation was much appreciated. Speaking of public service events the annual New York City marathon is scheduled for Sunday, November 5th. If you would like to help with this amazing event send an e-mail to Steve Mendelsohn-W2ML at [w2ml@arrl.org](mailto:w2ml@arrl.org). Over the years Steve and his many assistants have made the marathon an example of what well coordinated communications can accomplish. The results of the 47th New Jersey QSO Party are in and the top NNJ score was turned in by Richard Codianni-KC2LSD while the high SNJ score was made by WB2UVB. Once again myself and SNJ SM KA2YKN will be presenting plaques to these two Ops. Thanks to all those who participated and to the Englewood ARA for sponsoring the QSO Party for the 41st consecutive year. Two more NNJ amateurs have completed the on-line ARRL EMCOMM Courses. Congratulations to Mark Curcio-KC2OWQ for finishing Level I and also his appointment as RACES Officer for East Hanover in Morris County. And, fellow NJDXA member Bob Antoniuk-N2SU successfully completed Level II! We hope you two continue to the next levels. It's really a pleasure to send congratulatory notes to all those who have taken the time to complete these courses and show a desire to participate in EMCOMM activities. Also, September was another busy month for VE sessions as 44 new amateurs

were added to the NNJ section! Thanks to all the clubs and groups who took the time to administer the sessions. Finally, congratulations to the East Coast DX Association and its newsletter editor George Sabbi-KC2GLG for receiving the "Hudson Division Newsletter of the Month" award for its "The ECDXA Pileup". 73, Bill Hudzik- W2UDT

## Midwest Division

### Kansas

Kansas Section News Summary- Septembert 2006 SM, Ron Cowan, KB0DTI-- SEC/OOC: Robert Summers, K0BXF ASM: Orlan Cook, W0OYH ASM-Youth: Emily Stewart, KC0PTL SGL: Steve Hamilton, KB0JYL PIC: Larry Staples, W0AIB

Hiawatha ARC is celebrating 40 years in 2006. The club held a dinner September 9th in Hiawatha. Club meetings are the last Tuesday of the month at the Hiawatha fire station. WØFOG- Rex put up a tower and antennas for KAØEEQ- Claude. NØTGN and a friend assisted the effort. Johnson County RAC Auction is October 28th at the Marshall Ensor Museum South of Olathe. Bidding starts at 10AM. A balloon launch is planned if the WX is good. NWS at Goodland will hold an open house October 28th. Since the hams have a close relationship with the office they have been asked to provide ham radio demos and info. S.H.A.R.C.S. hosted a picnic and emergency program at the Scott City Fairgrounds. KØBJ presented Rod-KØEQH with a 50 year ARRL member plaque. Congratulations to Rod !

August 5, 2006 Section Emergency Coordinator report June activity reported for July report time. 15 EC reported activity os some sort during the month of June. A total of 145 net sessions and 1294 QNI with 51 messages being handled. Army Mars reported 710 man hours of operation and 689 messages being handled. RACES had only 4 counties represented on the monthly RACES net (Brown, Riley, Montgomery and Shawnee). The QCWA net (reported by N0LL) 4 sessions 32 QNI. I have had several persons asking about EC for a few counties recently, so I will attempt to list each DEC/EC and their respective counties of responsibility. If anyone is interested in becoming a DEC or EC let me know. District 1 (No ACTIVE DEC at present) Zone 1A, EC WA0VRS, Shawnee and Wabaunsee; Zone 1B, EC KC4WCG, Douglas; Zone 1C, WD0DDG, Osage and Franklin; Zone 1D no EC, Pottawatomie and Jackson; Zone 1E, KC0GDV, Jefferson; Zone 1F, K0DXY, Atchison; Zone 1G, Brown, Doniphan, Nemaha counties. District 2, DEC N0OBM; Zone 2A EC open at present, Washington and Marshall counties. Zone 2B, EC AA0IQ, Jewell, Republic, Mitchell, Cloud. Zone 2C, EC W0PBV, Riley, Geary and Clay. Zone 2D, EC N0OBM, Lincoln, Ottawa, Ellsworth, Saline. Zone 2E, EC open. Dickenson (KC0GPV watch dog); Zone 2F WD0EUF, McPherson; Zone 2G, open Marion and Chase counties. Zone 2H, EC KC0GPV, Morris. Will continue next month with the rest of the state. Keep your eyes and ears open for reports of disaster and the chance for Ham Radio to proudly show that we can be of assistance should the need arise. 73 Bob Summers ARRL SEC KS

Newsletters received: Feed Back, Trojan ARC Harmonic, DCARC Newsletter, QRZ, QNU H.A.R.C. August Sessions/QNI/QTC/Mgr: KSBN/31/718/40 N0KFS KPN/21/259/28/ N0KFS KMWN/31/622/559/ WB0YWZ KWN/31/796/528/ WB0YWZ CSTN/27/1308/49/N0BFB QKS 43/148/27/ NB0Z Traffic: W0WWR 117 N0ZIZ 43 NB0Z 40 KB0DTI 13 W0OYH 11 Please note that I have a new e-mail: kb0dti@peoplestelecom.net If you're using the kb0dti@arrl.net keep using it. The barassoc is my work email. Home phone number is now 913-757-3758. 73, Ron To receive or contribute to Orlan's Kansas Amateur Radio News E-mail News Letter contact Orlan-W0OYH-Editor at W0OYH@arrl.net See KSN on ARRL and more Kansas news: <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=KS>

### Missouri

**OCTOBER 2006 MISSOURI SECTION NEWS** I am very pleased that MO Section member Cliff Ahrens, KØCA, of Hannibal, Missouri, is the new ARRL Midwest Division Vice Director. Cliff's appointment was announced by ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, on September 26. The Midwest Division is fortunate to have the services of a first class Amateur Radio Operator in this important leadership position. Mr. Ahrens, an appellate court judge for the Eastern District in St. Louis, succeeds Bruce Frahm, KØBJ, who became Midwest Division Director following the death August 31 of Director Wade Walstrom, WØEJ. To read the more complete story about the appointment.

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/09/26/102/?nc=1> The Radio Rendezvous event held in Macon during September was a great opportunity to spend some quality time with other Hams and do a little portable operating. There were Hams operating RTTY in the CQ WW contest, a FIST member doing some QRP CW with his Yaesu FT 817 and Buddy pole, and a several other VHF, HF operations going on at the event. At the Missouri State ARRL Convention in Springfield (more info below) Seventeen-year-old Mellissa Ann Meye, KB0WZA, of Camdenton, Missouri, will be presented with the plaque naming her as the recipient of the 2006 William R. Goldfarb Memorial Scholarship. Mellissa, Currently a student at University of Missouri Rolla, is the first young woman to receive this generous award. The presentation will be made at the ARRL Informational Forum and all members are urged to attend the presentation. **OCTOBER HAMFEST** The Missouri ARRL State Convention and Southeast MO ARC Hamfest will be held in Springfield, MO on October 13th and 14th at Remington's Entertainment Complex (1655 W. Republic Road). For more information visit <http://www.smarc.org/hamfest> There will be forums about the ARRL, Antennas and Feedline and the National Weather Service. Khrystyne Keane, K1SFA, the new Assistant Editor of QST and Managing Editor of the National Contest Journal will be the special guest speaker from ARRL Headquarters. The Southside ARC Octoberfest '06 will be held October 21, 2005 in Grandview, MO at the Middle School (12650 Manchester). The Talk-in will be on 147.120 and the Hamfest opens at 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.. Tickets at the door are 3 for \$5.00 At The Door: \$3 each or 3 for \$5 and 4 for \$5 in advance. To request tables, tickets or for more information contact Donna Quick, KBØJYN at [kb0jyn@juno.com](mailto:kb0jyn@juno.com), (816-537-7464) or [SouthSideARC@hotmail.com](mailto:SouthSideARC@hotmail.com). The Southside ARC puts on a really nice Hamfest that draws amateurs and vendors from all over the Midwest. The St. Louis Amateur Radio Club is sponsoring their 15th Annual Halloween Hamfest on Saturday October 28th, 2006. The Hamfest which is held in the Kirkwood Missouri Community Center (111 S. Geyer Road) will be open from 7:30 a.m. with the main drawing at 1:00 p.m. Advanced tickets are \$3.00 each or 3 for \$7.00. At the door tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. To order tables contact Bob Sluder, NØIS [bcsluder@msn.com](mailto:bcsluder@msn.com) or call Bob at 636-349-6584 the tables are \$15.00 each and \$15.00 for each electric drop. For more information visit <http://www.halloweenhamfest.org>. The Halloween Hamfest is a fun Hamfest in the St. Louis area and almost always sells out its tables. **AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS** KEITH HAYE, WEØG, ACC The Central Missouri Radio Association is working out the details of the Worked All Missouri Counties award (MO-WAC) they will be sponsoring. The certificate would be given out to those who have made radio contacts with all counties in Missouri. The contacts can be counted whether they are made from a fixed location or while mobile. They are also working on another award called the Worked all Missouri First Counties (MO-WAFC) Dave Larsen, KVØS has created a webpage with details and forms at <http://www.booneares.org/MO-WAC/MO-WAC.html> We are looking forward to the further development of this award. The Callaway Amateur Radio League is proud of their newly licensed member Malcolm White, KCØYNR. Malcolm went to Columbia, passed the 5 wpm code test, written Tech and General class examinations and was granted his license on September 22, 2006. The CARL club is working hard to get all their membership upgraded to Extra Class. That's a great goal for any club. The St Charles ARC October general meeting includes their Homebrew competition. They will have competitions for best project in the following three categories: antennas, equipment made from kits, equipment made from scratch. In the October issue of the St. Charles Garble there was a complete list of the equipment SCARC owns. There's been a great deal of effort to make sure the list is complete, accurate, and current. SCARC Pres. Bill Bird, KGØYJ announced that in the November Garble there will be a list of the SCARC equipment available for loan to club members and the check-out and check-



in policy. The Heart of Missouri ARC recently enjoyed a program by Craig Schley, KAØFSP and Craig Martin, WAØWPJ, about the Linux operating system. Linux is one of the best known examples of open source development and free software. The program consisted of a Linux demonstration and explanation for the membership. John Chevalier, WØJRC, webmaster for the HARC since Jan. 2002 is giving up the position because of time constraints. The club is looking for someone to take on this important responsibility. The Kimberling ARC has increased the attendance since they changed it to Michel's in Branson West. They had 30 Hams at their last meal and a really good breakfast. They will soon be getting ready for the annual Kimberling City Christmas parade. The Mississippi Valley DX & Contest Club reports that in September Mel Whitten, KØPFX attended the ARRL/TAPR Digital Communications Conference in Tucson. This was also the 25th Anniversary of TAPR and "homecoming" for the early "Packeters" and developers of the TNC. Mel is credited for designing the TNC 1 and its EPROM programmer accessory. In addition, there was a large gathering of APRS-es which were celebrating (I believe this is correct) the 10th anniversary of APRS

SECTION ARES REPORT FOR AUGUST 2006 DON MOORE, KMØR SEC Total # of ARES members: 743 Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month: 90 Man hours: 719.5 Number of public service events this month: 5 Man hours: 151 Number of emergency operations this month: 3 Man hours: 553 Total number of ARES operations this month: 98 Total Man hours: 1423.5 Comments: 6 of 9 districts reporting Public Service events this month included amateurs supporting at least 2 separate MS150 bike tours & other events. SECTION TRAFFIC REPORTS FOR August 2006 DALE HUFFINGTON, AEØS, MON – CW Sessions 44 QNI 137 QTC 35 NM K9ZTV MO Phone Sessions 30 QNI 574 QTC 63 NM NYØT MESN Sessions 4 QNI 102 QTC 1 NM AEØS Audrain AARC Sessions 4 QNI 54 QTC 0 NM KBØKWC Callaway CARL Sessions 3 QNI 44 QTC 0 NM WBØHKN Boone Co Sessions 4 QNI 70 QTC 0 NM WMØH Howell Co Sessions 7 QNI 60 QTC 0 NM KØRWL Jackson Co ARESR Sessions 5 QNI 70 QTC 0 NM KØUAA Macon Co Sessions 4 QNI 32 QTC 0 NM KØKY Montgomery Cty Sessions 1 QNI 10 QTC 0 NM K2HT Rolla RRARS Sessions 30 QNI 477 QTC 8 NM NAØV WAARCI Sessions 4 QNI 93 QTC 0 NM KØDEC 10th Reg Sessions 60 QTC 137 MO 87% with K9ZTV, NDØN, WØSJS, NM WØSS

## New England Division

### Connecticut

Section Leadership: ASMs: N1FNE, K1STM, KY1F, NK1J, W1FXQ; Bulletin Manager KD1YV; Official Observer Coordinator W1GC; Public Information Coordinator K1SFA; Section Emergency Coordinator K1BRF; State Government Liaison K1MK; Section Traffic Manager K1HEJ; Technical Coordinator N1KHB. If you missed this year's Nutmeg Ham Fest, you sure missed out on a terrific show! Congratulations to the Meriden Amateur Radio Club on the fourteenth Nutmeg State Convention which many of us affectionately call Nutfest! Thanks to Joe K1IKE for organizing the ARES displays and demos and thanks to everyone who participated in any way. Attendance was up by approximately 14%! There were lots of sellers and demos this year: 40 outside and about 120 inside. There was an article in The Meriden Record about the ham fest; some of us spoke to the reporter; I used WL2K to send her a message to her email account to further demonstrate our current digital capability. The Web Page on the ARRL site has been updated so don't miss some pictures taken at the hamfest. All of the forums were attended by approximately 30 people. It was good to see many of you at the ARRL Forum at which, by the way, Director Tom Frenaye, K1KI told us that the number of new hams in CT has increased over previous years. Thanks to all of you who have been running classes—I want to start naming a few but I will miss others. But some coordinators who come to mind are K1MMH, N1TUP, N1JEO, W1TFD, KB1Ies, KB1IET, W1WJB, W1JMA, W1RNA, KB1NCN, AA1WT. Other hams participate in the teaching. Thanks to you all. If you are running a class or have run one in the last year, let me know and I'll list you. Let's come up with a list which I can post on the Web site! YOUR INPUT IS REQUESTED! ARRL is asking for your input regarding the FCC's Report and Order on Docket Wt-

040. Because of its importance, I am restating ARLb020 here. I encourage you to get your input to Headquarters regarding this matter. The ARRL is requesting member input concerning the FCC's Amateur Radio proceeding, WT Docket 04-140, released October 10. The Report and Order will not take effect until 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. This publication date is not yet known. The complete text is available for viewing as a PDF file on the FCC Web site, [http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/FCC-06-149A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-06-149A1.pdf). A summary is available on the ARRL Web site, <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/10/11/100/>. The ARRL is specifically seeking member guidance on how the changes will affect current operating activities on 80, 40 and 15 meters (see the current ARRL band plans, <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/bandplan.html>, and an ARRL FAQ, <http://www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/wt04-140/faq.html>, which includes a chart showing the band changes). Comments may be submitted by e-mail to [bandplan@www.arrl.org](mailto:bandplan@www.arrl.org). All e-mails will be read and considered, but individual responses will not be possible due to the message volume expected. The deadline for comments is October 31. NNNN If you have not read the summary, it is IMPERATIVE that you read it and make comment if you feel the need. Because of the impact this R&O will have on public service and digital communications, I know I will be commenting. And speaking of public service, ARES members and others interested, don't forget CT's annual Simulated Emergency Test takes place this year on October 28. SEC Brian, K1BRF has appointed a very capable committee who has been working for hours planning this event so that our experience is a worthwhile and real learning experience. As in the past, a serious effort is being planned so watch for details from your ARES leadership. Please participate! You do not have to be experienced; you just need to be willing to learn and grow in your knowledge of radio communications as it relates to public service. Oscar Fuller/ KB1LQV made a presentation at the Greater Norwalk ARC covering his volunteer work during the aftermath of hurricane Katrina. Oscar was one of six Amateur operators from Connecticut who drove to the disaster area and operated radio nets, providing the only communications available to assist survivors and responders. Oscar urged more hams to prepare themselves for possible duty in future crises by taking levels 1 and 2 of the AREC program. Bill W1WJB and John W1JMA are teaching a technician licensing class to police, and fire department personnel at the Ridgefield Fire Training Center this month and throughout November. Bill has indicated that "This course is especially adapted to concentrate on Ham Radio's practical uses for personal communications, and for assisting In emergency communications. This course has been designed to be very PRACTICAL . . . " Bill also coordinated a ham radio demo at the Ridgefield Fire Dept at their annual open house last week. R-Com, the Ridgefield ARES Communications Group will be a part of the new FEMA-DHS sponsored "Fire Corps" organization, an innovative program of harvesting citizen interest in assisting local fire departments in various ways---such as ham radio communications. Amateurs were invited to participate by talking to the group which included children of all ages. The demo was a resounding success! Bill reports: "We have 19 at this point. Mostly Fire Police, with one PhD professor from WestConn, a hospital equipment technical expert from St Vincents, and a retired airline 747 captain. In all cases their primary interest is in emergency communications. Great work Bill—we need more demos like this!— K1EIC Toy, K1WYQ, GNARC president writes the following which should be of interest: I guess I have earned bragging rights for being the first Ham Radio Operator in the nation that was fortunate to be included in the first ever Communication Leader's ( COML) course sponsored by the Dept of Homeland Security at the Fairfield Fire Training School from September 25 th – 29 th . This course is to be modified and subsequently taught throughout the country. The course was dynamic and loaded with good stuff that was drawn from the National Wildfire Program that was adapted for Homeland Security. We even had the venerable Tim Walker/ W1GIG who gave an excellent talk on radio spectrum and included a video from the ARRL that was narrated by Walter Cronkite. The attendees for this course were mostly law enforcement and fire officers along with dispatch personnel. The course highlighted past problems with interagency communication and what is presently being done to overcome this problem. Some expensive communication equipment was effectively demonstrated by the military and a neighboring law enforcement agency. The emphasis was on interoperability. All along the program the course instructors mentioned the existence of ham operators and how we are useful communications

personnel. GNARC had as their guest Speaker Richard L Fournier, Area 1 Coordinator for the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Emergency Planning & Preparedness Division. I will be writing Mr. Fournier a letter of thanks.

## **Eastern Massachusetts**

Hello to all: I hope you had a good summer. Many people were busy with numerous amateur radio activities as well as taking the opportunity to take vacation, etc. One of the activities we all enjoyed together was the New England exhibition and convention (more commonly known by its location in Boxboro). We had another great show this year, due to the fantastic efforts of New England Division Vice Director, Mike, K1TWF, and his hardworking event staff. Additionally, we were fortunate to have ARRL President Joel, W5ZN, in attendance on at the ARRL booth on the exhibit floor, and as our banquet keynote speaker. Since I last spoke to you indicating my desire not to take a second term, Art, K1GBX, has indicated his interest in the position and will relieve me on January 1st. I wish him the best of luck in his administration and stand ready to assist in any way. In the interim, please continue to contact me with any section business until then. I am also making a format change to the monthly message for the next three months. From this point on, a recap of the club and personal activities will be best viewed on our website [www.ema.arrl.org](http://www.ema.arrl.org). Upcoming events are also kept there, so please visit it often. By the way, our ARES and NTS groups have their own websites as well, at [www.ares.ema.arrl.org](http://www.ares.ema.arrl.org) and [www.nts.ema.arrl.org](http://www.nts.ema.arrl.org), respectively. I will use this forum for special messages or to alert you of events of great interest. One of these is the FCC release of a Report and Order regarding the Amateur Radio Omnibus Proposal. Please visit <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/10/11/100/?nc=1> for an updated story. Please also note that the Commission continues to remain silent with respect to code requirements for General and above licenses. Have a great month, and please don't forget to vote next month! de WIMPN

## **Rhode Island**

Greetings Fellow Rhode Islanders: It was nice to see such a nice turn out at the annual '76 Auction and Flea Market. I apologize for not being able to stay longer than I did but I know it was a fun time for all and very necessary to support RIFMRS. More on RIFMRS later in this report. The annual Simulated Emergency Test, better known as SET took place on Saturday, October 7 from 9AM until early afternoon. Our Section Emergency Coordinator, KE1AB provided this report: Working with RI EMA the SET scenario was a category 3 hurricane striking the southwest corner of RI, named Hurricane Veronica. In keeping with several side "Archie comic" remarks we referred to it throughout the SET as Operation Jughead in keeping with the comic book characters. The SET required all stations to be on 100% emergency power. This year, RI ARES through RI EMA, requested the participation of local community EOCs to participate with their ham radio stations and approximately 12 RI EOCs checked in plus two in CT and one in MA. Rob Macedo, KD1CY represented Eastern MA SEC and NWS Taunton. RI SATERN with their EOC and Providence EMA and RI SKYWARN all participated. Bringing all these different EMComm groups and local EOCs into the annual SET was something that has not been done before in RI in a very long time and we are very grateful to them for their participation. The drill consisted of the usual problems associated with a hurricane, and changes in the drill were incorporated by the addition of nine surprise Situation Injects and roll playing by several EOCs and participants. This made for some very interesting problems for the NCS operator and RI EMA with a single operator. With the dropping of the primary repeater station to simulate loss of the station, the ability of EOC and operators to respond to NCS was diminished, and greatly taxed the equipment being utilized. It added interest and accurately simulated the problems that take place in a real emergency. Overall, the experiences and understanding of the problems participants have expressed in their reports to the SEC have been tremendous. The SET After Action Report will be finished shortly and will be reviewed on our bi-monthly ARES NET on October 16th. From this report, everyone can plan to make improvement

in their station's operating needs and improve their skills. Sean added, "If I were to summarize the SET, it showed that EOCs being self insufficient with equipment able to communicate directly with the RI EMA located in the center of RI were better off. Due to the physical size of RI, this is very do-able with proper antennas." Over fifty ARES members and support personnel took part in this year's SET. Some things were tried again and we found HF dropped out early and was not of very much use. Due to operators being tied up handling SET problems, we did not pass as much NTS traffic. We under utilized our digital capabilities with the BBS and NTS-D, but we'll plan on improving that for the next SET. It was a great success and we look forward to improving our operation next year. Thank again to all who contributed to this effort. In a different Emcomm exercise, RI SATERN (Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network) participated in the PEMA (Providence Emergency Management Agency) emergency drill on Sunday, October 1. The scenario for this exercise was to portray simulated mass casualties as a result of a simulated single suicide bomber attack. AA1VU, SATERN Operations Officer reported that the SATERN organization EOC is strategically located near the city of Providence and their goal is to serve the people of Providence and the RI Salvation Army units as well. SATERN radio volunteers have been working with RIPTA (Rhode Island Public Transportation Authority) buses, with dozens of hospitals and as "shadows" for drill organizers. SATERN's mission is to provide portable and reliable communications during high-stress events in the inner city. In total, there were seventeen licensed amateur radio volunteers active in the PEMA exercise, including several members of RI ARES and Skywarn. The event began in the early morning and wrapped up at noon. During the exercise, four 2 meter and 440 MHz repeaters were used, as back-up to the primary simplex operation. The W1AQ club 2 meter repeater was chosen as the primary channel for all tactical traffic and the KA1RCI UHF repeater was a valuable second channel, to avoid any close frequency interference. It was reported that UHF frequencies demonstrated better signal strength from RIPTA aluminum buses than VHF repeaters. One of the goals of the PEMA exercise was to determine how effective simplex communication was in the environment of the test. There were several other lessons learned from this exercise. Among the lessons were that a) various Amateur Radio emergency groups can work together seamlessly and effectively for the public welfare, b) simplex operation is an effective communication mode in downtown Providence and c) a little bit of radio planning can help prevent communication black-outs, i.e., if several groups are working in close proximity, they should be on different amateur bands to reduce overloading each other's receiver stages. The popular 146.76 Scituate repeater is back on the air with its antenna high in the air. Useful coverage is back to normal and possibly greater. The 223.76 repeater was moved from Lincoln to Scituate. The 146.94 repeater which had been in Lincoln for decades has been moved to its new site in Cumberland and is now on the air with lower power and a temporary antenna. In an attempt to reduce interference from northern repeaters, the repeater is transmitting a PL of 141.3, so if you punch that into your radio, you should be able to prevent unwanted signals on .94. The new machine sounds great and within a week, should be serving a much wider footprint. Thanks to everyone who supported the recent RIFMRS flea market and auction in Forestdale. Your financial support was quickly put to very good use. Special thanks to AA1PL, N1JOY, K1KYI, W1HQV, KD1HA and WA1POX for their work on these three repeaters. The FCC has finally released its new rulemaking on a broad range of issues in what is being called the "Omnibus" bill. A summary of this Report and Order or R&O may be read on the ARRL website at <http://www.arrl.org/?artid=6864> . This summary also contains a link to the full 45 page text of the bill for those who need more bedtime reading material. Items in the bill will not take effect until 30 days after the R&O appears in the Federal Register. Best estimate is that the provisions will become law well before the end of 2006. The Omnibus bill contains a great many changes and I VERY STRONGLY encourage all to read the summary and become familiar with the changes being made. I am not given enough space to list the entire R&O here in my report but if anyone reading this wants a copy and cannot access the Internet listing, please contact me at wlyrc@arrl.org or 401-333-2129 and I'd be happy to send you a paper copy by mail or by e mail. In closing this month's report, I want to encourage all ARRL members, family and friends to exercise their privilege and duty as a US citizen and be sure to vote on Election Day, Tuesday November 7. Whatever your views, if you don't vote, you have no grounds for complaining over who was elected. 73, Bob Beaudet W1YRC

## **Northwestern Division**

### **Montana**

The September fire season was tough on many in our state. Lots of smoke and ash to deal with, not to mention high temps and winds that came along with them. Many people suffering from breathing difficulties. There has been much activity in the new experimental band of 505 to 510 khz. These freqs are part of the old Maritime bands that were at one time exclusively CW for communications with ships at sea. They were guarded by those massive shore stations like KPH, KFS, WLO, NPD etc. This is a special grant issued by FCC to the ARRL, who has licensed some stations with beacon privileges to provide information on propagation within this frequency range for possible issue as a new band for Amateur Radio. If you are interested, look up the 600 Meter Research Group on the Internet and read the info contained there. A good converter for that range or a receiver capable of good sensitivity around 500 KHZ will be needed. None of the signals heard at this station have been strong, but down in the noise, as the present power limit is 25 watts EIRP. A larger antenna or long wire is helpful also. Reception reports are always welcome. Dont forget Bozeman's Hamfest the 14th of Oct. IMN-W5UYH, QNI-516, QTC-86 MTN-KD7HWV, QNI-2209, QTC-28 MSN-K7LMT, AE7V and others, QNI-96 73 all Doug, K7YD

### **Oregon**

The primary initial goals I established as a new section manager were: 1. Increase geographical participation. 2. Increase communications throughout the section. I have been working to accomplish these by appointing Assistant Section Managers (ASMs) for various parts of the state. I would like to find a couple more – one from around the Bend area and one in the southwestern portion of the state. I have also been doing my best to respond quickly to emails and phone calls I receive to ensure good communications in the section. With the help of Dean Davis KL7OR, I have started a website and have a number of updates and additions I still need to get posted. Dean also started an Oregon Section Yahoo group that I have been sending messages to periodically. As I become accustomed to thinking about it, I will send more messages to that group. I had some things happen that slowed me down, but I plan to start visiting clubs right away so I can get to know all of you better. I will try to visit 2-3 clubs each month. However it might be spring before I get over to the eastern side of the state. I don't want to take my chances in the mountains during the winter. If you have more ideas in accomplishing these initial goals, please let me know. The FCC has produced a report and order (R&O) related to WT Docket 04-140, which was released on October 10. This R&O will take effect 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. The publication is not yet known. I will send an email to the section as soon as that occurs. There is a link to the complete text with the changes that will occur to the FCC rules on the ARRL website. I will also post something on the Oregon Section website within the next day or two. The CW nets are concerned about some of the frequency adjustments in the report and order for phone and CW. If you have concerns, there is an email link on the ARRL website to express those concerns. There are changes to the band plan, to RACES and VE testing that we need to be aware of. This is NOT the change in the Morse code requirements that many are waiting for. Rick Durst, K1YKZ is the Portland General Electric Amateur Radio Liaison. He is working on plans for the Portland General Electric's Annual Outage Drill that will be held on October 24 from 8am – 11am. He would like to find other amateur radio operators who work for the various Gas, Electric or Water utilities. If you know of any, please let Rick know at k1y kz@ados.net. I attended the Section Manager's workshop at the ARRL at the end of September. I learned a lot and will be sending information out to the section leadership to be dissiminated as needed. Jackson County ARES headed by EC Don Montgomery WB7Q, had a number of activities over the summer that did not get mentioned in the Section News. In June, they provided communications for the "12-Mile Super Downhill" mountain bike race from Mount Ashland to Lithia Park. Seven members participated. In July, they provided communications for the Siskiyou

Outback 50K Ultra Marathon Trail Run on Mount Ashland. Eight members participated in this event. In August they provided communications for the Mount Ashland Hillclimb Run (13 mile route, 5400-foot elevation gain) from the City of Ashland and up Mount Ashland. Six members participated. On October 8, Clackamas County ARES provided communications for the 2006 Harvest Century 40/70/100 mile bike event being coordinated at Champoeg State Park. Wasco County ARES, headed by Marsh Johnson KK7CW, was involved in the RADEX-2006 exercise and provided communications between Mid-Columbia Medical Center and Providence Medical Center – Hood River as decontamination sites. Jerry Boyd, N7WR, EC for Baker County reported that Baker County ARES/RACES members have been trained to set up and operate the County's mobile emergency operations communications vehicle. They are finalizing an agreement with the Eastern Oregon Chapter, American National Red Cross regarding communications support for shelters and the ANRC office in Baker City. Don Tucker, W7WLL, K Sorter for the ARRL 7th Area QSL Bureau, is asking for assistance locating amateur radio operators with cards in the dead file. He is looking for assistance in Adams, Canby, Coos Bay, Corbett, Eugene, Forest Grove, Gilchrist, Gladstone, Grants Pass, Heppner, Hubbard, LaGrande, Milwaukie, Portland, Rainier, Sandy, Scappoose, The Dalles, Tillamook and Tigard. Someone who has lived in those areas for a long time and knows all the hams could be very helpful in letting these people know they have cards. OO Monitoring Reports: 125 hours, 2 Observers Congratulations to Kenneth Taylor, K7NIB who has completed ARRL's Level III -- Advanced Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course (EC-003). Station Activity Report Totals for September 2006: N7CM 130, W7IZ 117, W7IG 84, K7EAJ 42, KC7SRL 41, K7PMB 38, KD7ZLF 38, N7YSS 33, WS7L 31, KK1A 26, N7HAE 12, N7APE 9 Public Service Honor Roll Totals for September 2006: N7CM 210, K7EAJ 200, KK1A 126, KD7THV 121, KD7ZLF 118, W7IG 110, KL7OR 110, KK7TN 91, N7YSS 90, N7HAE 72 I hope to see many of you at Swaptoberfest in Rickreall. 73, Bonnie AB7ZQ

## **Western Washington**

District 1 Snohomish County reports Ed, WA7ETH & Eric, W2ZT provided the Snohomish County Hams Club with a summary of the ARES activities and repeater systems enabling them to recruit at least one member. Skagit County members participated with the MS 150 bike-a-thon. Island County members had another good day for the tour De Whidbey Event again this year. The EOC to EOC drill brought to light several problems with the HF system that needed to be fixed. District 2 Jefferson County has published the Winlink training information on its new web site and members are becoming familiar with it. Four members of Clallam County ARES received training on OPSCAN (a microwave and fiber optics linked multi-agency communications network for the Olympic Peninsula). Twenty-three CC-ARES members attended the Emergency Management Department's presentation on the County Emergency Management Plan (presented by Bob Martin) and received training on the marine radio chapter of the ARRL Emergency Communications Handbook. During September, a team from the Kitsap County ARES prepared a scenario for the SET to be held in October. On the last day of the month they participated in the EOC-to-EOC drill to test the equipment in preparation for the SET and for the coming fall and winter weather. The Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management has started sending congratulations letters to newly licensed Amateur Radio operators in Kitsap County to help the ARES recruit new members. District 3 Pacific County used both EOC's for the EOC-EOC exercise. They also set up packet radio infrastructure. Grays Harbor County Worked communications for Sheriff during SAR operations and during Hoquiam Loggers play day and took NTS messages. District 4 Clark County ARES/RACES continues to provide personnel for the weekly state Tuesday morning CEM Net check-in for the county. ARES/RACES team leaders and assistants met for lunch and planning September 12th. At the ARES/RACES meeting September 18th Rick, KE7FHK, the Search and Rescue team, presented a power point presentation on map reading. For the EOC to EOC exercise A team of 3, Wayne, AI9Q; Rob, K7JAO; and Bob, K7YFJ, checked into the State from the Clark County EOC and a team of two, Jack, W7JB and Lee, WB7EDP checked in from the Camas EOC. Cowlitz County members Randy, NU7D, Connie, KB7AYY and Jerry, WI7F responded with the Comm-Van to

a mock Mass Casualty Incident in Kalama on September 9th. Kalama Fire used the Comm-Van for the first time and could see the value of having it as an operation platform during a major event. District 6 All Bellevue ARES now must be RACES as required by negotiation with the city. The Fire Dist. 40: Team drilled on generator power and the fire district 800 MHz radios. The Sammamish team attended the Sammamish Safety Fair to promote Amateur Radio. They were successful in generating some interest in Amateur radio training with a class being planned for weekend of November 17th for the new Technician course. They are also planning on a joint meeting with the other groups to discuss various radio systems, strengths, weaknesses and training opportunities prior to launching their recruiting drive for more active members. The Puget Sound Energy ARES Team installed a Radio and antenna at the North King Operations Base. They also participated in the company wide mock storm event held on Sept. 22. District M had a class on Radio Mobile software this month, lots of interest generated in it. Three team members participated in the Seattle ACS Set on 10/7 as observers and evaluators. They had several work parties to erect a tower and antennas, and installed two new repeaters this month. They are currently in the testing phase. MST plans to have their Section-wide SET with all the hospitals on 10/28 From the SEC: You should congratulate our Northwestern Division Direct, Jim, K9JF for having completed the ARECC Level 1 course. Jim has also completed the IS 100, 200 and 700 courses. He plans to take the ARECC Level II and III courses as his time permits. Communications Academy 2007 will be on March 31 and April 1 at Seattle Pacific University, so mark you calendars and plan to attend. Check the web site <http://www.commacademy.org/> for updates as it becomes available.

## **Pacific Division**

### **East Bay**

Hello All I want to thank the Mount Diablo ARC for doing such a excellent job producing Pacificon 2007. Many hundreds of person hours went into this years event. I also want to thank all of you that did attend. The Pacificon committee is requesting comments from those of you that came please feel free to make suggestions on what you would like to see implemented, changed, or dropped in next years event. Those of you that couldn't make it Jettie Hill, W6RFF, Sacramento Valley Section Manager was named Pacific Division Ham of the Year. There were a number of public service events staffed by the various club in the EB Section among the reports that were sent EBARC helped on a bicycle race in Marin County and the Escape from Alcatraz triathlon, Alameda County Sheriff's Comm Team with help of some local club members provided logistical and safety communications for the Dick Collins 50 mile run in the EB regional parks. The Comm Team was also called out to support the search for a missing person in the Oakland Hills area.. The Pacific Division Section Managers are going to activate a division wide mutual aid net on November 15th coinciding with the State of Ca. "Golden Guardian" Exercise. All EB Section OES, EC's, DEC's NM's & PIO's are requested to participate. The time of activation will be at 1000 hours. The frequency will be sent in a e-mail in November. NCS Traffic report: Traffic activity report for WB6UZX September 2006: Orig 0, Recd 89, Sent 77, Deld 6, Total 172 PSHR: 1/40 2/40 3/10 4/10 5/0 6/0 Total 100 PSHR Total for W6DOB: 140 Traffic Total for W6DOB : 223 73

### **Nevada**

Nevada Section News Summary - See the Nevada Section website at <http://nv.arrl.org> for the complete, unexpurgated stories. October 11, 2006 - Pacificon'06 is THIS WEEK - This is the Pacific Division Convention. Information is available at <http://www.pacificon.org>. We hope to have a good showing of members from the Nevada Section. If you've never been, make this your year. See if you can find the whizzing rettysnitch! October 11, 2006 - Federal legislation - Congress has adjourned until after the elections. The Nevada congressional delegation hasn't done much with respect to bills that involve Amateur radio. Details on the section website. It is recommended that all radio Amateurs in Nevada

consider these facts. October 11, 2006 - ARES Monthly Report for September'06 SEC Summary - Planning for our SET is underway. It will be a statewide drill including Washoe County OHS and CERT. CERT members will be trained by ARES operators in voice procedures. Messages will be relayed statewide... I have heard from SEC in the LAX Section about planning a joint exercise with other adjoining sections, including Nevada. This will take a bit of time to coordinate, but the prospects are bright... I am continuing to gather information to update our Section Emergency Plan. It will include updated modes such as Winlink and IRLP... Planning continues for EMCOMMWEST 2007. Mark your calendars for May 4-6, 2007 at the Atlantis in Reno. This year's chair is Dee Arnold, KA7LOZ.

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORT:** Thanks to Paul WA6EWV in Tahoe and Bruce AL7LS in Henderson for their support of coordinating their HF packet stations for traffic handling. The TARA BBS will soon automatically forward packet messages. Ron WB5KLJ is continuing his efforts to link his Goldfield 2M repeater to Tonopah... South Nye County report by Jerry KC6ILH - Pony Express Ride, Fall Festival Parade and Emergency Services Cub Scout Troop took up the month for our activities. Wet weather is forecasted, getting ready for any flooding occurrences... Clark County report by Charlie AA5QJ - An ARES/RACES meeting was held Sep 30 at the Clark County Govt Center. Scott Emerson, Director of Emergency Services and Denise Katz, Shelter Coordinator for the American Red Cross introduced themselves and briefed us on their positions and their desire to work with us. The upcoming Aviation Exercise at McCarran Airport on Wed Oct 4, 2006, which will also be our annual Simulated Emergency Test, was then discussed in detail... ARES/RACES Quarterly Meeting - Sat Nov 18, 2006 at 9 am at the Clark County Govt Center. Section Manager Dick Flanagan K7VC, and Section Emergency Coordinator Don Carlson KQ6FM will be visiting. September had only one SKYWARN incident - a tornado warning issued the afternoon of September 8, 2006. No other severe weather followed...

**NORTHEAST DISTRICT REPORT:** Elko amateurs participated in an EOC Drill with one of the local mining companies. Amateurs passed wx traffic from the NOAA office in Elko to the minesite EOC. Winlink was used to pass support traffic for the American Red Cross during this drill as well. The Saturday ARES Section net continues to have good support from all corners of the state. Participation is status quo... /s/Joe Giruado N7JEH Northeast District Emergency Coordinator

**NORTHWEST DISTRICT REPORT:** Glenn Thomas, Douglas County EC - The training program continues here in Douglas and Carson City counties. The DCART meeting this month was the Red Cross "Shelter Operations" class. The DCART net training topic has been the content of the ICS-100 course. I've started to work at organizing a separate ARES group for Carson City... Bob Miller, Washoe County EC - Been busy this month working with KD7ZEV Andy to develop the CERT communications program and coordinate the CERT/ARES SET for Saturday October 7th. Also thanks to Kevin KE7BQX Steve N7KP and Andy KD7ZEV for solving the problems with the radio and antenna issue. Also thanks to Andy for all of his hard work in developing the CERT communications plan and the MOU between ARES and CERT... October 8, 2006 - Nevada Section Simulated Emergency Test (SET) a resounding success - FROM Don Carlson, KQ6FM - Nevada Section Emergency Coordinator I just wanted to thank everyone for the stellar job on our SET this year. While centered in Washoe County, we had participants from all over the section. The lessons and concepts learned made it all worthwhile. The SET, like any exercise, is a learning experience. We learn from our served agencies, the scenario itself and most of all ... EACH OTHER. It makes little difference how many mistakes we make, only that we learn from them and thus better ourselves to become the best trained operators in the business! From what I have been told, the served agencies that we worked with were most impressed with our professionalism, hard work and the way we were able to conduct ourselves and lend our experience as a teaching tool to the CERT folks who were watching our every move and word. I am sure many of them are be wanting to join us as licensed Amateurs. Thank you all once again for a job well done! I am proud of you all. - 73 Don KQ6FM

October 8, 2006 - Reno Ham Cram in October - The Northern Nevada Education Coalition and Northwest District ARES presents the next Technician license Ham Cram in Silver Springs, Nevada on Saturday October 14, 2006 at the MacAtee Building next to the Silver Springs Fire Station, starting at 8 O'clock A.M. with registration. Anyone taking the License exam should have a State or Federal Photo ID with them when they take the test. The cost of the test is \$14.00.



Check the <http://washoeares.hopto.org> website for updates and directions. For more information please email Frank.Walsh@gbis.com or call at 1(775)971-3368. September 25, 2006 - Reno QRP Group has a new web site. [www.renoqrp.org](http://www.renoqrp.org). A big thank you to Ed, WD7Y and Van, W7IEX for hours of toil. Our Group is extremely grateful to Donn, W7DAF, who supported and built our original site which was up for several years. Please, when you see Donn, shake his hand and give him a big "Thank You"... At their September lunch, Tim, W7YQ, the ARRL Field Day Marshall, passed out Field Day pins. Ralph, W7SK, showed off his Schurr small hand key and a HB small plexiglass like straight key from his collection. Dave, WA6GNZ, brought a 1920 British crystal set from his collection. Other attendees were Ed, WD7Y; Frank, KD7AJO; Steve, W7VI; Van, W7IEX; Steve, NU7T. - thanks to Steve, nu7t

September 18, 2006 - ARRL Frequency Measuring Test Coming Up - The sunspot cycle has not smiled on the W1AW's signals in the last few FMT's, making it difficult for West Coasters to hear it well enough to make good measurements. This years Frequency Measuring Test (FMT) will be supplemented by a West Coast originated signal. The signal will be transmitted exclusively on 40 meters from WA6ZTY located in the San Francisco Bay Area. The 400 watt signal should be heard over much of the western US. The W1AW transmission will begin at 6:45 PM PST on Wednesday, November 15th somewhere between 7038 KHz and 7040 KHz. The WA6ZTY transmission will begin 45 minutes later at 7:30 PM somewhere between 7028 KHz and 7030 KHz. See the November issue of QST for details. - 30-

## **Sacramento Valley**

SECTION NEWS SEPTEMBER 2006 SECTION MANAGER: As I reported previously, I have submitted my resignation to the ARRL as of November 30, 2006. Your new Section Manager, as of December 1, 2006 will be Casey McPartland, W7IB. At present Casey is an Assistant Section Manager and has an Official Emergency Station appointment, is the President of the Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club. He holds an Extra Class license, has completed all three of the ARRL Emergency Communication courses, is active in ARES, an active ARRL VE and Instructor, and is an ARRL Life Member. He operates QRP and is a dedicated CW operator. Casey and I plan to visit several clubs in October and November and we will be attending Pacificon convention in San Ramon, at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel on October 13-15, 2006. If you attend Pacificon, be sure to look for us at the ARRL Booth. We will also be attending the Pacific Division Director's Cabinet meeting. I recommended Casey for the SM position to fill the remainder of my elected term – September 30, 2007, and I am sure he will do an excellent job. I will be standing by to assist him, if needed. Please welcome Casey as your ARRL representative for Sacramento Valley Section. I appreciate the efforts the clubs and appointees have done to make the SV section a success. Especially, to Dave Thorne, K6SOJ, and all of his DEC's, EC's, and ARES members for their dedication to emergency communications. TAHOE ARA: I was a guest at their annual Bar-B-Q, at a park in Zephyr Cove, Nevada. The pot luck, steak lunch was excellent and the warm, windless day was superb – except for hundreds of yellow jackets, that also liked the steak – no one was stung that I know of. The club is getting their repeaters ready for winter and was putting a portable repeater, on a trailer, to a test the next day for a bike ride around the lake. They work closely with the Sheriff and the local hospital on emergency communications. Their perennial President, keeps the club well organized. They will be active in the annual hospital SET, on October 5. AMADOR COUNTY ARC: The club's annual Swap Meet will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2006, in Martell, at the K Mart parking lot, from 7 am until 3 pm. Spaces are \$10. For reservations call Ray Parker, ND6S, at 209-267-5958. They will have various independent Vendor tables, Bake sale and Donated Equipment table. There will be the usual food and drink items, as well as the bake sale. This should be the last swap meet, in the section, for this year. MOTHER LODGE DXCC: Their next meeting will be in Martell, at Noon, on October 21, just a stone's throw from the above swap meet. They meet at the Round Table Pizza, just East of the K Mart. This is a chance to attend 2 functions in one day. See you there. EL DORADO COUNTY RC: Casey and I attended the September 28 meeting. The club had to switch meeting night from the 4th Tuesday to the fourth Thursday of the month, to accommodate a

schedule change at the Federated Church. The program was on a local wireless, high speed internet system, and several members seemed to be interested. In a hilly location, such as Placerville area, the company is always looking for towers to put their system on – what better than a ham tower on a mountain top. RIVER CITY ARCS: There will be no VE exams given in October. The next exams will be given on Saturday, November 18 at the Carmichael Elks Lodge, Cypress and Hackberry, at 8:30 am. Exams are usually scheduled for the 3rd Saturday of the month. No reports yet on the results of their White Elephant Sale. The club's Constitution and Bylaws were recently revised and adopted on September 6. Several other clubs have also revised their Bylaws. NORTH HILLS ARC: The club celebrated Amateur Radio Awareness Day by having a multi-display of equipment and modes at a Park near Downtown Sacramento. There were several tents, vans and the Red Cross mobile communication van, to demonstrate ham radio. There was an information booth with handouts. It ran from 9 am until 4 pm. This was a large park and equipment was spread out over several hundred feet. The club, in previous years, held a What is Ham Radio demonstration at one of their regular meetings. This is the type of event that we need, so that we can educate the general public about amateur radio, especially as an emergency communication system. ELECTION TIME: The months of October and November are usually the time when the clubs have their nominations for officers for the following year. Have you thought about running for office or leading a club committee – well you should. In most clubs there seem to be a few that are always doing most of the work, as officers or one of the several committees, the others just show up for the meetings. Put something back into your club or organization by taking some responsibility in the operation of the club. A well organized group of officers and committees can make light work for all. CLUBS: Please put Casey McPartland, W7IB, on your club Bulletin mailing list or on the email list, if it is sent electronically, to the following: PO Box 1503, Meadow Vista, CA 95722, or w7ib@arrl.org. Also please keep me on your bulletin lists. MISC: The next couple of month we will be getting Casey up-to-speed, and I am sure he will do an excellent job. So please work with him, as you have with me for these 17 years. Hopefully the Section will continue to run relatively smooth, as it has in the past. Promote your club, the ARRL and Amateur Radio. 73, for now, and hope to see you at Pacificon, October 13-15. Jettie

## **San Joaquin Valley**

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for the month of September 2006: 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. An Emergency Coordinator is needed in Merced County. Contact N6ZFN (n6zfn@bak.rr.com) or W6DPD (w6dpd@arrl.org) if you can help. Mark your calendars: The 2006 California QSO Party is October 7-8. Check [www.cqp.org](http://www.cqp.org) for information. Pacificon 06 will be October 13-15, 2006 at the San Ramon Marriott. Check [www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org) for information. The Scout Jamboree on the Air is October 21, 2006. The International DX Convention is April 27-29, 2007 at Visalia. Check <http://www.dxconvention.org/> for information. EMCOMM West is May 4-6, 2007 at the Atlantis Resort and Casino in Reno NV. Check [www.emcommwest.org](http://www.emcommwest.org) for information. Field Day 2007 is the fourth full weekend of June. The 65th Fresno Hamfest is August 4, 2007 at the Holiday Inn at the Airport in Fresno. Check [www.w6to.com](http://www.w6to.com) for information. 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. If you fail to update your clubs information for 2 years, your club will be placed in the inactive file. Need to take an Amateur exam? Check the ARRL web page, [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) for exam information. You can also search for Amateur Radio Classes in your area. 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. The California Traffic Net meets daily on 3.906 MHZ and 6:30 PM local time. The California QSO Party, CQP, is October 7-8, 2006. This is a good opportunity to put your county on the air and be

sought out by stations across the United States and around the world that are participating in the party. The Northern California Contest Club has a great award program for participating stations. Check out [www.cqp.org](http://www.cqp.org) for information. Pacificon 2006 will be October 13-15, 2006, at the San Ramon Marriott. This is the ARRL Pacific Division Convention. ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, will be present and speak at the Saturday Banquet. ARRL Chief Operating Officer, Harold Kramer, WJ1B, will speak at the Saturday breakfast. They will meet the members at the ARRL booth. Check [www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org) for information and registration forms. It is my sad duty to report that WA6YXJ, WA6WQG, and K6SSN are Silent Keys. They will be missed. The SJVARS Harvest Ham Convention was a successful event in Fresno. W6WTG attended the Harvest Ham Convention and did a presentation on SSTV and the W6C operation. He also attended the ARRL Southwestern Division Convention in San Diego. Southern Sierra ARS members provided communications for the 2006 High Sierra Fall Century Bike Ride. N6LHL participated in communications support for the Emigrant Trail Bike Trek. Fresno County ARES participated in Amateur Radio Awareness Day in Fresno. It was a successful event. The Oakdale Amateur Radio Society is a new organization in the SJV Section. The club call is KI6FOW. WK6I was part of a multi-multi team that operated the 2006 CQ WW RTTY DX Contest from HC8N. The Scout Jamboree on the Air is October 21-22. If you want to participate, contact the Scout Service Center in your area to volunteer. This is a good event to showcase Amateur Radio to the Scouts. There are radio badges for both Girl and Boy Scouts. Traffic for September: K6RAU 21, N6SUZ 26, and W6SX 3; Total 50. PSHR: K6RAU 64 and N6SUZ 75.

## **Santa Clara Valley**

Santa Clara Valley Section News Summary. SANTA CLARA VALLEY: -Section Manager, Bill Dale, [n2rhv@arrl.org](mailto:n2rhv@arrl.org) -Assistant Section Manager, Section Emergency Coordinator / District Emergency Coordinator, Santa Clara County Larry Carr, KE6AGJ, [KE6AGJ@arrl.net](mailto:KE6AGJ@arrl.net) -Assistant Section Manager, Jim Oberhofer, KN6PE, [jim\\_oberhofer@agilent.com](mailto:jim_oberhofer@agilent.com) -Bulletin Manager/Webmaster, Frank Kibbish Jr, WB6MRQ, [wb6mrq@arrl.net](mailto:wb6mrq@arrl.net) -Official Observer Coordinator, Andy Korsak, KR6DD, [kr6dd@arrl.net](mailto:kr6dd@arrl.net) -Technical Coordinator, Kit Blank, WA6PWW, [wa6pww@arrl.net](mailto:wa6pww@arrl.net) I just returned from ARRL Headquarters in Newington, CT, the home of W1AW, where I attended the Section Managers Workshop. It was an exciting and informative trip. Then there was Pacificon this last weekend, which was equally awesome. More on both events in future News Summaries, the Section Web site or my blog at <http://radioflifer.blogspot.com>. \* Rob, KG6HVV, asked about the abbreviations in the job titles above. So here they are spelled out this month. All appointed positions are described on the ARRL web site at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/>. I have limited room in this e-mail so I will be using abbreviations in the future. \* Section Traffic Manager, Pink Foster, KG6ILA, has resigned due to health issues effective the end of the year. I thank Pink for all her hard work and hope to find a person of equal capability to replace her soon. \* The wiki-based SCV web site on PDARRL.org is up and running. Please take a look around and let me know what you think. Here's the link: <http://www.pdarrl.org/scvsec/index.php> There are a couple areas that aren't complete as yet. First of all, Frank and I are still discussing the best way to display club and repeater information and some other areas as well. Frank and I would appreciate any feedback and/or suggestions you may have, not only regarding the Clubs and Repeater pages, but the entire site. Send your comments to Frank Kibbish Jr, WB6MRQ, Bulletin Manager/Webmaster, <mailto:wb6mrq@arrl.net> or myself at <mailto:n2rhv@arrl.org>. \* FCC releases long-awaited "Omnibus" Amateur Radio Report and Order ending a protracted waiting period, the FCC's Report and Order in the so-called "Omnibus" Amateur Radio proceeding, WT Docket 04-140. Adopted October 4 and released October 10, 2006, the FCC adopted nearly all of the proposed changes in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking released back in 2004. This does NOT include the elimination of the Morse Code test. See the full article at <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/10/11/100/?nc=1>. The ARRL needs your input on this R & O. Some of the items went beyond the original proposal, especially the changes to 80 meters. Send comments to <mailto:bandplan@www.arrl.org> soon. The full text is here:

[http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/FCC-06-149A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-06-149A1.pdf) \* BPL Orders Exceed FCC's Jurisdiction and Authority <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/10/12/100/?nc=1> The ARRL this week notified the US District Court of Appeals -- DC Circuit that it's appealing certain aspects of the FCC's Part 15 rules governing broadband over power line (BPL) systems. A court filing that details the League's specific objections regarding the two orders is pending. Although the petition will argue a number of points, two specific aspects of the FCC's BPL orders precipitated the League's appeal. One is a new rule, only revealed after the FCC made the MO&O public, which limits the extent to which an unlicensed, unintentional radiator must protect a licensed mobile station. \* Due to popular demand, there now are two School Club Roundups each year! The second running of School Club Roundup 2006 (SCR) <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2006/scr.pdf> gets under way Monday, October 16, at 1300 UTC and continues until Friday, October 20, at 2400 UTC. In addition to school clubs, single ops and non-school clubs/groups may take part in the fun. Get on the air, and make contact with Amateur Radio's future! \* Thanks to Larry, KI6CCH, I am reminded that "Jamboree on the Air" is this weekend. Anyone with an interest in supporting scouting and making contacts can participate. The following link has the details of this event on October 21-22, 2006. <http://www.scouting.org/international/22-218.html>. \* NOAA Public Alert Radio Program for Schools <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/noaapubalert.html> ARRL and Citizen Corp are teaming up to assist local school districts (if they need the help) to set up and register their NOAA Weather All Hazard Public Alert Radio. We were informed at Pacificon that these radios may show up at a school without prior notification! See the link above for a full explanation of this program. If you or your club or ARES group take part in this project with Citizen Corps or your local Emergency Management office, please report this activity to Steve Ewald, WV1X, ([sewald@arrl.org](mailto:sewald@arrl.org)) at ARRL Headquarters and to your ARRL Section Manager. Thank you very much. Remember: ARRL November Sweepstakes 4-6 (CW), 18-20 November (Phone.) Do Good, Avoid Evil, Make lots of Contacts! 73, Bill, N2RHV ARRL SM SCV

## **Roanoke Division**

### **North Carolina**

**SEPTEMBER NORTH CAROLINA SECTION NEWS** **FCC REVISES BAND PLANS, PLUS OTHER CHANGES** The FCC's newly released WT Docket 04-140 brings significant changes. The FCC is expanding the phone sub-bands on 75m and 40m and will allow Novice and Tech Plus licensees to use the General portion of the CW sub-bands on 80, 40, 15, and 10m. Amateur amplifiers will no longer be required to exclude the 10m and 12m bands. There are other changes, so check out [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) for the details. The new rules will be effective in the next couple months. **NOAA WEATHER RADIOS IN SCHOOLS PROJECT** The federal government is working to distribute 80,000 NOAA Public Alert Radios to public schools throughout the nation. The radios are designed to signal different types of alerts, such as weather emergencies, child abductions, chemical accidents and acts of terrorism. Some schools might need help setting up the radios and getting them registered. In keeping with our obligation to provide the nation with a pool of "trained operators, technicians, and electronics experts", the ARRL is encouraging radio amateurs to assist your local Citizen Corp Council in this effort. If your club or ARES group would like to assist Citizen Corps in this project, please contact your local Citizen Corps Council to offer assistance. Where there isn't a Council, contact local emergency management. Contacts should not be made directly to local schools. Your local Citizen Corps or Emergency Management folks should contact the local school district superintendent's office to ensure a coordinated plan. Assistance to schools will be provided at the request of, and in coordination with, the school district. **ARES NATIONAL DATABASE** I attended a Section Manager's workshop at ARRL headquarters in September. It was a wonderful experience and I even got to work a half dozen of you from W1AW on 3923kHz! We've posted my notes from the workshop on [www.ncarrl.org](http://www.ncarrl.org). ARRL COO Harold Kramer, WJ1B, told us that the ARRL is using money from a government grant to create a national ARES member database. We'll be able to store all our ARES member information in the database including

training and certification records. This should ease the administrative load on our EC's and make it easier to share ARES members across geographic lines in a disaster. The database is currently being tested and will be made available to EC's soon.

**2006 SIMULATED EMERGENCY TEST** Here's another reminder about the 2006 ARRL Simulated Emergency Test! It's not too late to schedule your local drill. This year's North Carolina Section SET will be held on October 28 from 8am to 12noon on the Tarheel Emergency Net. Don't forget to check in! Your local area may hold an SET anytime during the fall season; just make sure your report reaches ARRL headquarters by January 31, 2007. Stations participating should try to send any appropriate traffic - perhaps after action reports, etc. - via the National Traffic System. Not only will it improve our traffic statistics, using NTS during the SET is important for getting as many levels of our Section NTS involved in the SET process. The Simulated Emergency Test is a great opportunity for some publicity! We're hoping to have a bill introduced in the 2007 session of the state legislature that will permit antennas to be erected without zoning restrictions. Positive media, such as SET training, promotes a favorable image. Involve your local ARRL Public Information Officer and have them do a press release! Be sure to include in your release that the Tar Heel Emergency Net (THEN) has been meeting on-the-air continuously since 1949 - that's 57 years of EMCOMM training! Plus be sure to add any local and regional ARES nets in your area, so the public has the image that hams are ever vigilant and prepared. **HAMFESTS?** Is your club having a hamfest? Get ARRL affiliation! You don't even need to have an affiliated club to have an ARRL affiliated hamfest. You get ARRL door prizes and literature and your hamfest info gets published in QST and on the ARRL web site. Go to <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/hamfests/> for more information.

**MEDIA HITS** Congratulations to Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, for getting us some good coverage of ham radio's role on 9/11. The story appeared on WNCT, channel 9 in Greenville. The "Hello Radio" publicity campaign reaches its climax in December as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of voice over radio. Special event stations will be on the air December 29-30 to commemorate the event. Is anyone interested in setting up a special event station near the site of many of Fessenden's voice experiments on the Outer Banks?

**EMCOMM TRAINING** Congratulations and thanks to the 133 North Carolina hams who have completed the ARRL's Level 1 Emergency Communications Course. I'd like to recognize the following amateurs who have also completed Level 2 and Level 3 of ARRL's EMCOMM training. These folks are role models for us all and their dedication and expertise is a credit to the hobby: K7UGT, W3GYK, KB5WY, KE5ABB, W4CC, K3RXK, KG4HOM, W4PBJ, W0CJV, W1FAI, KG4OQA, NA4P, N1KFC, WA4NID, W4DK, KD4MCA, KV4CN, N4UBH, KE4NQP, KI4HFN, W4VU, KI4AHA, W4DNA, W4OH, K4VHO, K8YC, KE4RTZ, NC4DT, W4YQY, KF4CQS, N4AVM.

**UPCOMING PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS** October 21 & 22: Scouting Jamboree On-The-Air October 22: Inside-Out 10k, Cary. See [www.hampublicservice.org](http://www.hampublicservice.org). October 27-29: Carolina Balloon Fest, Iredell County Airport: [cwebb@webbdata.com](mailto:cwebb@webbdata.com) October 28: North Carolina Section Simulated Emergency Test: 3923kHz @ 8am October 28: Habitat for Humanity Bike/Run, Durham. [www.hampublicservice.org](http://www.hampublicservice.org).

**UPCOMING HAMFESTS** November 19: JARSFEST, Benson, [www.jars.net](http://www.jars.net)

**SEPTEMBER TRAFFIC** W0UCE 637 (BPL), W4UEF 418, W4EAT 398, W2EAG 186, KI4YV 145, KE4JHJ 104, KG4YNM 79, W4DNA 78, W3HL 74, K4RLD 65, KD4FUN 64, WA4OBR 63, KF4OCU 62, W4FAL 50, KI4WW 46, W4NCD 34, KE4AHC 32, W4TTO 27, W4LN 20, W4EHF 20, N3BW 7, AK4GY 6

**SEPTEMBER PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL** KS4OX 816, W4DNA 335, K4RLD 215, W4NCD 159, W2EAG 135, W4TTO 132, W4EAT 130, W4FAL 130, W4LN 130, KG4YNM 125, KE4JHJ 120, K4IWW 120, W0UCE 120, W4WNT 108, KI4KFS 105, N4MH 100, KA3VVJ 100, KG4IOE 95, KD4FUN 90, KI4YV 90, KF4OCU 80.

## **South Carolina**

Greetings to all Amateur Radio Operators. This is Dr. Jim, N2ZZ with the October 2006 South Carolina Section Manager's Report! Please remember that the SC Section website can be found at: [www.arrl-sc.org/](http://www.arrl-sc.org/) where my full SM report will be listed as well as up-to-the-date information on Amateur Radio in South Carolina! Clearly, the biggest news since my last report is the release of the FCC's Omnibus

Report and Order to amend Part 97 of the Commission's Rules Governing the Amateur Radio Service. ARRL President Joel Harrison W5ZN wrote a letter to the Commission on October 3rd, urging them to release their Report and Order. Joel reminded the FCC that the oldest of the petitions that made up the proceeding was over 5 years old, making the Report and Order long overdue! The FCC adopted the document on October 4th, and released the Omnibus Report and Order on October 10th, a week after Joel's letter was dated. In it, the FCC adopted nearly all of the proposed changes in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking released back in 2004. The FCC report and order can be found here: [http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/FCC-06-149A1.doc](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-06-149A1.doc) . The full ARRL News Story can be found here: <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/10/11/100/?nc=1> ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, expressed the ARRL's gratitude to the FCC Commissioners in a letter dated October 11: "On behalf of the ARRL and the Commission's licensees in the Amateur Radio Service I want to express appreciation for your release yesterday of the Report and Order in WT Docket 04-140 (FCC 06-149) amending Part 97 of the Commission's Rules. The Commission's action in clearing this pending proceeding will assist the Amateur Radio Service in meeting its objectives, particularly with regard to providing emergency and public service communications." The changes will go into effect 30 days after the R&O is published in the Federal Register. This date is not known as of yet. The ARRL is requesting member input regarding the proceeding, particularly how the changes will affect current operating activities on 80, 40 and 15 meters. Comments can be submitted by e-mail to: [bandplan@www.arrl.org](mailto:bandplan@www.arrl.org) . Revised band charts and FAQ's can be found here: <http://www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/wt04-140/faq.html> . Currently, the ARRL is working on a plan to move 80 meter CW nets down to the CW only portion of the band, as well as finding spots for QRP calling, PSK and other digital modes. This is a work-in-progress and comments are welcome at the e-mail address above. The ARRL On-Line Auction is almost here! From the ARRL website: The ARRL On-Line Auction preview now is open! Although bidding does not begin until Monday, October 23, at 10 AM EDT (1400 UTC), prospective bidders now may browse through some of the auction inventory. Through the generosity of many donors, we have assembled a diverse list of items. You'll find HF and VHF transceivers, ARRL Lab-tested and reviewed equipment, exotic vacations, antennas, Amateur Radio jewelry, robot kits, rare books, vintage gear and more! Be sure to check in frequently as we plan to add more items as the auction gets under way. Proceeds from the first ARRL On-Line Auction will benefit a wide range of ARRL education programs. These encompass activities designed to license newcomers, strengthen Amateur Radio's emergency service training, offer continuing technical and operating education through distance learning courses and create varied instructional and educational materials. Register to bid now or anytime during the auction, which concludes Friday, November 3. Whether or not you are registered at the ARRL Web site, you must create a new user profile to register for the ARRL On-Line Auction. It's a snap. Simply click on "New Users Register Here" on the auction home page to create your profile. Software for the ARRL On-Line Auction is provided courtesy of [auctionanything.com](http://auctionanything.com). I had the pleasure to attend the Rock Hill Hamfest on October 7th sponsored by YCARS! After a history of different locations, the Hamfest celebrated its 3rd year at the American Legion Post #34 in Rock Hill. Bob Bacharach WA2EMF, ASM2 related to me that the paid attendance was 406, an increase of 16% over last year! The indoor vendor spaces were sold out and the outdoor flea market was packed! At a time when hamfest attendance is declining, it is great to see such great hamfest support! Les K4NK, Roanoke Division Vice Director and I presented the ARRL forum during the hamfest. VE testing yielded 8 new licenses and 3 upgrades in addition to several CSCE's. Weather was chilly, but attendance did not suffer! Bob announced the date of the next Rock Hill Hamfest on Saturday, October 6th, 2007! The Sumter Open-Air Hamfest will be held on October 28th at the Sumter Jaycee Hut on 314 Pine Street. Talk-in will be on 147.015+, 156.7Hz Tone. I hope to see everyone there! Bill Lemmon KA4TWK is now compiling a current, accurate list of repeaters in South Carolina. He found that a number of repeaters listed by current sources may have gone off the air, have incorrect tones, or have other changes that have been made over time. He requests that you send data from your area to him at [ka4twk@yahoo.com](mailto:ka4twk@yahoo.com) . Please include all pertinent data, including frequency, call, tones (input and/or output) location, trustee, etc. I have sent him information for the Aiken area. Bill also publishes (via e-mail) an excellent newsletter for the

Midlands. If you are interested, just ask him to put you on his mailing list! Well, that is it for October! See you next month! SEPTEMBER 2006 NTS REPORT FOR SOUTH CAROLINA BY MAC HEATON, N4MEH NET REPORTS: Net Name/Check Ins/Traffic/Sessions/Reported By Anderson Radio Club 2M Net/874/27/30/N4MEH BRARS 2 Meter Net/1942/30/30/K4SUG Carolina's Net/319/152/60/K4IWW Carolina Slow Net/156/29/30/W4EAT Columbia ARC 2M Net/210/10/8/K4RKC Grand Strand ARC 2M Net/178/21/13/N4XML Greater Pee Dee 2M Net/832/40/30/K4DTT Greenwood ARC 2M Net/91/5/4/W4DEW Greenwood Friendly Net/526/32/30/W4JAK Lancaster County 2M Net/124/27/12/N4WMB Oconee 2M Net/244/12/13/KE4OGG (AUG2006) Oconee 2M Net/250/8/12/KE4OGG (SEP2006) PALS Net/917/67/30/KG4KOE SC Single Sideband Net/1552/64/30/WB4DLD STATION ACTIVITY REPORTS: Station/Sent/Received/Delivered/Originated/Total KA4LRM/5/3/2/0/10 KA4UIV/12/18/3/0/33 N4MEH/3/42/1/2/48 WB4DLD/2/29/1/2/34 PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL: Station/Cat 1/Cat 2/Cat 3/Cat 4/Cat 5/Cat 6/Total KA4LRM/40/10/20/0/0/0/70 N4MEH/40/40/20/0/0/0/100 Have a great month! '73 de Dr. Jim N2ZZ

## Virginia

Virginia Section Mangers Report for September 2006 September was an active month across the Virginia Section. There was the Roanoke Division State Convention held at Virginia Beach on September 16th and 17th. Several members of the Section cabinet attended and participated in this convention and forums that were held. The Section Emergency Coordinator, Henry Wyatt, K4YCR, one Assistant Section Manger, Woody Thompson, W4TU and the Section Manger spoke at a special forum with a focus on Emergency Communications. Other areas of interest were also addressed and discussed during this meeting. This discussion included the important role of the Section Traffic system and how their role blends with the overall emergency communications plan. Our next major Hamfest or convention will be held in 2007 with the Virginia State Convention being held at Richmond Virginia on February 24th (The Frost Fest). The Richmond Amateur Telecommunications Society is sponsoring this event. Our plan is to have a forum there that will address questions and outline future plans and programs for the Section. This month has been a time of intense activity within the ARES program with tropical storm Ernesto dropping heavy rain along the east coast including the Commonwealth of Virginia. A number of ARES units made a direct response with other units making preparations for a response if needed. For more details on the ARES response to this event and other ARES activities go to the ARES website at <http://aresva.org/aresva.html>. The Section Emergecny Coordinator's monthly report is also posted on this site. I would encourage you to visit this page frequently because it is not static but has new articles and news appearing on the site on a regular basis. I would also encourage you to go the Section Website that is maintained by Dan Edwards, AG4YU with assistance from Emmett Price, K3EP. <http://aresva.org/index.html> The ARES and SECTION website are two separate domain names. Both the ARES and Section website is constructed and updated by the same staff. We also have a more limited webpage on the ARRL server. This webpage should be checked from time to time for critical announcements and alerts. If there is an event that may require ARES activation or other actions, a posting with be made at the league webpage. If you are registered for the "Members Only" feature on the ARRL Website, you will get an alert when you bring up the ARRL webpage. This will notify you that you have an alert on the ARRL Virginia Section Website and you may then click on a hotkey to take you to the site. Information that pertains to the Section wide programs in Virginia is posted on the Section Webpage. Our Section Traffic Manager's monthly reports are posted there. Those that participate in the program of traffic handling are a dedicated group of hams, that in many cases, are active on nets on a daily basis. The skills that they develop are invaluable in times of emergency. Don't forget the youth activities coming up this month. The "School Club Roundup" is being held the 3rd week of October (October 16-20. For additional details go to <http://www.arrl.org/contests/results/2006/scr.pdf>. The Scouting JOTA is being held on October 21 and 22nd for additional information go to <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/ideas.html>. Invite a scout troop to

your home or local club station and watch the excitement as they talk with other scouts from all over the world. The annual Simulated Emergency Tests (SET) that is so vital to our continued training and preparedness has been taking place across the Section. During the designed SET weekend of October 6th and 7th, a number of jurisdictions participated. There will be more details on this exercise in next month's report. Our Simulated Emergency Test needs to be completed by the end of December and reports should be sent in by mid-January. The reports can be found at [http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/forms/ec\\_set.rtf](http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/forms/ec_set.rtf). When this report is completed, please send a copy to your DEC, SEC and Steve Ewald, [vv1x@arrl.org](mailto:vv1x@arrl.org). Now is the time to begin to make plans for your club or special interest group to set a date and develop plans for a special event station for the 400th anniversary celebration of the settlement of the Commonwealth of Virginia. It is ideal to operate from a site that has historical significances. Please inform Woody Thompson, W4TU of your intentions. Send him your date of operation, location, times and bands of planned operation, QSL or certificate policy and historical significances of the site. You may contact Woody at [Woodyw4tu@ntelos.net](mailto:Woodyw4tu@ntelos.net). Randy Sly, W4XJ has recently been appointed as the Public Information Coordinator for the Virginia Section. Randy is beginning to be a heavy contributor to our websites and the news media. He is also working to develop a list of program presenters and resource people that clubs can use if and when they need the name of someone to present a fresh program to their local club. This list of people and contact information will be posted on the Section Website Glen Sage, W4GHS Virginia Section Manager

## **Southeastern Division**

### **Georgia**

SM: Susan Swiderski, AF4FO; ASM/South GA: Marshall Thigpen, W4IS; ASM/Legal: Jim Altman, W4UCK; ASM/Webmaster: Bob Smith, K4PHE; ASM/Youth: Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM; ASM/Scouting: David Pearce, ABØNG; SEC: Jim Cote, N4PJR; STM: Jim Hanna, AF4NS; OOC: Mike Swiderski, K4HBI; TC: Ed Tanton, N4XY; PIC: Norm Schklar, WA4ZXV; SGL: Bill Cherepy, WB4WTN; ACC: Robin Cutshaw, AA4RC [www.arrl-ga.org](http://www.arrl-ga.org) [www.gaares.org](http://www.gaares.org) Greetings, All. It's always easy to tell when you folks have been busily teaching amateur radio classes around the state, because that always results in a large number of new hams. You guys have been really busy, because we got FIFTY-SEVEN new hams in Georgia in the past few weeks. That's awesome, even if it does give me a bit of "writer's cramp" from writing out all of those post cards to welcome them to the hobby. THANK YOU to all of you who continue to teach classes to bring new people into the hobby, and to help those already in it to make the transition to higher class licences. You instructors are our unsung heroes. Some great news on the BPL front for Georgia. GLENN PURCELL, of GrayStone, the company that has been doing a pilot test for BPL in the Douglasville area, has informed ED HARE, W4RFI, of the ARRL, that the company has decided NOT to pursue BPL as a commercial service. Furthermore, they will NOT conduct pilot testing in any other areas. (YEE-HA!) Overhead units have already been shut down, and shutdown on all underground units will begin in November. In his letter, Mr. Purcell also mentioned how much he enjoyed working with our BPL Team Leader in the area, LES WILDING, K4OL, and said that he learned much from him. Many, many thanks to Les for his great work. Once again, y'all came through for us when it got down to the wire. It's a pleasure to report that we received five terrific nominations for this year's GA Youth of the Year award, (AKA Golden Piglet) and our panel of judges is now in the process of making the decision as to who will be this year's worthy winner. This fine young ham will be named at the Youth Forum (noon, on November 4) at the Alford Memorial ARC's super duper hamfest in Lawrenceville. We have a great group of sponsors who have once again donated prizes for this year's winner: Kenwood, HRO, MFJ, and the Alford Memorial ARC. Graciously serving as a new sponsor this year is the Gwinnett ARS, who generously donated money to be used for providing snacks and door prizes for our many young attendees. Heartfelt thanks to our fine sponsors, our terrific panel of judges, and to each of you who made a nomination this year. (Maybe next year we could maybe convince y'all to get those nominations in a little EARLIER?? We were really sweating it



this year...) Another note on the Lawrenceville hamfest: they're never content to rest on their past laurels, and are always adding something NEW. New this year is the open invitation to all ARES groups to bring their commo trailers... and maybe win a prize. ROBERT TYLER, KF4VBR, said that they'll line 'em up, side by side, and allow the crowd to judge them on a variety of different categories. Here's your chance to let everyone "ooh" and "ah" over your pride and joy. Robert says, "Bring your ARES banners, your tall antennas, and all of your equipment. Electricity should be available upon request". For more info, you can contact Robert at kf4vbr@arrl-ga.org. Another "coup" for the hamfest this year is that STEVE WATERMAN, K4CJX, will be conducting a seminar on WinLink at the ARES forum. (11 AM) Here's your opportunity to get information straight from the brains behind this communications tool. Talking about hamfests, Georgia had two of 'em this past weekend: the Augusta hamfest, sponsored by the ARC of Augusta, and the Al Brock Memorial hamfest, sponsored by the NW GA ARC, and held in Rome. Alas, since we still haven't figured out how to be in two places at one time, we went to Augusta and had a fine time there. We missed seeing the fine folks in North GA, but TONY KING, W4ZT, reported that the Rome hamfest was a success, as well. More on both hamfests in the November newsletter. Coming up this weekend is JOTA, Jamboree on the Air, the great opportunity for Scouts all over the world to talk to other Scouts all over the world. From preliminary reports, it sounds like more GA hams may be involved with this than ever before. Don't forget that AO-51 will be in operation, using 145.88 as the uplink frequency, and 435.150 as downlink, and JOTA participants are encouraged to take advantage of this satellite to wow the kids with this fascinating aspect of the hobby. JIM STAFFORD, W4QO, came up with a super suggestion that we establish a time and frequency for GA participants to meet on the air, and as soon as I hear back from DAVID PEARCE, ABØNG, our ASM for Scouting, I'll pass the details on to y'all. It'd be kinda cool if we had a "net" of sorts, with all of our GA Scout groups checking in, and giving info on their location, set-up, and how many kids they have participating, that sort of thing, wouldn't it? At any rate, as soon as I have more info to share with you on this, I'll ship out another email. At any rate, I hope that you ALL have a successful JOTA experience this year. May the propagation be with us. CONGRATULATIONS go out to our two newest ARRL Affiliated clubs: the Newton County Radio Club, and the Walton County Emergency Radio Club. We (SANDY DONAHUE, W4RU; ROBIN CUTSHAW, AA4RC; MIKE SWIDERSKI, K4HBI; and yours truly) had the pleasure of meeting with the Newton county club last night, where we presented them with their charter of affiliation, and tried to "WOW" 'em with a little program, as well. And we're looking forward to visiting with the club in Walton county next month. It's pretty exciting that we're continuing to see new amateur radio clubs forming here in Georgia, and continuing to have more of our clubs achieve ARRL affiliation; and we're very proud of both of these recent additions to our fine list of active affiliated clubs. Well, folks, that's about it for now. Until next time, this is AF4FO, signing clear. Take care of yourselves. And each other. 73, Susan September QTC: WB4GGS-437; N4VAD-180; AF4NS-83; K4GK-52; WB4BIK-45; KR4JI-31; K4BEH-28; K4WKT-23 +++ No trees were killed in the sending of this message. However, a large number of electrons were terribly inconvenienced. +++

## Southern Florida

Hi everyone, No newsy comments this month due to space – just reports and important training information. I will update the news page after the Melbourne Hamfest and send a newsy e-mail at that time. REPORTS SAR September: KA4FZI 328, N3OZP 138, NY4E 129, KE4UOF 106, K4FQU 68, WA2YL 67, AA4BN 58, KI4JRT 55, WA4EIC 47, KI4OUD 18, AF4NR 14, KI4KQQ 4  
===== PSHR September: N3HN 205, KE4UOF 130, K4FQU 125, KA4FZI 120, WA4EIC 115, WA2YL 110, AA4BN 99, N3OZP 95, NY4E 90, WA4ASJ 47, W4DKB 42  
===== NET, ABBREVIATION, SESS, QNI, QTC, MGR All Florida CW Traffic Net, QFN, 60, 757, 309, NY4E Florida Amateur SSB Traffic Net, FAST, 30, 223, 26, K4SCL Florida Medium Speed Net, FMSN, 30, 227, 89, AG4RJ/AB4XK Jupiter-Tequesta Repeater Group, JTRG, 5, 82, 16, AG4BV Palm Beach County Ares Net, PBCAN, 4, 45, 17, KG4PFY Saint Lucie Repeater Association, SLRA, 4, 32, 6, KE4UEI Southern Florida ARES Net, SFAN, 5, 49, 3, AF4NR

===== Bulletin Report from David Smith KE4UEI: Recd 20, Sent 6, Total 26  
===== ARES Report for September 2006 ECs in 9 counties reported. (We have 13 ECs) ECs reporting: WA4GUK, AD4RZ, AA4BN, N5KFR, WA4ASJ, N4QPM, KF4MJJ, KA4HLO and N4LEM Drills, tests and training sessions – 15. Total ARES operations 69 Nets 12, nets with Liaison 5. Net sessions 54. Comments: Due to conflicts on October 7th, SFL ARES held their SET on September 30th. Indian River and Lee counties participated. Some counties report they will conduct independent SETs on other dates. ===== Technical Specialist reports received from K8KB, W4KPG, N4TZH and WB9JTK. K8KB assisted in AREC testing and antenna construction project for her club. WB9JTK and N4TZH worked with an amateur regarding a RFI problem. The problem turned out to be a piece of equipment in his own shack.

===== TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR ARES MEMBERS We have been talking about training requirements for several months. I have heard comments such as: It is a way for the ARRL to make money, I have an Extra Class license and have been working in a shelter for over 10 hurricane seasons, I regularly participate in SETs and contests and walkathons, I know what it is all about and I do not need to pay to take more training. I am an Amateur operator and not a paid professional. None of these comments are valid. If you are going to be a disaster responder you must meet federal requirements. The word amateur denotes love of something and non-payment for services; it does not indicate lack of professional conduct and training. The following comments are clarification from John Fleming at the state EOC regarding training for ARES members and ARES leadership: Here are the requirements for amateur radio operators to belong to the Florida State Emergency Response Team (FLSERT). These requirements are in compliance with the requirements of the Department of Homeland Security and of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and apply to all potential disaster responders, volunteer and professional. The listing below identifies the various categories of potential responders as they apply to amateur radio. ARES membership is preferred and recommended but is not an absolute requirement. We also have added the EMCOMM training of the American Radio Relay League. This is not in the DHS/FEMA guidelines but is a League recommendation and one that is being applied in nearly all states in the Country. Any person not meeting these requirements will not be eligible for deployment, participation, reimbursement, liability protection, etc. Operators that will be deployed locally only or operating at home stations: ARRL EC-001 Level 1, NIMS IS 100 and NIMS IS 700. Operators likely to be deployed away from their County, ARRL or ARES Officials at the local level (AEC, EC, RACES Officer), Gateway Station Operators, Local EOC Station Operators or Liaisons: The above plus: ARRL EC-002 Level 2 and NIMS IS 200. ARRL or ARES Leadership at the District Level, Deployed Operators with Management or Supervisory Assignments, State or Federal EOC Liaisons: The above plus: ARRL EC-003 Level 3 , Revision 2, Plus, in FY 07, ICS 300. ARRL or ARES Leadership at the Section, Division or National Level, State or National ESF-2 Representatives: As above, plus: FEMA IS 800.A National Response Plan, plus, in FY 07, ICS 400. Information on FEMA/ICS courses is at: <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp> The background on the EMCOMM courses is at: <http://www2.arrl.org/cce/courses.html> In addition to the listed NIMS courses, there are a number of other programs that would benefit the amateur radio response to disasters on the FEMA websites. County agencies can do what they want for local volunteers but they are facing the same requirements as the state and if a local agency is not compliant, it will detrimentally affect their funding so I suspect that all Florida Counties will soon be in compliance. Of particular interest is the NIMS FAQ's page at: [http://www.fema.gov/txt/emergency/nims/5\\_common\\_faqs.txt](http://www.fema.gov/txt/emergency/nims/5_common_faqs.txt). Note especially the first question, repeated here: Who has to take NIMS and ICS training? All federal, state, local, tribal, private sector and non-governmental personnel with a direct role in emergency management and response must be NIMS and ICS trained. This includes all emergency services related disciplines such as EMS, hospitals, public health, fire service, law enforcement, public works/utilities, skilled support personnel, and other emergency management response, support and volunteer personnel, as follows: Entry Level - FEMA IS-700 and ICS-100. First Line, Single Resource, Field Supervisors - IS-700, ICS-100 and ICS-200. Middle Management: Strike Team Leaders, Division Supervisors, EOC Staff, etc. - IS-700, IS-800 NRP, ICS-100, ICS-200 and in FY07, ICS-300. Command and General Staff; Area,

Emergency and EOC Managers - IS-700, IS-800, ICS-100, ICS-200 and in FY07, ICS-300 and ICS-400. In a letter describing the NIMS system written by DHS to the Governor's of the 50 States: In order to receive FY 2006 preparedness funding, the minimum FY 2005 compliance requirements described above must be met. Applicants will be required to certify as part of their FY 2006 grant applications that they have met the FY 2005 NIMS requirements. To the extent that full implementation is not possible during FY 2005, Federal preparedness assistance must be leveraged to complete NIMS implementation by FY 2006. By FY 2007, Federal preparedness assistance will be conditioned by full compliance with the NIMS. Stay safe and stay on the air. 73, Sherri, W4STB

## **Southwestern Division**

### **Arizona**

ARIZONA SECTION NEWS October 2006 CLUB NEWS The Pueblo Magnet High School in Tucson was scheduled to contact the International Space Station on Wednesday September 27th. Teacher Miguel Enriquez KD7RPP, had worked with the league to setup a contact, unfortunately they did not hear the station. The students are planning on upgrading their satellite capability to increase their chances next time. They were one of four schools across the country that was given this opportunity. The class was flooded with TV crews and newspaper reporters all covering the story. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS The ARES Registration website is alive and cooking right along. As of this writing, we have about 275 members in the system. The folks in Orange Section have exceeded 100. Not only have we received many nice comments from the folks in Arizona & Orange, we are starting to see some very nice comments from around the county. Here are just a couple: From Kansas: As an ARES EC for 8 years and currently SATERN KS State Coordinator this type of database would provide immediate information when needed. With new liability concerns using volunteers and background checks required by The Salvation Army this would provide a great service to me personally in getting members activated immediately. I currently have to manually track this same information. EMCOMM training and NIMS training is also becoming more and more important. Having access to this info is great. Will this be available to all states or just Arizona? June Jeffers - KB0WEQ Gardner, KS From Nevada: In reading my ARES Bulletin today, I got to the article for your ARES registration database. Being a curious type that I am, I logged in using the 'demo' information. This tool is something that should not have been the last article included in the bulletin, in my opinion. It should have been one of the FIRST. Paul Cavnar - K7IN If you haven't taken the few minutes to register, now's the TIME!! One other quick note, the American Red Cross is requiring background checks for volunteers who are going to be in their tents & facilities. It's a painless process, and the results are almost immediate (less than an hour in my case). If you provide communications for the Red Cross, having the background check will make volunteering easier. Send me an email if you didn't see Kathi Bonnell's email on AzHamserve or ArizonaHam and I will forward the instructions. Rick Aldom W7STS Section Emergency Coordinator natecf@gmail.com 2008 SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION CONVENTION IN ARIZONA We are looking for a club to take on the 2008 Southwestern Division Convention. We have a lot of volunteers but no one has stepped up to run the convention. If you are interested or know someone who might be, let me know. Also if any of you have experience at running conventions or large meetings and would like to help also let me know. SILENT KEYS Al Balus KD7ECL passed away on September 18th. Al was a member of the Catalina Radio Club in Tucson Arizona. NEW HAMS The following Arizona hams just received their FCC license, Congratulations! Michael Addis KE7IUJ, Kara Allred KE7IVI, Vanyel Amenhauser KE7IQV, Danny Beck KE7IVD, Acie Brown KE7IVE, Ronald Douglass Sr KE7IVS, Glen Emmons KE7IUE, Maddalena Fiorillo KE7IUK, Sheri Fox KE7IVN, Craig Garrett KE7IVY, Gary Harris KE7IVR, Jason Houle KE7IVJ, Eldon Kelm KE7IVC, Otis Larson Jr KE7IVP, George Leger KE7IVM, Craig Ludwig KE7IVK, Helen McCormick KE7ITD, David McCormick KE7ITC, Steven Miller KE7IVF, Maynard Nielson KE7IVQ, Katherine Outram KE7IRB, Brian Parent KE7IVG, Phil Pier KE7IVZ, Ashley Poulton KE7IVH, Virginia Richey KE7ITB, Todd Schumacher

KE7IVO, Perry Shirley KE7ITK, Stephen Worachek KE7IVL, Michael Zunino AD7JG, HAMFESTS Hualapai ARC Hamfest in Kingman had another great hamfest on Sept 9th. The 2006 TAPR/ARRL Digital Communications Conference (DCC) was on September 15-17 at the Clarion Airport Hotel in Tucson, This was the 25th anniversary of the founding of Tucson Amateur Packet Radio (TAPR). They had many great presentations and several vendors were in attendance. Southwestern Division Convention was last weekend in San Diego CA. The San Diego County Amateur Radio Council did a great job. Many fine speakers and vendors. It was good to see so many Arizona hams in attendance. Tucson Hamfest October 21, 2006 sponsored by the Old Pueblo Radio Club, Tucson Repeater Association, & Radio Society of Tucson. Kino Sports Park 2500 East Ajo Road Talk-In: 147.30 (PL 110.9) Contact: John Clor, N7SQQ Email: w7gv@aol.com See you there. Cochise Amateur Radio Association Swapfest in Sierra Vista on November 4, 2006. The swapfest will be from 7am to 1pm, VE Exams tests at 10am. Contact Lee Ilse KD7OED leeilse@cox.net Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about ARRL. If your club or group has an activity or event that would be of interest to other hams throughout our section please email me with the specifics. 73, Tom Fagan WB7NXH ARRL Section Manager Arizona Tucson Arizona 520 574-1129 wb7nxx@arrl.org <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=AZ> or <http://www.az-arrl.org/>

## **Santa Barbara**

ARRL Santa Barbara Section Council of Clubs Semi Annual Meeting 10-14-06 The second Saturday in October at 10 a.m. The ARRL Santa Barbara Section Council of Club serves all amateur radio clubs within the San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties. ARRL Santa Barbara Section Council of Clubs - The Official Meeting and election of officers will be at 10 a.m. on the second Saturday in October at the regular location: 10060 Telegraph Road Ventura, California 93004 Regular Meeting Location Map < <http://www.qsl.net/arrlsb/SBSCC/whereitsat.html> > Be sure your Club Representatives will represent your club at this important meeting. Nominations will be made from the floor for the officer positions. Voting will be by those Club Representatives present. All officer positions are open for nominations: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. Any other council business may be offered by any attending representatives of the paid member clubs. Plan ahead: The first meeting of the council for 2007 will be on the second Saturday of February. The ARRL Santa Barbara Section Council of Clubs Official Meeting is an opportunity to bring your club's dues up to date. Download the renewal application or if your club is one of the few that has never applied for membership, download the new member application. Membership Renewal Form < <http://www.qsl.net/arrlsb/SBSCC/PDFfiles/RenewAp2006.pdf> > New Member Form < <http://www.qsl.net/arrlsb/SBSCC/PDFfiles/NewAp2006.pdf> > Those clubs that have overlooked paying the yearly membership dues for this year are listed below: Amateur Television Network, W6ATN Paso Robles ARC, W6LKF San Luis Obispo Emergency Communications Council Satellite Amateur Radio Club, W6AB ===== Subscribe to the ARRL Santa Barbara Section e-mail reflector. Send an e-mail to < [arrlsb-request@mailman.qth.net](mailto:arrlsb-request@mailman.qth.net)?subject=subscribe >. Not only will you receive up-to-the-minute reports and items of interest, but you will be able to post your own responses or comments that will be read by all of the other subscribers on the list. Subscribe to the ARRL Santa Barbara Section Council of Clubs e-mail reflector. Send an e-mail to < [arrlsbclubs-request@mailman.qth.net?subject=subscribe](mailto:arrlsbclubs-request@mailman.qth.net?subject=subscribe) >. If you are a club leader, or just an active member interested in seeing your club grow and prosper, you must subscribe to this list. Your club doesn't have to be a member of the ARRL Club Council for you to subscribe. View the ARRL Santa Barbara Section Web site on your browser at < <http://www.qsl.net/arrlsb/> >. Check to be sure that your club information is included and is correct, as you browse all of the information-packed pages on the ARRL Santa Barbara Section Web site. As an active member of the ARRL Santa Barbara Section (Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo Counties), you'll want to be on the cutting edge of all developments in today's Ham World. =====

## **West Gulf Division**

### **South Texas**

I want to thank those that took time out of their busy day to take part in the SET for South Texas. I did get time to monitor and check in now and then. It was good to have the drill just before the real thing happened here in South Texas. As most of you know we've had a lot of flooding and a few tornadoes in South Texas and Louisiana. We had 4 deaths on the Texas side, but I haven't heard about Louisiana yet. We had some property damage and a number of vehicles were under water. Now why haven't the manufactures, with all that knowledge and equipment, built them so they will float. By now most of you have heard about the new voice frequency changes that the FCC has proposed. I've heard pros and cons and now the ARRL would like to hear from you as to what you think. The most important thing is when it does go through you don't interfere with stations that are down there on cw. Listen before you transmit. As for RACES there will always be something attached to DEM or the Governor's Office in each State. However the HAMs do need to be mentioned on the State's reports if they want to have non paid radio operators. Most of the reports in the past have mentioned all agencies and volunteers but left out the ham radio operators even the RACES operators. There was only two reports that mentioned HAMs, so things have started to improve. Have you been up to check out the ARRL On Line Auction on the web site. This could help on your gas usage. You may find something that you just can't live without. Food for thought: Remember when you heard that we had global warming, then why did Buffalo, NY have more snow than ever recorded for this time of year. Remember when you last checked into a net and had a great time meeting with others that you know or meeting someone new. Enjoy the rest of the month. God Bless America and our Troops. Ray N5NAV

# Section News for October 2006

## Atlantic Division

### Northern New York

I would like to extend a heartfelt Thank You to Tom Dick, KF2GC, for his years of service as NNY SM. Tom helped guide the section from its' "toddler days" through a healthy "early childhood". I personally would like to thank him for his confidence in my ability to take over the reins and guide the NNY Section as it approaches "adolescence". My thanks also to Section Staff who have expressed interest in continuing their work for NNY as well as those who have chosen, like Tom, to retire from Section Level positions. I will have additional information and announcements for all licensees in the NNY Section after our first Section Staff meeting (held in conjunction with the NNYARA Meeting) on Saturday, 11 November. I urge all to get in some airtime during the November Sweepstakes. This is a great time for all ops, regardless of license class, to represent our Section. Techs, remember not to use the National Simplex Calling Frequencies. It is easy to whip up a simple gain antenna for 6 or 2 meters. On 2 meters a bit of wire and some arrow shafts and PVC tube will produce a simple to build cubical quad. Looking to the future I plan on visiting the all clubs in our section, affiliated and non-affiliated alike, in the spirit of the NNYARA. All I need is for the club activity coordinator to invite me. On that note, call me at 518 827 4800 (H) up until 9 PM. Work is 518 827 4852. The local machine is 146.01/146.61 pl 123 WA2ZWM at Cobleskill. 73, Tom Valosin, SM-Elect NNY

## Central Division

### Illinois

QST DE KA9QPN-- \*\* Much conversation continues over the American Red Cross decision to require background checks for all volunteers. ARC has clarified its position somewhat. The details can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/11/10/102/?nc=1>. Please review this information and factor it into your decisionmaking. Within the section, I have sketchy details on how local chapters intend to implement this. Across the country, there seems to be as many opinions on implementation as there are chapters. All that I can say is 'wait-and-see'. There is no sense in getting excited about a program that is not fully implemented or making rash statements/decisions to your local ARC people. We don't want to cause controversy if none exists at this time. The usual cautions about parting with sensitive personal data are still valid and should be heeded. Any member having factual information on the subject from competent authority within ARC is urged to share that information with your EC, KC6VVT, or me. FULL SECTION NEWS AT <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=IL>

### Wisconsin

214WISCONSIN: SM: Don Michalski, W9IXG. BWN 3985 0500-0715 W9IXG. BEN 3985 1200 KE9VU. WSBN 3985 1715-1800 K9FHI. WNN 3555 1800 KB9ROB. WSSN 3555 1830 N9JIY. WIN-E 3555 1900 WB9ICH. WIN-L 3555 2200 W9UW. (All times are Central time) \*\* New Band Plan color chart is available for download at the following site: [https://www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/wt04-140/Hambands3\\_color.pdf](https://www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/wt04-140/Hambands3_color.pdf) I will, also, have these available at the ARRL table at hamfests. Remember, this is not yet in effect! \*\* The Rib Mountain Repeater Association bestowed upon Lew Sheerar, K9JPS, RMRA's First Honorary Lifetime Member! In addition, Lew was presented by K9DB a letter from Governor Doyle. In the letter, he states, in part—"I, also, want to thank you for service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin through your actions and

example as a volunteer, a leader, and a mentor in this important hobby of Amateur Radio. Your past leadership and your continued participation in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service and the Badger Weather Net serves as an inspiration to future generations of Amateur Radio operators."

Congratulations, Lew!! \*\* Eau Claire Amateur Radio Club operating the 2006 Field Day as 4A plus GOTA took First Place in the Central Division and Wisconsin!! The following hams operated the full 24 Hours of this emergency communications exercise: KB9S - W0AIH - KI9H - W9AVM - KB9WPC - KB9OBF - KA9HWN. Congratulations!! \*\* SKYWARN Recognition Day is December 2 The 8th annual SKYWARN Recognition Day (SRD) special event will take place Saturday, December 2, 2006. SKYWARN Recognition Day is an event co-sponsored by the National Weather Service and the American Radio Relay League, and it is the National Weather Service's way of saying "thank you" to Amateur Radio operators for their commitment to helping keep their communities safe. During the 24-hour special event, amateur radio operators will visit their local National Weather Service (NWS) office, set up Amateur Radio stations, and work as a team to contact other hams across the world. "Ham radio operators volunteering as storm spotters are an extremely valuable asset to National Weather Service operations since they are cross-trained in both communications and severe storm recognition", says Scott Mentzer (N\*\*\*QE), organizer of the event and Meteorologist-In-Charge at the NWS office in Goodland, Kansas. In typical warning operations, it is the direct communication between mobile spotters and the local NWS office which provides vital ground truth information. Spotter reports of hail size, wind damage and surface-based rotation in real time greatly assists the radar warning operator since that information can be correlated with Doppler radar displays. The result can range anywhere from a more strongly-worded statement to convey a greater sense of urgency, or the issuance of a tornado warning a few minutes earlier than would otherwise have been possible. While National Weather Service offices utilize the real-time reporting of severe weather events to assist in warning operations, hurricanes and tropical storms have shown us that ham radio operators are equally important during the recovery phase of natural disasters. There are countless stories where ham radio worked in tandem with more conventional technology to relay emergency traffic. Details of the Event: SKYWARN Recognition Day will be held from on December 2, 2006, from 0000 UTC to 2400 UTC. The object is for all radio amateur stations to exchange QSO information with as many National Weather Service Stations as possible on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, and 2 meter bands plus the 70 centimeter band. Contacts via repeaters are permitted. The exchange should include call sign, signal report, location, and a one or two word description of the weather occurring at your site ("sunny", "partly cloudy", "windy", etc.). NWS stations will work various modes including SSB, FM, AM, RTTY, CW, and PSK31. While working digital modes, special event stations will append "NWS" to their call sign (e.g., N0A/ NWS). The National Weather Service will provide event information via the Internet. Event certificates may be requested from: SKYWARN Recognition Day 920 Armory Road, Goodland, KS 67735 Simply enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with a list of NWS stations worked. The certificate size is 8.5 x 11 inches. Separate NWS stations will also issue individual QSL cards. See the Web page for a list. To learn more, check out the Web site: <http://hamradio.noaa.gov>. \*\* STM Report Wisconsin Section October 2006 FAQ #61 - Where can I get training for traffic handling and net operation? Everyone can learn something new. Whether you're a technician, general, or extra, there's always a trick in message handling or a technique in being an NCS that might be new to you. So what's a good source for learning about these important aspects of Ham radio? The adage, "One learns to do by doing," is applicable here. Doing a bit of traffic handling on local ARES nets, listening or participating in the Badger Weather Net, Badger Emergency Net or the Wisconsin Sideband Net, or checking in to the Wisconsin Novice Net, Wisconsin Slow Speed Net, or either session of the Wisconsin Intrastate Net would be great practice. There are also some good resources off the air. The ARRL web site has a lot of practical help - especially in the Public Service Communications Manual, the National Traffic System Methods and Practices, and an interesting pdf entitled "Traffic Handling and Amateur Radio." These are all readily accessible just by searching "traffic handling" on ARRL's web page. Another good source is the Wisconsin page of the ARRL web site. If you scroll down the page, you'll see a number of links to traffic-handling topics - sending traffic, being net control, etc. Try one. Your EC can get a copy of a

traffic handling PowerPoint from W9REL or K9LGU for discussion at a local meeting. Or you can schedule K9LGU for a live (at least as live as he gets) presentation on traffic handling. 73 - K9LGU/STM WISCONSIN SECTION MONTHLY NET ACTIVITY SUMMARY October 2006 NET QNI QTC QTR SSNS NM BWN 2052 2875 4794 31 W9IXG BEN 579 74 1235 32 KE9VU WSNB 745 74 1141 31 K9FHI WNN 159 18 325 28 KB9ROB WSSN 170 27 297 28 N9JIY WIN/E 158 34 259 27 WB9ICH WIN/L 132 38 299 31 W9UW WRACES 148 29 510 6 N9VAO totals 4143 3169 8860 214 \*\* We enjoyed attending the FCARC hamfest. John Ensley, N9RJZ, et al, worked hard and made good use of the ARRL services to promote the hamfest to local hams and it paid off in spades. Contact me for more information on how to keep your hamfest turnstiles spinning!! 73, Don, W9IXG

## **Dakota Division**

### **South Dakota**

Black Hills Amateur Radio Club. Black Hills amateurs participated in the ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET) again this year. The following amateurs represented their counties: - Butte County: Jerry Hawley, mobile - Lawrence County: Jerry Hawley, Lead EOC - Meade County: Gene McPherson, Sturgis Police Communications Trailer - Hughes County: Greg Hall, via State Link - Pennington County: Doug Aldrich, Don Clayburgh, Chris Stallkamp, Scott Rausch at BHARC Clubhouse (Command Center). Andre Wald, Norman Pierce at National Weather Service. - Custer County: Butch Kruse at residence and mobile - Fall River County: Phil Knapp at residence Traffic was handled via the Western SD Emergency Weather Net on the 94 / 76 repeaters, with NC located at the National WX service station. HF coordination was handled on 7234 and 3870 kHz. The BHARC clubhouse backup power source (gasoline generator) started "on the first pull" to the amazement of all present. New this year was the checkout of new 2 meter J-pole and portable vertical antennas, as well as a relayout of the VHF operating position at the BHARC clubhouse. Organizational efforts resulted from the three ARES Hermosa Planning meetings held this year. The Crazy Horse and Mt. Rushmore Marathon held on 8 Oct was our last public service event of the year. Ten hams supported the event. The event was a success, with no incidents. Hams were stationed at key points along the marathon routes, with one ham assigned to the pilot car which was driven by Civil Air Patrol volunteers. Thanks to Doug Aldrich and Chuck Palmer for organizing the event. The Scouts Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) was again supported this year at the BHARC clubhouse. Twenty three HF contacts were made by 16 participating Scouts. Hosting the JOTA this year were club members Doug Aldrich, Chris Stallkamp, and Scott Rausch. BHARC received renewal of its ARRL Special Serviced Club status this month. Frank Shaw and Scott Rausch handled the ARRL data submittal. Thanks to Dale Thomas, a lot of maintenance work has been performed on the 94 / 76 linked repeater system. He also did an evaluation of a 6 meter repeater, but it was decided not to proceed with this project due to interference from local digital TV transmissions. Dale is also in the preliminary stages of design of a 10 meter system. We were saddened by the loss of another SD ham and club member this month, Al Hodgin WØNIW. Scott Rausch gave the technical presentation at the October meeting: "Using the Unadilla / Reyco Trap Dipole Antenna". Northern Hills ARC President Jerry Hawley, KG0GG, called the meeting to order at 1930. 8 members and guests were present. Committee Reports: · Public Service Events: · All scheduled public service events have been completed. · Technical Committee: · The replacement 76 antenna has arrived and will be installed Saturday. · Scott Rausch repaired the HF antenna at the Lawrence County EOC. ARES: · The Red Cross is now requiring background checks for all Red Cross volunteers. There are some concerns about the information that needs to be provided. · The Emergency Coordinator position for Lawrence County is still vacant. · Scott Rausch will be preparing the ARES identification badges when time permits. Reports and Announcements: · The SET exercise was completed. While scaled down from last year, it was very successful. New Business: · The following officers were elected by a unanimous vote of the members present: President – Jerry Hawley, KG0GG Vice President –Gene McPherson, N0MHJ Treasurer – Carroll Cash, K0RXC Secretary – Doug Aldrich, W0WSP Director at Large – Chuck Palmer, N0UKO ·



The November meeting will be held at the Sturgis Fire Department. Special Presentations: · Scott Rausch, WA0V KC showed a video of some early film clips of activity at ARRL headquarters. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2101. Respectfully submitted, Doug Aldrich, W0WSP Secretary Hot Springs ARC Newly elected officers are: President--K0OR Vice President--KA0FUI Secretary--KA0SIN Treasurer--W0PAM We are still waiting patiently for Emergency Management to come thru with the new HF yagi and rotor for the club. Our annual picnic, in September, had a large turnout. The transmitter hunt afterwards was a real learning experience. Congratulations to the sly foxes, W0HGZ and W9LEQ. We are planning on building more direction finding kits this winter. The rainbox kits are a great item. A cw class is in the works and hopefully a tech class after the first of the year. Our November meeting was held at the shack of Dewey, W0ZUS. The tour of his reconstructed AM broadcast transmitters was a sight to behold! Look for our club station, K0HS, on SSB for the November Sweepstakes contest. 73

## **Delta Division**

### **Mississippi**

Mississippi Section Report for October 2006 SM: Malcolm Keown, W5XX. Mississippi Section Web Page at arrlmiss@org. Web Master W5KWB at w5kwb@arrl.net. ASM: W5KWB, N5FP, SGL: AB5WF, STM: N5FP, PIC: N5TBB, TC: N5JGK Boy Scouts have really been on the air in Mississippi in the last month! As part of the 'Emergency Preparedness Theme' for the Fall Andrew Jackson Council Western District Camporee, N3HUP, KM5GE, and W5XX manned a demo ham station at the Camporee Site just north of Bolton. Some 200 Scouts got their first exposure to Ham Radio. In addition, AC5Y, KE5KTP, and KE5IZE set up a station in the Troop 156 Scout Hut in Crystal Springs for the annual nationwide Jamboree on the Air. W5XX gave the Scouts a quick introduction to Ham Radio followed by some on the air contacts. The current focus of this Troop is to get the Radio Merit Badge and a Technician License for each Scout! Further there is enough interest in the Ham Radio contribution to emergency preparedness that the Scout Hut served as the temporary Copiah County EOC during the ARES/RACES First Thursday of the Month Checkin on the MSPN. Congratulations to N5TBB and WB5ASP who have been appointed ARRL Delta Division Legislative Action Chairman and Mississippi Legislative Action Coordinator, respectively. ARRL political action to promote favorable ham radio legislation at the Federal level has not been as effective as it could have been in days past. At the July ARRL Board Meeting the Legislative Action Program was organized to meet this shortfall. Thus far, WB5ASP has appointed W4TUP, W5MPC, W4WLF, and K5DWI as Legislative Action Assistants representing the four Congressional Districts in Mississippi. More assistance may be needed. Be Ready. It seems like the whole world revolves around politics these days. This was really public service month for clubs in Mississippi! The Jackson ARC provided communications support for the Diabetes Foundation for the 13th year and as a result was recognized as a primary sponsor. The Foundation not only put the club logo on the t-shirts, but also made a sign thanking JARC for 13 years of service. Those assisting in this year's event were K5BLL, K5RWB, KD5WYG, KE5JYG, KM5GE, KE5JYF, K5XU, and Ham Event Chairman KD5WEA (on a bicycle). The Vicksburg ARC again provided communications for the annual 'Run Across the River,' the second largest running event in Mississippi. The race started at the Mississippi Welcome Station and crossed the Old Bridge to the turn around in Delta, Louisiana and then back to Vicksburg. Although the temperature was 39 degrees at race start time, there was no wind, so a good time was had by all. VARC VP K5NRK reports those hams helping with the communications were N5EZS, KD5ZIP, WR4MS, K5VXV, KD5WYJ, W5WAF, N5KWT, and W5XX. The Hattiesburg ARC provided communications for the 'Birthday Challenge' that is held on the Long Leaf Trace which is a 10-foot wide asphalt 'Rails-to Trails Conservancy Project' (The only old railroad bed that has been converted to a recreation trail in Mississippi). The Long Leaf Trace extends some 42 miles from Prentiss to Carson to Bassfield to Sumrall to the end on the USM Campus at Hattiesburg. Some 800 participants entered the 42-mile run/jog/walk. Those hams manning their

radios along the Trace were KD5XG, KE5JJE, N6OJN, KD5OXY, WZ5Y, W5TUT, KC5TLY, and AG5Z. Unfortunately, because these hams were manning their radios, none on them were able to run the 42-mile course. W5MPC reports that the new Ole Miss ARC just completed conducting a Technician Class with six passing the exam. Keep up the good work! Welcome to new Mississippi hams: KE5KIE, Ryan – Saucier; KE5KIF, Robert – Kiln; KE5KIG, Michael – Saucier; KE5KJM, Nathan – Petal; KE5KJN, Camille – Poplarville; KE5KJO, Nicholas – Hattiesburg; KE5KJP, Daniel – Petal; KE5KJQ, James – Jayess; KE5KJR, Jared – Silver Creek; KE5KJS, Thomas – Petal; KE5KJT, Brenda – Sumrall; KE5KJU, Jeannette – Hattiesburg; KE5KLX, Leslie – Long Beach; KE5KMF, Gary – Poplarville; KE5KMI, Josh – Carriere; KE5KRE, Jacqueline – Corinth; KE5KRF, George – Corinth; KE5KRD, Ronnie – Corinth; KE5KRG, Vernon – Iuka; KE5LCN, Kerri – Oxford; KE5LCO, Larry – Oxford; KE5LCP, Bill – Batesville; KE5LCQ, Jordan – Oxford, and KE5LDV, Benjamin – Bruce. In addition, welcome to AG5Z as DEC for Southeast Mississippi, KD5XG as EC for Forrest County, and KD5NSP as PIO for the Tupelo Area. Also welcome to new ARRL Members: WA4BBC – Bay St. Louis; KB5BE – Newton; KD5CHE – Quitman; N5DMQ – Olive Branch; KB1JFZ – Carriere; KE5IMH – Pearl; KE5JHL – Vicksburg; KE5JJC – Petal; KA9MQI – Perkinson; KD5PB – Purvis; N4WPG – Union. Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KE5AAO – D'Iberville; KE5HKV – Wiggins; KE5HXI – Carriere; N5UDK – Wiggins; Also congratulations to N5TBB, who was appointed District 7 SkyWarn Coordinator, and KC5NMB, who completed ARRL ECC-02 and 03 and FEMA ICS 100/200/700/800. Jeff has been working hard! Also congratulations to K5FUR, who completed ARRL EC-001, and WB5GUD, who completed FEMA Courses ICS 100/200/700. DEC/EC Monthly Reports: K5CBS (Stone), WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), KD5CQT (Jackson), KC5EAK (Pearl River), WB5GUD (Newton), KD5GWM (Lauderdale/Clarke), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), W5LMW (Union), N5TBB (Tippah/Benton), W4WLF (Gulf Coast/Harrison), K5WSY (Tishomingo), and KB0ZTX (Marshall). Club Newsletter/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Sundancer Solar RC (KA5ICO). Regret to report the passing of N5DVR of New Albany and K5AJ of Louisville. PIC Report: N5TBB Net reports: sessions/QNI/QTC (Net Manager) DRN5 62/MS 100% Rep by N5FP, W5OXA, KB5DZJ, WB5ZED, WA5FB, W5XX (WB5ZED) MSPN 31/2608/31 (K5NRK) MS TFC Net 30/165/6 (KB5W) Magnolia Section Net 31/930/6 (AD5J) Jackson Co ARES 31/444/6 (KD5CQT) MS Slow Net 22/75/1 (W3TWD) Jackson ARC EN 5/55/1 (AB5WF) Miss/Lou WX Net 5/47/1 (K5NRK) NE MS ARES 5/74/0 (W5LMW) Stone County ARES 5/53/0 (K5CBS) Monroe Co ARC Net 5/63/0 (AD5DO) Hattiesburg Area EN 5/71/0 (N5MZ) Lowndes Co ARC Net 5/42/0 (KM5UH) Newton County ARES 4/34/0 (WB5GUD) Meridian Area EN 4/53/0 (KD5GWM) Pearl River/St. Tammany ARES Net 4/22/0 (KC5EAK) Itawamba Co ARES 4/55/0 (KB5NMB) MS Baptist Hams Net 3/27/0 (WF5F) PSHR: WB5ZED 175, N5FP 110, KD5FUY 97, W5XX 73. Traffic: WB5ZED 2104 (BPL), N5FP 40, W5XX 6, KD5FUY 2. Compilation of PSHR and Traffic statistics provided by N5FP, Mississippi Section Traffic Manager

## Great Lakes Division

### Michigan

**NEWSLETTER CONTEST REMINDER** Is your club's/association's newsletter entered in this year's Newsletter Contest? The Affiliated Club Coordinator (ACC) will announce the winner in December. The rules will follow later in this article and have been used in Ohio for the past nine years for their Newsletter Contest. As always with any type of contest "members of the advertising company and immediate family members of the ACC and judging team are ineligible to enter." Wanting to keep this contest aboveboard and reproach we ask anyone who is an editor of, or works for any newspaper or magazine be upfront and inform the ACC. The winners in each state in the Great Lakes Division will be judges and a Great Lakes Division winner announced. The rules for a newsletter contest are simple. The first rule in the PR book is to make sure our people know what is going on. Our newsletters can do that job very well, if we care. The contest serves to improve the quality of our Section's newsletters and to

improve communications with our club members. A.) An eligible newsletter must be regularly published at least four (4) times per year by a Michigan Amateur Radio organization. After winning first place, that winner will not be eligible for the next five (5) years. Although past winners are still encouraged to keep us on their mailing list. B.) Each organization submitting a newsletter for the contest must enter at least two (2) issues starting with January 1, 2006 for judging. All Amateur organizations that have regularly been sending newsletters to the Michigan Section Manager are encouraged to add to your sending list Dan Romanchik KB6NU the Michigan ACC, at kb6nu@arrl.net who will be the Chairman of this contest. Deadline for entries is November 30, 2006, and all entries must be in the hands of the Michigan ACC KB6NU by that date. Dan will confirm the receipt of all entries, so if you do not receive a confirmation you will have time for follow-up. C.) Electronic (web based) produced newsletters may also enter. However, they must represent their printed newsletter in all formats. For example, if photos or clip art appearing in the printed material, it must also appear in the electronic version as well. Non-amateurs, in the Public Relations/Media industry will do the judging. They will be judging on style (15%), content (35%), service to members (35%), and clarity of presentation (15%). Style means newsletter design of all pages. Content means amount of useful information contained in the newsletter. Service to members means amount of information using individual member's names. Clarity of presentation means readability of the newsletter including accuracy of English grammar. D.) No entries can be returned, but a complete list of judges points will be published on the Michigan website. All decisions of the judges on content and eligibility are final. The Michigan ACC only serves to certify entries, to provide the judges with entries, and to announce their decisions. E.) The decision of the judges is final. Don't overlook this opportunity to enter the deadline is very near. The ARRL Legislative Action Program wants you! The ARRL Legislative Action Program wants League members who are willing to get directly involved in promoting and protecting Amateur Radio through coordinated, legitimate political action at the "grassroots level." The program is being staffed to prepare for the 110th Congress, which convenes in January. ARRL Great Lakes Division Director Jim Weaver, K8JE, who chairs the Legislative Action Committee, says members of Congress often base their votes upon their understanding of what their constituents -- the voters who put them in office -- want. "As a constituent, your opinion is important to them," Weaver says. "Constituent input helps lawmakers gauge positions on legislation and determine how a particular bill might affect voters in their states or districts." He says radio amateurs can be a valuable resource to members of Congress, who may have only a limited knowledge of Amateur Radio. "Your combination of being a constituent and a federal licensee can help make a difference by ensuring that your member of Congress and staff receive the balanced information they need to make good decisions on Amateur Radio-related legislation," Weaver adds. A new Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the ARRL Legislative Action Program now is available for ARRL members and others interested in this ARRL grassroots effort.

[<http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/laprog-faq.html>]. Contact K8JE for additional information or to volunteer. There's more information on the ARRL Government Relations page.

[<http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/>] SKYWARN Recognition Day will be held from on December 2, 2006, from 0000 UTC to 2400 UTC. The object is for all radio amateur stations to exchange QSO information with as many National Weather Service Stations as possible on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, and 2 meter bands plus the 70 centimeter band. Contacts via repeaters are permitted. The exchange should include call sign, signal report, location, and a one or two word description of the weather occurring at your site ("sunny", "partly cloudy", "windy", etc.). NWS stations will work various modes including SSB, FM, AM, RTTY, CW, and PSK31. While working digital modes, special event stations will append "NWS" to their call sign (e.g., N0A/ NWS). The National Weather Service will provide event information via the internet. Event certificates may be requested from: SKYWARN Recognition Day 920 Armory Road, Goodland, KS 67735. Simply enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with a list of NWS stations worked. The certificate size is 8.5 x 11 inches. Separate NWS stations will also issue individual QSL cards. See the Web page for a list. To learn more, check out the Web site:

<http://hamradio.noaa.gov> New officers for the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA): President AB8ND, VP K8DMR, Treasurer KC8WBR, Secretary KC8NKA, On-air Director KD8CDH,

Off-Air Director KA5S, Technical Director KC8WQL, W8DC Trustee N8DGD. The Hiawatha Amateur Radio Assn. newly elected officers: President KB0P, Vice President N8TEV, Treasurer KG8YT, Secretary AB8RE, Board Members WB8NJP, Ralph N8HXG and Rich N8GBA. Station Activity Reports for October 2006: N8FPN 431, K8KV 296, KC8WSE 283, K8AE 80, K8AMR 72, KD8BGQ 67, K8LJG 66, W8RNQ 63, AA8SN 53, WB8RCR 43, W18K 30, AB8WF 28, N8UN 27, WD8USA 22, WØWCH 22, KC8ZGB 12, K8ZJU 10, AB8CB 10, KC8MLD 7, K8YB 7, WB8TKL 2, KD8BMV 2. Public Service Honor Roll reports for October, 2006: KD8BGQ 380, WB8RCR 200, K8AMR 155, K8AE 110, N8FPN 110, K8KV 100, K8ZJU 100, K8MFK 95. October Official Emergency Station reports came in from KC8ULE, and W8RAE. PSHRs and SARs should be filed monthly with WB8RCR and your OES reports with WA8EFK. 73, Dale WA8EFK

## **Hudson Division**

### **Northern New Jersey**

SM Bill Hudzik-W2UDT, ASM-N2WZB, STM-WB2FTX, ACC-N3RB, SEC-K2SO, OOC-K2ZD, PIC-W2WJO, TC-NR2H NNJ Webpage: [www.hudson.arrrl.org/nnj/](http://www.hudson.arrrl.org/nnj/) MONTHLY ARES NET: Second Monday of each month (8PM) on the Morris County OEM Repeater: WS2Q 146.895 MHz (PL 151.4) minus 600Hz. The latest news on the FCC "Omnibus Amateur Radio Proceeding" is now on the ARRL webpage with the announcement that the R & O has been published in the Federal Register and becomes effective December 15, 2006. Several items still have not been addressed such as expansion of the 80/75 Meter bands and a ruling on Morse code requirements. Please visit the ARRL webpage for detailed information and what the new band plans will look like. This will address some of the congestion on the various bands and help to allocate space for data modes but is still not a definitive answer. The ARRL Legislative Action Program is looking for volunteers, in preparation for the 100th Congress, to get directly involved in promoting and protecting amateur radio through coordinated political action at the Congressional level. Although Great Lakes Division Director Jim Weaver, K8JE is the chair of the Legislative Action Committee you can contact our Director, Frank Fallon-N2FF to find out more details and how to volunteer your time. From my own experience I know how important constituent input is to Legislators. Our stature, as both a constituent and federal licensee, will ensure that the information we provide Congressional members and their staff will help them make good, balanced decisions on Amateur Radio related legislation. Speaking about recognition, Saturday December 2, 2006 will be the 8th annual SKYWARN Recognition Day sponsored by the National Weather Service and the ARRL. This is the National Weather Service's way of saying "thank you" to all the amateur radio operators who have contributed to keeping their communities safe. Operation will be on both the HF and VHF bands during the 24 hour operating period. Saturday, November 11th was the Annual Hudson Division Awards Dinner sponsored this year by the Bergen ARA. From what I was told the affair was well attended and gave many Hudson Division hams an opportunity to recognize outstanding contributions made by their fellow amateur radio operators. By the way, some very nice pictures are featured on the Hudson Division webpage. Unfortunately, due to a recent auto accident, I could not attend but I would like to congratulate all the recipients for their hard work and dedication to the amateur radio service. Thank you all! Even though hamfest season is over it has been replaced by club auctions. One coming up is sponsored by the Tri County ARA which will be held Monday, November 20th at the Union Elks, Chestnut Street, Union, NJ. More information is on the club website: [www.w2li.org](http://www.w2li.org). Also, I'd be happy, as in the past, to post club activities on the NNJ webpage. We still have a number of clubs holding license classes and VE sessions. Here are some license sessions in the southern part of the section: Croyden Hall in Middletown held the monthly (contact [n2pvp@n2pvp.com](mailto:n2pvp@n2pvp.com)), Riverview Park Recreation Building in Toms River (contact [wa2nda@aol.com](mailto:wa2nda@aol.com)) and Camp Evans in Wall Township (contact [kb2ris@verizon.net](mailto:kb2ris@verizon.net)). For all exams be sure to bring the following: 2 forms of ID (one should be a picture ID), and CSCE forms, original and a copy of your present license if you hold one and the \$14 fee. Congratulations to Lew Tasso-KC2MCO for completing the ARRL EMCOMM Level III on-line

course! Lew has joined a growing number of NNJ amateurs who have completed all three levels and are putting their skills to use with various agencies. Also, best wishes to Karl Fenton-N2OYU, our new Morris County ARES DEC. 73, Bill Hudzik- W2UDT SECTION TRAFFIC Oct-06 NNJ PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL ORG RCVD SENT DLVD TOTAL 1 2 3 4 5 6 TOTAL N2GJ 0 18 14 5 37 40 37 30 50 10 167 KC2PFV 0 47 36 13 96 40 40 80 N3RB 1 1 13 15 30 40 31 20 25 W2CC 19 19 0 WB2KNS 0 23 24 4 51 40 51 10 101 N1JX 0 130 160 0 290 40 40 10 90 TOTAL 523 NET MGR. SESS. QNI QTC QSP QTR STNS LIAISONS NJJMORNING(NJM) N2GJ 13 87 23 23 155 13 2RN NJ PHONE(NJPN) W2CC 36 17 63 60 241 19 2RN NJJSLOW(NJSN) K2PB 30 88 12 12 482 16 2RN NJ NET(NJN/E) AG2R 31 274 38 32 426 20 2RN NJ NET(NJN/L) AG2R 31 179 29 28 295 13 2RN CENJER(CJTN) KB2VRO 31 311 46 39 243 43 NJSN,2RN,PACKET NJVHF(NJVN/E) N2RPI 31 496 82 68 365 59 NJN,NJPN NJVHF(NJVN/L) N2OPJ 31 388 50 41 247 40 NJN,NJPN UCTN KY2MMM 31 374 24 19 486 NJVN CJTN,NJPN

## Midwest Division

### Missouri

NOVEMBER 2006 MISSOURI SECTION NEWS Best Thanksgiving wishes to everyone in the Missouri Section. I'm sure that most are already aware that I have been re-elected as the Section Manager for the Missouri Section for another two year term. I really appreciate the opportunity to serve the ARRL and the membership as your Section Manager. I also want to thank all those in the section that have accepted appointments within the Missouri Section. Amateur Radio is fortunate to have the large number of high quality operators that have given of their time and talents to serve the Amateurs and citizens of our state. 2006 FALL HAMFEST WRAP-UP Hamfest for 2006 are over for the year and it has been great to visit with the thousands of Missouri Amateurs that have attended this year's many Hamfest. There is a great spirit of friendship that is evident at all the events I attend. I have been noticing a significant increase in the numbers of younger Amateurs at this year's Hamfests. That is a great sign for the future. I would encourage all Amateurs that are planning to attend a Hamfest in 2007 to invite a young or newly licensed Ham to join them. That will benefit both the Ham and those that are sponsoring the Hamfest. The 2006 Missouri ARRL State Convention and Southeast MO ARC Hamfest was held in Springfield, MO. Khrystyne Keane, K1SFA, the new Assistant Editor of QST and Managing Editor of the National Contest Journal did a great job in her presentation at the ARRL Forum. Congratulations again to Mellissa Ann Meye, KB0WZA, of Camdenton, Missouri, who was presented with the 2006 William R. Goldfarb Memorial Scholarship by new Midwest Division Director Bruce Frahm, KØBJ and Midwest Division Vice-Director Cliff Ahrens, KØCA. Here is big pat on the back to the Southside ARC for another excellent Hamfest. Donna Quick, KBØJYN and the membership of the S.S.A.R.C. did a great job organizing and hosting this years event. There were lots of vendors / flea marketers selling their wares and the turn out of Amateurs was outstanding. The St. Louis Amateur Radio Club's 15th Annual Halloween Hamfest in the Kirkwood Missouri Community Center is always the most unique Hamfest of the year. The ARRL table was decked out in pumpkins, magic books, skeletons, huge rats, spiders and filled with all manner of treats for those attending the spooktacular Hamfest. There were flea Market vendors and commercial vendors were wall to wall and the aisles were crowded with Hams, just the way a Hamfest should be. AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS KEITH HAYE, WEØG, ACC Tom Hammond, NØSS reports that the Mid-MO ARC had a successful Halloween FunXpedition to Frankenstein where they operated as WØO on the CW portion of the bands. They made 184 QSO's on both CW and RTTY. They made contacts in 35 states and 7 countries. Denise Haye, NØPVZ, pronounced the SSB version of the Halloween FunXpedition at Frankenstein, MO a howling success. The Warrensburg Area ARC made 167 QSO's this year and nearly were frozen and blown away by a stiff 20 mph breeze. The principle operators at their site were Dennis Gedeon, KBØNHW, and Denise Haye, NØPVZ. Everyone participating had a great time with the exception of a couple of Boston Terriers that just wanted to get back inside where it was warm. The Kimberling ARC has been

active this fall with meetings of their membership at Silver Dollar City and at Table Rock State Park. KARC President Dean Bickford reminded everyone that their Christmas Dinner will be at the Kimberling Inn on December 12th. The St Charles ARC Garble reports that Eric Bueneman, NØUIH, has placed First in the ARRL 2006 January Sweepstakes VHF Contest. Eric captured the highpower single op on 144 MHZ running an MFJ-9402 2-meter SSB Transceiver, Marage B-34-TG VHF Linear Amplifier and Diamond five-element Beam at 27 feet. Great job Eric! The Mississippi Valley DX & Contest Club DX HOG Newsletter recently had an interesting article on the use of DX spotting Clusters on the Web by Chuck Guenther, NIØC. Chuck did an excellent job making the subject interesting and informative. He discussed the pros and cons of using "Clusters" to pick up the tough ones. The MVDXCC will begin holding their meetings at the St. Louis County Library in January. SECTION ARES REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2006 DON MOORE, KMØR SEC Mike Hudson reports that he has settled into his new office here in KC North, and has passed along the news that that Julie Adolphson, the new boss at Pleasant Hill, has selected a new Warning Coordination Meteorologist. His name is Andy Bailey (email: andy.bailey@noaa.gov), and he is currently the WCM at the NWS office in Las Vegas. Andy will report to Pleasant Hill the week of January 7, 2007. In the interim, if you find you need anything between now and January just keep Julie's email close at hand. For those of you ready to begin scheduling your 2007 spotter training, you should be hearing shortly from Evan Bookbinder (evan.bookbinder@noaa.gov); he will be coordinating the spring schedule in advance of Andy's arrival. Total # of ARES members: 721 Number of drills, tests & training sessions this month: 92 Man hours: 765 Number of public service events this month: 3 Man hours: 22 Number of emergency operations this month: 3 Man hours: 110 Total number of ARES operations this month: 98 Total Man hours: 897 Comments: 6 of 9 districts SECTION TRAFFIC REPORT DALE HUFFINGTON, AEØS STM MON – CW Sessions 43 QNI 85 QTC 23 NM K9ZTV MO Phone Sessions 31 QNI 750 QTC 66 NM NYØT MESN Sessions 5 QNI 155 QTC 2 NM AEØS Audrain AARC Sessions 5 QNI 52 QTC 0 NM KBØKWC Callaway CARL Sessions 4 QNI 48 QTC 0 NM WBØHKN CSRS Wellsville Sessions 3 QNI 42 QTC 87 NM KCØULK Boone Co Sessions 5 QNI 88 QTC 0 NM WMØH Howell Co Sessions 8 QNI 64 QTC 0 NM KØRWL Jackson Co ARESR Sessions 4 QNI 62 QTC 0 NM KØUAA Macon Co Sessions 4 QNI 32 QTC 0 NM KØKY Rolla RRARS Sessions 31 QNI 476 QTC 14 NM KB9ZBO St. Louis Co Sessions 5 QNI 93 QTC 5 NM KBØH WAARCI Sessions 5 QNI 103 QTC 0 NM WBØTOM 10th Reg Sessions 62 QTC 87 MO 69% with K9ZTV, NDØN, WØSJS, NM WØSS

## **New England Division**

### **Rhode Island**

Greetings Fellow Rhode Islanders: Got all your outdoor antenna work completed yet? Well, you should get to it or you'll be freezing your fingers trying to wrap your #14 Flexweave around an end insulator. Of course, an old timer friend of mine reminded me recently that the prime season for stringing up wire antennas is growing near. Both he and I have experience hanging wires in trees during howling winds, freezing temperatures and blizzards. They always seem to work much better than antennas strung up in 75 degree, sunny June weather. I'm very pleased to report that with the help of my terrific friends, my new log periodic is up on top of the tower, performing like a champ. It surely outperforms the former DX chaser, a thirty year old tribander with shorted traps. Stations actually reply now when I call them. New dipoles for 80, 40 and 30 and a monopole for 160 are going up soon and will get my stations back to all band status. Next project is RTTY. In my October report, I mentioned that FCC had published its Report & Order in WT Docket 04-140, known as the Omnibus bill because it covered so many items within the document. You should become familiar with the bill by reading the article by N1RL, starting on page 39 in December QST. The League was quick to point out some errors and unintended consequences to the FCC's proposed actions. The extremely generous expansion of the 75 meter phone band down to 3.600 MHz may have inadvertently introduced unrelated problems. Another of the large scale issues that this omnibus bill addresses is the refarming of Novice frequencies that was proposed

years ago. There are many other areas of concern. Read all about it in QST, on page 39 through 41 and Dave Sumner's editorial on page 9. In general, many changes to FCC rules are positive changes that will enhance our enjoyment of Amateur radio. I must also draw your attention to the fact that many items wrapped into this Omnibus bill are specific changes requested over the years by the ARRL. They weren't holiday gifts from the friendly candy company. It is essential to remember that these changes including the new frequency allocations ARE NOT LAW just yet. They are not rules for us to follow until FCC says they are. But, unless FCC changes what they've published, they will become law very soon. In the CQ WW DX Contest held on October 28-29, I heard some participants operating well outside of existing bands, apparently thinking that the new bands identified in the R&O Omnibus bill had been enacted as law. BREAKING NEWS, released as I was preparing this report: The Omnibus R&O was just published in the Federal Register, starting on page 66460 of Vol. 71, No 220. This means that enactment of these changes shall take place at 12:01 EST on Friday December 15, 2006, precisely thirty days after its release in the Federal Register. You may read the entire unabridged text at <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/pdf/E6-19189.pdf> and ARRL's full summary at <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/11/15/100/?nc=1>. It is worthy to note that despite the many rumors, assumptions, blogs and heated discussions on repeaters, probably throughout the country, suggesting that it was a done deal, slam dunk, sure thing, etc., the Omnibus bill does not include action on the Commission's proposal to eliminate the Morse code requirement for all license classes. A Report and Order in that proceeding, WT Docket 05-235, is still pending, and the ARRL will announce when the Commission releases it. Technicians must still pass Element 1, a five word per minute code test to enjoy limited HF privileges. So, don't quit studying that code. After all, we're only talking about five words per minute. December 2nd is SKYWARN Recognition Day. Amateurs at National Weather Service Stations will be active on several bands and exchange reports with participants in their on air activity. Each WX station will issue special QSL cards. Full details including bands of operation, exchanges, certificate info, etc are on page 66 of December QST and [www.hamradio.noaa.gov](http://www.hamradio.noaa.gov). Finally, the political mail and phone calls have stopped and relative calm and quiet has returned to our homes. In addition to the more widely reported elections, many new state representatives, senatorial, mayoral, etc level candidates were elected throughout RI. Please let me know if you know whether any new public officials in your city or town are licensed Amateurs. Please drop a line to me at [w1yc@arrl.org](mailto:w1yc@arrl.org) if you have any information concerning candidates. It is very important for your ARRL leadership team to know if hams are holding office within our RI government. We would like to see the day when federal legislation such as PRB-1 is codified in our state as it has been in many states so far, twenty three I believe. I cannot emphasize strongly enough that until this federal bill is embraced by the local government officials who we must deal with when we want to erect a tower, it cannot work for us. In practice, your local zoning board doesn't care what Washington thinks it ought to do. Decisions involving your or my tower installation are decided by local politicians or their appointees. You should review the presentation prepared by our Vice Director, Mike Raisbeck which is available on the ARRL website, [http://remote.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/legislative\\_talk.ppt](http://remote.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/legislative_talk.ppt). You should consider using it in your club or town if it would facilitate any current process. I am aware of only one Amateur who was a candidate for elected office in our recent elections. John Clarke, WIDBR was a candidate for State Senator in Assembly District 9 which is the West Warwick area. John ran a good race but was defeated by incumbent Stephen Laves. We wish to sincerely thank John for his effort and willingness to serve fellow RI citizens in a public office. How about you? Do you know anyone that would be interested in possibly running for an elected position in Rhode Island in the future? How about yourself? Public office could be something to consider at some time in the future. Once again, we wish to thank John and hope that he will continue to seek an elected position in the future. Blackstone Valley ARC joined the Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society in September with the goal of activating some of the many lighthouses along the RI coast line. It immediately generated plenty of interest in the club. On Saturday, November 11th, members of the club drove down and set up a portable station at Point Judith Light and enjoyed a beautiful day activating Lighthouse # 625. They made close to 100 contacts and had a great time. From the fun they had in putting on this program, it's

certain that the club will activate more lighthouses in the future. Members taking part were: W1AUT, W1HK, KB1KKF plus xyl, WB1P, NB1U, AA1VU, WN1X and WA1ZDY. Good luck in the upcoming SS and DX contests. We're approximately at the bottom of sunspot cycle 23 and must deal with that handicap. The good news is that everyone competing must deal with the same propagation conditions that you face. The playing field is level. The difference separating you from your competition will be your superior operating skill. Good luck to all. 73 until next month, Bob Beaudet, W1YRC

## **Northwestern Division**

### **Montana**

This month's Bozeman Hamfest was a great success! Lots of interesting junk to look through and some informative seminars. If you missed it this year, consider planning for next. The Bozeman group works hard to make it an enjoyable gathering. The Montana Section Manager's job is open this year. If you are interested, be sure to submit a signed petition to ARRL headquarters by Dec 8th. I have applied to serve for another 2 years. If there is another petition filed, we'll have a runoff election. Cold weather is upon us; consider those antenna structures and guy systems. Are they safe for another long, hard MT Winter? Some warm, breezy days are still out there, use them well. Sweepstakes is next weekend. It's always an enjoyable time, lots of stations on the air to work. Thanks to all who assist in building this monthly report. IMN-W5UYH, QNI-768, QTC-111 MTN-KD7HWV, QNI-2318, QTC-32 MSN-K7LMT, AE7V, WV7Z, QNI-78 73 Doug, K7YD

## **Pacific Division**

### **Pacific**

In October we had a lot happen. Here are some of the highlights. Saturday October 7 was the annual SET which stands for Simulated Emergency Test. The timing could not have been better because the next weekend instead of a simulated Hurricane we had a real earthquake. SET is an ARES or ARRL sponsored event. ARRL is not only affiliated with Citizen Corp and RACES but also has Memorandums of Agreement with many other groups. In addition there are local agreements. The League has formal Memoranda of Understanding aka MOUs, with Federal Emergency Management Agency, National Weather Service, Red Cross, Salvation Army, National Communications System, and Associated Public Safety Communications Officers. This year the Hawaii SET was primarily run by Hawaii State RACES. It was a simulated Hurricane. RACES is a radio communication service, conducted by volunteer licensed amateurs, designed to provide emergency communications to local or state civil-preparedness agencies. It is important to note that RACES operation is authorized by emergency management officials only. This operation is strictly limited to official civil-preparedness activity in the event of an emergency-communications situation. October 13, 14 & 15 was Pacificon in San Ramon, CA. Your SM was there representing you. There are a good discussion about setting up the various emergency response programs among the seven Section Managers and other officials. Cooperation and assistance from out of the section was one main topic. The result is a Golden Guardian drill November 15th at noon our time. The earthquake happened just as the conference was finishing. There was immediate interest by all the leadership officials. Our infrastructure is set up so that even though one person is not available it still works. Good Job! On Sunday Morning October 15 there was a large earthquake off the Kona side of the Big Island. It was felt in all the islands including Kauai. There was damage but no casualties especially on Maui and West Hawaii. Oahu lost all power for many hours primarily due to protection circuit malfunction. The Big Island lost power but it was restored quickly. My first notice was by phone from Harvey Motomura, AH6JA, the East Hawaii DEC who was on Oahu. There were several other phone calls to my Cell phone. The best information came from the ASM on Kauai, Jerry Hill;



KH6HU. This is typical since Jerry is out of the area and his power and phones never went down. The ASM and DEC Kevin Bogan, AH6QO finally called in however he was busy running the HF emergency net from CD. Also at the CD center was EC Ron Hashiro, AH6RH As a result of the wake up call ARES ID badges are being made now. The Big Island group is updating their emergency response plan. It should be presented to Hawaii County CD ASAP. It will be available for use as a model. Contrary to what other areas of the country may experience and operate regarding differing amateur radio organizations -- we believe in joint operation. ARES, RACES, SKYWARN, VOAD, SATERN, Health-Comm., etc -- we become one operation, one team to our emergency management partners. We help each other out and work together. That's the only way to operate. We are isolated in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. The Director of State CD has been very supportive of this partnership, and we greatly appreciate the opportunity to integrate into their operations. Here are summary statistics of Sunday's operations at State CD RACES/ARES. 1- Activity started at 7:10 am. 2- KH6HPZ Net started at SCD at about 7:35 am. 3- A total of 55 messages exchanged. Two were formal messages. 4- Net secured at 5:20 pm. Ron Hashiro, AH6RH Monday October 16. The next night, there was an intense electrical storm in East Hawaii. There were several reports of equipment damage. According to some people it was the worst lightning storm they had ever experienced. There was also other heavy weather throughout the month including a storm that caused a landslide on the Pali Highway and closed the Oahu cross island Wilson tunnel for many hours. Traffic was a mess. Saturday October 21st was the Hawaii Island International Hamfest in Waimea. Almost 100 people signed in. Next year it will be held on the Second Saturday, as usual. The reason for the change was a conflict with Pacificon but the change caused a conflict here with the Iron Man in Kona. Toward the end of the Hamfest we had a short debrief about the earthquake and we gave a Certificate of affiliation to the Kohala Hamakua Radio Club. Of course we had a testing session. During the last weeks in October & early November BIARC members finally completed the tie in of Mauna Loa and Kulani repeaters. We are looking forward to expanding the system to South Point, Hawaiian Ocean View Estates and the 146.94 machine on Haleakala. There have been many FCC rule changes however they are not yet in effect as of November 10, 2006. WT Docket 04-140 adapted October 4 and released October 10 does not appear in the Federal Register yet. The rules become effective 30 days after they appear. Briefly FCC will: expand the phone sub bands on 75 and 40 meter, permit auxiliary stations to transmit on part of the 2 meter band, permit the use of spread spectrum on 222 to 225 MHz, allow amateurs to retransmit communications from the ISS, allow licensees to designate a specific Amateur Radio club to receive their call in memoriam, permit Alaskan more flexibility in emergency communications, delete the requirement for a public announcement for VE testing and several other changes. This year's Honolulu Marathon will be held on Sunday 10, December 2006. The race starts at 0500 hours. Race participants start from Ala Moana Park on Ala Moana Blvd, go through Downtown Honolulu, through Waikiki, out towards Hawaii Kai and back to Kapiolani Park for the Finish Line. On behalf of the Honolulu Marathon Association, we are asking for volunteers to provide radio communications for the Start-Line, Aid Stations along the race course, for the Finish-Line area support, Support Vans as well as other areas as needed. The communication coverage we provide begins around 0400 hours and goes into the afternoon up until about 1500 hours. The following positions are needed: NCS – 3 each Start-Line / Technical Race Director's Radio Communicator – 3 each Time Clock Coordinator's Radio Communicator -1 each Aid Station Communicators – 14 each Support Van Communicators – 7 each If you have time to share and would like to volunteer Sunday or if you know of anyone who may be interested in helping out, please contact Greg to sign-up. You may reach him by email: honu1@juno.com or you can call his cell phone at 808-224-4662 - please leave a message with a call-back phone number. Greg / NH6ZS Kaimuki Community School for Adult Education at Kaimuki High School, Honolulu will be scheduling regular evening amateur radio classes at both introductory and intermediate levels. The Introduction class will be held on eight each Tuesday nights from 2/13/07 to 4/17/07 and the Intermediate class will be held on ten each Thursday nights from 2/08/07 to 4/26/07. Registration dates are January 13 - 26, 2007. Students MUST register at the school. For more information, contact Warren KH6WM at 487-1863 or Mr. Richard Matsumoto at the school 733-8460. A VOAD net meets every Tuesday on the RACES repeater system

147.02+, 147.04+ and 147.06+ MHz at high noon 1200W or 2200Z. Tom, KH7CC Thomas Worthington [worth@maui.net] Skywarn Recognition Day is December 2. Let us again look at the Amateur Radio Code. A Ham is Considerate, Loyal, Progressive, Friendly, Balanced and Patriotic. "Patriotic" means to use Ham Radio to serve our country. Usually this means just helping other people when needed. Patriotic also means standing by our country and never saying anything critical about it on the air.

## **Sacramento Valley**

**SECTION NEWS OCTOBER 2006 THE END:** November is the end of my tenure as the Section Manager for the Sacramento Valley. After 17 plus years I am signing off as the representative of the ARRL, for the SV section. My resignation is due on November 30. On December 1, 2006, Casey McPartland, W7IB, will become your new SM. Casey will complete the remainder of my term (ends September 30 2007). A call for nominations for SM will be announced in the April 2007 QST, and ballots will be mailed – if needed – by July 1. I am sure Casey will do an excellent job as Section Manager and hope that the members will support him, as they have for me. Altogether I have had over 23 years in an elected position with the ARRL and it is time to move on. The SM, as well as the Directors and Officers of the League are all volunteers. They donate many hours of their time to League business, each month. Please continue to support the ARRL. **APPOINTEES:** There are several section Staff members and over 40 other appointees such as EC, OO, OES, PIO, NM, ORS, that help to support the section and it's members. Those that are in emergency communications, traffic handling and Official Observers, volunteer many hours each month, and I thank them very much for their help, over the years! **AWARD:** I was much surprised to be presented with an award at this year's Pacificon convention, by the Pacific Division Director, Bob Vallio, W6RGG. I received a plaque for Pacific Division Ham Of The Year, in recognition of outstanding contributions to amateur radio. I want to thank Bob and others that nominated me for the award. **TAHOE ARA:** The club's President, WA6EWV, reports that, while he was repairing the repeater on the east peak of Heavenly, a fuse blew and as he was going out to get a replacement, he came face to face, or as he put it nose to crotch, with a big bear, who was blocking the doorway of the only exit. After a fast retreat, back inside, he tried making noises but the bear didn't move. After 15 minutes or so (seemed like forever) the bear decided to leave and walked away. He had forgotten to bring a camera, so had to pictorial proof. The annual hospital SET exercise worked well and 11 members were available to participate. They have started an Emergency Preparedness Planning Net, which meets at 7 pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month on the 147.24 repeater. **AMADOR COUNTY ARC:** There was a good turnout for their annual Swap Meet in Martell. Casey, W7IB, and I checked things out and talked with many section members. At 11:30 we went east about ¼ mile and attended the Mother Lode DX & Contest Club meeting. The program was a video on how to use 2 transceivers, with one operator, during a contest. **SIERRA FOOTHILLS ARC:** A collection was taken at their October meeting for a Care Package to be sent to military personnel overseas. A sum of \$281 was collected and 3 boxes of supplies were sent to Afghanistan to N6UG's nephew, who will distribute the contents. The club's annual White Elephant Sale brought in \$403 for the annual Christmas party. Len, WB6HGS, was the auctioneer. **YUBA-SUTTER ARC:** Ron, W6KJ, reports that the Red Cross van is 99% completed. He requests that it be used for local events and that all club members become familiar with its operation. Ron also reported that the 2007 Ham Radio Operator's class will start January 9 and every Tuesday and Thursday, through the end of February. Time will be 7 pm to 9 pm. For more information, contact Ron W6KJ, at w6kj@arrl.net or at 530-674-8533. Ron is also the Emergency Coordinator. **FREQUENCY CHANGES:** ARRL is asking for your comments on the proposed changes in frequencies that the FCC proposes. The League has published some comments on the changes and some errors that the FCC has made. The CW traffic nets that are above 3600 KHz are changing frequencies below 3600 KHz. The Northern California Net – NCN – is moving from 3630 KHz to 3533 KHz (7 pm). NCN will also shift to 1833 KHz at 7:10 pm if 80 meter conditions are poor. NCN-2, the slow speed training net will also move to 3533 KHz (9 pm). Some of the other nets are still up in the air.

The ARRL has suggested some frequencies, but some of the nets have chosen their own frequencies. Things should settle down by the end of the month. The phone nets will not be affected as much, if any. The Sacramento Valley Section Net will remain at 3987 KHz on the 2 Wednesday of the month, at 7:30 pm. CW: Still no word from the FCC on whether they will drop the requirement for 5 wpm code, for the General and Extra Class licenses. CONTESTS: For those that like contests, the ARRL sponsors a 10 meter and a 160 meter contest in December. These are good contest to get some practice and prepare for the ARRL DX contests in February and March. Whether you operate CW or Phone, or both, they are a lot of fun. MISC: Time has crept up on me and I am running behind my schedule to get this report out. The League requires they be out by 18th of the month, but I like to get them out early. Future report schedule will be up to Casey, so give him time to get up to speed. My antenna rotor conked out just before the CQ WW SSB contest – the antenna was pointed west, but I just finished installing an old Ham IV, so hope I am back in business. Next is the 80 meter antenna that I keep finding reasons for not installing. Anyway, keep hamming and promoting the ARRL. VOLUNTEER: Now is the time of the year to volunteer for an officer position in your local club or work on one of the committees. Put something back into the club. You will be rewarded!! 73, Jettie, W6RFF -.. .-- -.... -. ...-.-.

## San Joaquin Valley

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for the month of October 2006: 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. An Emergency Coordinator is needed in Merced County. Contact N6ZFN (n6zfn@bak.rr.com) or W6DPD (w6dpd@arrl.org) if you can help. W6PM is the new EC for E. Kern County. Thanks to KK6PA for his years of service as EC. Mark your calendars: The International DX Convention is April 27-29, 2007 at Visalia. Check <http://www.dxconvention.org/> for information. EMCOMM West is May 4-6, 2007 at the Atlantis Resort and Casino in Reno NV. Check [www.emcommwest.org](http://www.emcommwest.org) for information. Field Day 2007 is the fourth full weekend of June. The 65th Fresno Hamfest is August 4, 2007 at the Holiday Inn at the Airport in Fresno. Check [www.w6to.com](http://www.w6to.com) for information. Pacificon 2007 is October 19-21, 2007 at the Marriott Hotel in San Ramon CA. Check [www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org) for information. 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. If you fail to update your clubs information for 2 years, your club will be placed in the inactive file. Need to take an Amateur exam? Check the ARRL web page, [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) for exam information. You can also search for Amateur Radio Classes in your area. The Northern California Net (NCN), the Section Traffic Net, meets nightly on 3.533 MHZ at 7 PM Pacific Time. The slow speed training session of the net meets nightly on 3.533 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. The California Traffic Net meets daily on 3.906 MHZ and 6:30 PM local time. It is my sad duty to report that N6EL, and W6MTJ, are Silent Keys. They will be missed. The Oakdale Amateur Radio Society now has the call sign K6OAR. The Sierra Amateur Radio Group in Lake Isabella is now an ARRL Affiliated Club. Gordon West, WB6NOA, will be their guest speaker in February 2007. PACIFICON was well attended by Amateurs from the SJV Section. W6MSU of the Coast Guard Auxiliary (Stockton Flotilla) presented a session on ICS 100. Officers of the Calaveras ARS are pres AE6LA, vp KO6HV, sec WB6QVU, and treas AC6CY. The club meets quarterly in Arnold. Check [www.calaverasars.org](http://www.calaverasars.org) for information. WS6X was number one I in the search and pounce category I the 2005 Stew Perry 160 meter contest. Congrats Jim. He will join the KP4US team for the 2006 CQWW CW Contest. W6DPD was listed in the 2006-2007 edition of Who's Who in America. Congrats to N6WIG, KM6JM, KG6STR, KB6NIZ, and KE6KAC on completing the ARECC Level One course. 2006 Field Day Results in the SJV were first, Madera County ARC, second Fresno ARC, and third San Andreas Faultline Survivors. 2006 June VHF QSO Party results in the SJV were first N6MU, second W6XD and third W6TV. Traffic for October: K6RAU 26, W6DPD 4, N6SUZ 34 and W6SX 14; Total 78. PSHR: K6RAU 67, N6SUZ 64.

## Roanoke Division

### Virginia

Virginia Section Managers Report For October 2006 October has been a time of accelerated change for hams across the nation and in the Virginia Section. The American Red Cross has come out with a new policy concerning background checks for volunteers and their own employees. The FCC has acted on the Omnibus R & O. This ruling appears to be in need of some "fine tuning". We all are eager to begin to enjoy using these new voice frequencies after 12:01 EST on 12/15/2006. We are also beginning to see a steady influx of Simulated Emergency Test reports flowing in. We have one more major SET to take place. This will involve many of the counties across the 40 county area served by the Blacksburg National Weather Service office. ARES continues to record steady growth as we approach the 1100 member mark. Many of our membership have yet to complete their ARES registration online form. This form is also to be used for changes of contact information, training courses, SET participation etc. If you have completed the form, you may make changes by going back and entering your call and just the information that has changed. The registration form is found at [http://www.aresva.org/aresva/ares\\_member\\_info\\_form.html](http://www.aresva.org/aresva/ares_member_info_form.html). We are also rapidly approaching the 400th anniversary (2007) for the establishment of the first English colony in Virginia. We are planning special event stations across the Section during this yearlong celebration. Due to the fact, that national statements from the American Red Cross (ARC) have been confusing and have created misunderstanding and many decisions of non-compliance, I decided to check with service area ARC. I have a confirmation from our ARC Chapter Solutions person (Diane Green) that the "exception clause" listed in the example below applies to Amateur Radio under ARES. "Additionally, the American Red Cross often works side by side with partner organizations. Example: A church in a disaster prone area may partner with the American Red Cross to serve as a shelter for local residents during a disaster. If the church members are supervised by their own leadership, the church would set their own standards for volunteer screening and background checks. However, if the church members go through Red Cross training and offer to work under the supervision and management of Red Cross supervisors in a Red Cross shelter, they will be asked to register as a volunteer and submit for a Red Cross background check." My understanding of the statement above is that we are considered as a "partner organization" and if we are working as an ARES unit as opposed to an American Red Cross volunteer we are not required to undergo this background check. For many years hams have had strong feelings about going into a disaster area to serve under ARES as a communications volunteer then be asked to fill out a second registration as a Red Cross volunteer. This recent policy reinforces the need to have a national credentialing and background check. This has been provided for in the new Communications Act for the 21st century. Without "First Responders" ID, organizations active in disaster may be subject to any number of background checks required for assisting various organizations. This will cut into the number of available volunteers for many organizations. I have submitted and received my background check for the ARC. I will not attempt to force others to make that same decision. A number of the Virginia Section and ARES leadership have communicated an unwillingness to comply. Several of these have held security clearances that required much more in-depth investigations but feel for various reasons a lack of interest in this background check by Red Cross. The pending Simulated Emergency Test for the Blacksburg NWS forecast area (40 counties) is scheduled for December 9th, beginning at 8:00 am EST. Weather bulletins will be given on the night before (December 8th, from 9-10pm) on the 12 designated Skywarn Repeaters. These can be found at <http://www.wx4rnk.org/>. This scenario is of a major winter storm similar to a couple that was experienced in this area in the 90's. To the east of the Blue Ridge, counties will experience a major ice storm. Currently we have over 50 hams signed up to participate. Many agencies are also participating in this exercise. Hams to the east of the coverage area are encouraged to participate; we will be looking for support from non-affected areas. No materials will be moved. This is a communications exercise. See the SET website for additional information and signup. <http://www.w4ghs.org/SET.html> The Section Traffic Managers report is posted on the Virginia Section

website. <http://www.aresva.org/arrlva/reports/200610.stm.report.web.htm> The Section Emergency Mangers report is posted on the Virginia ARES page <http://www.aresva.org/aresva.html>. The focus of my visits across the Virginia Section in October was in the Northern Virginia area. Turnout was great and many questions was raised concerning the direction of the Section and Amateur Radio in general. These meetings were very productive. Glen Sage, W4GHS- Virginia Section Manager

## **Southeastern Division**

### **Southern Florida**

Hello everyone, The holiday season begins soon and I wish you a happy, healthy season with family and friends. We have talked a lot about training lately. All the training does no good if we don't get on the air. So dust off the equipment, use a rig that has been idle, try a new mode, check into a different net, call CQ and make a new friend. Have some fun on the air and get to know your equipment because an emergency is not the time to drag out the manual. In December there will be the NWS Skywarn Appreciation Day event and at the end of December there will be celebration of 100 years of voice over radio. Take part in one of those events or contact a special event station listed in QST.

===== MONTHLY REPORTS SAR October 2006: KA4FZI 363, NY4E 149, N3OZP 144, KE4UOF 123, KI4JRT 89, AA4BN 82, WA2YL 51, K4FQU 43, WA4EIC 41, KI4OUD 20, K3QC 3  
===== PSHR October 2006: KE4UOF 130, KA4FZI 120, WA4EIC 100, N3OZP 100, WA2YL 100, NY4E 90, AA4BN 86, K4FQU 76, W4DKB 22 ===== NET ABB. SESS QNI QTC MGR All Florida CW Traffic Net QFN 62 745 307 NY4E Florida Amateur SSB Traffic Net FAST 31 207 39 K4SCL Florida Medium Speed Net FMSN 31 240 88 AG4RJ/AB4XK Jupiter-Tequesta Rptr Group JTRG 6 78 19 AG4BV Palm Beach County Ares Net PBCAN 4 41 12 KG4PFY Saint Lucie Repeater Assn SLRA 5 56 5 KE4UEI Southeast Florida Traffic Net SEFTN 60 673 145 AG4RJ/AI4GE Southwest Florida Traffic Net SWFTN 26 320 50 K4FQU ===== Bulletin Report from David Smith KE4UEI: Recd 20, Sent 5, Total 25 ===== OES Reports received from AB4AN, W3ALE, KE4UEI, W4DKB, KC2DPP, KE4NUZ, WN3DHI, N6USP, N4ZEB, WB2CKM PIO Reports received from W3ALE, AG4BV, WB2FAU, W4REN, WB3ANE, AI4GK TS reports received from K8KB, KF4DQY, N4TZH, KF4KDO, K9ES, ARES Report for October 2006 ARES Members in the counties reporting: 1055 Change +3 Nets 11 - Sessions 42 - Nets with NTS Liaison 5 ECs reporting: WA4GUK(Lee), AD4RZ (Okeechobee), AA4BN (Hendry), N5KFR(Glades), WA4ASJ (Indian River), N4QPM (Palm Beach), N1XC (Martin) and N4LEM (Brevard) Drills, tests & training 6, Total ARES ops 48 ===== Want to become a Skywarn storm spotter? Training classes to become a spotter will be held on Nov. 18, a Saturday, for beginners from 9:30 a.m. to noon and for advanced students from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Broward County Emergency Operations Office, 201 N. W. 84th Ave., in Plantation. The classes will be conducted by a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Miami. There are several Public Service opportunities listed on the news page at [www.arrl.org/sections/SFL.html](http://www.arrl.org/sections/SFL.html). I have posted news items and photos in the last two weeks and photos of the Okeechobee hamfest will be posted soon. Many clubs have reflectors for their members. Please add our Affiliated Club Coordinator, Jeremy Briggs, K4OCD to your list for newsletters and reflectors. I also read a lot of the reflectors and gather news from them. This is the time of year that most clubs elect officers for the coming year. Please remember to update your club page and to send a list of the officers to Jeremy and me. If you are the publicity chairperson for your club make an early New Year resolution to send the local news an updated listing of your meetings and exam sessions and a list of the new officers. Till next month stay safe and stay on the air. 73 Sherri, W4STB

## **Southwestern Division**

### **Arizona**

ARIZONA SECTION NEWS November 2006 CLUB NEWS On October 13-15, The Green Valley Amateur Radio Club joined the Catalina Council Spanish Trails District Boy Scout Camporee to demonstrate Ham Radio and to give the Scouts the chance to build their own alternating LED flasher kit. Lloyd N7GV led a group of club members including Omar KW7OS, Rudy N3EBG, Ron VE6RGP, Joe NX2L, Randy KM7T, Bob AD7FQ, Linda AD7FP, AD7KC Carolyn, Frank KE7GUF and his Xyl, Jim KE7AUN, Dick W7KAM and Don Davies & Gene W0KAD to the "Double V Boy Scout Ranch" West of Tucson where my Boy Scout son Jimmy KE7IDC and I met the group and outlined the plan for the weekend. For those of you who do not know, Boy Scouts is my other full time volunteer job as an Assistant District Commissioner. Gene W0KAD & Joe NX2L sat down at the radio and worked stations from around the world. A highlight was a nice long contact with Roger VK2RO in Tocumwal, Australia. Roger was one of many stations that were willing to take the time required to talk to some of the Scouts directly. In all there were 113 contacts made on the radio. Several stations talked directly with the Scouts asking each Scout about such things as what levels and badges the Scout has achieved. Well over 100 Scouts talked on the radio. For most, it was there first time to see or hear Ham Radio. One memorable event was at the end of the contact with Larry KA0PLW. With the mike held open, all 8 to 10 Scouts from one pack, in unison, said "Good bye & thank you Larry" after each had talked to him individually. While the Radio Station was working, the main attraction of flasher kit building was going on and on in the other tent under the watchful eyes of the original members that had helped set up. They were joined by several others members. There were 119 kits built by the Scouts with an average time of 20 minutes to build one kit. You can see how many hours went into the project. That Saturday night the camp looked like a fire fly convention. Randy Burcham KD7KEQ who had designed the printed circuit boards was introducing the boys to his hawk and giving talks on falconry. The IEEE Tucson Section donated the money for the parts and Randy KD7KEQ was able to get the printed circuit boards donated. See the pictures at <http://gvarc.us/> EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS It's getting to be the season, and probably a good time to do an inventory of the "go-kits". I would bet most of us have some form of a go kit, but it's important to do a periodic inventory and pitch anything that's getting worn, or is broken. I point this out only because it's also getting to be the time to put on paper the things that "Santa" should be putting in your stocking and what better present than something "ham"! On the serious side, if you keep drugs in your go-kit, it's time to consider pulling them out and replacing them with "fresh" stock. Drugs generally don't like the heat, so if you are like me and keep your kit in your vehicle, it's time to trash the drugs and start fresh. Another thing that should be considered, if you keep a first aid kit in your vehicle, take the time to replace the gloves, they will likely be "baked" and may split when you need them most. Rick Aldom W7STS Section Emergency Coordinator natecf@gmail.com SILENT KEYS Rolland V. "Doc" Watson, K7YTL, Dennis Berry K7RG and Len Morgan K5BGG. Len ended his long struggle with cancer this week. Len grew up in Louisiana, and proudly served his county as a fighter pilot during a long and distinguished Air Force career. His worldwide service included overseas assignments in Germany, Iran, and in Thailand where he flew more than 100 combat missions over Vietnam in the F-105 Thunderchief (AKA the "Thud") before retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1978. During his Air Force career, Len was also active in the Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) program, and even served for a time as the director of Air Force MARS for Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas (12th Air Force Headquarters). Len was a long time member of CARA. NEW HAMPS The following Arizona hams just received their FCC license, Congratulations! Jeffrey Mendez KE7IXJ, Robert Floyd KE7IZO, Lewis Burch KE7IZS, Gregory Swerdan KE7JBI, Hanksville Noyes KE7IXT, Joe Cooperrider KE7JBJ, Curtis Horton Jr KE7JBL, Judy Jensen KE7IXI, Andrew Mutch AD7JU, Harshad Mehta KE7IZT, Chance Eaton KE7JBK, David Collins AD7JT, John Schaub KE7IXR, Carolyn Ower KE7IXN, Bruce Belman KE7IXW, Mark Longfield KE7IXX, Clifford Vaughan Sr KE7IXV, Mike Floyd KE7IXU, William Burkett KE7IXS and Sandra Thibodeau KE7IXY HAMFESTS Tucson had a great Hamfest on October 21, 2006. What a turnout. At least five vendors showed up including one from New Mexico. Cochise Amateur Radio Association Swapfest in Sierra Vista on November 4, 2006. The swapfest will be from 7am to 1pm, VE Exams tests at 10am. Contact Lee Ilse KD7OED leeilse@cox.net Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about ARRL. If

your club or group has an activity or event that would be of interest to other hams throughout our section please email me with the specifics. 73, Tom Fagan WB7NXH ARRL Section Manager Arizona Tucson Arizona 520 574-1129 wb7nxx@arrl.org <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=AZ> or <http://www.az-arrl.org/>

## Orange

SEPTEMBER 2006 The Amateur Radio Expo 2006 at the LA County ended on Oct 1, 2006. We had a great success, over 1 million people attended the fair and with over 80,000 coming in thru the Red Gate at Sycamore street on the weekends when we were there. SATERN received 14 applications, IEARC received 20 applications to join. I would like to thank everyone that supported the event either by donations or providing their time as volunteers. SEPTEMBER 28, 2006 - The Southern Orange Amateur Radio Club demonstrated digital communications at the Orange Fairgrounds at an Electronics show. Great job SOARA! SEPTEMBER NEW HAMS: KI6FGK Wesley KI6FGE Jessica KI6EZV Michael KI6FGI Anton KI6FGJ Tuoi KI6FGH Michael KI6FBN Andrea KI6FCW Jacob KI6FDC Edward KI6EZO Anita KI6EZN Megan KI6FCU Randy KI6FFI Minnina KI6FFJ Larry KI6FDZ Shelton KI6FCX Marie KI6FCV Naomi KI6FCY Douglas KI6EZP S Michael KI6FBP Raymond KI6FBQ Gerard KI6EZQ Edward KI6FDA Luis KI6EZZ Pablo KI6FFA Michael KI6FDB Barbara KI6FFF Jeremy KI6FFC Alfred KI6FCZ Diane KI6FFW Perry KI6FFU Shannon KI6FFV Richard KI6FGC Jerome KI6FDL Peter KI6FGB David KI6FFT David KI6FFE Mona KI6FFD Maryann KI6FFH Michael KI6FFB Daniel KI6FFG Prescott CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL AND PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE [www.orange-arrl.org](http://www.orange-arrl.org) go to ham clubs to find a club near you. OCTOBER 26 - 31 - The Esparanza Fire in Riverside County, which took the lives of 5 firefighters and loss of at least 100 homes and scorched at least 80 acres of land is a reminder to all Amateur Emergency Communicators the need to keep up with training, updated information, and availability to volunteer. My appreciation to all those in the San Bernardino/Riverside SATERN, Red Cross, RACES teams who assisted with shelters, firefighters and other agencies in support of the community. Kuddo's to all. The database is once again a place where resources of available volunteers in the Orange Section no matter what group or team they belong to can place themselves on this database and tell us who they wear there hat with (ARES, RACES, SATERN, SKYWARN, etc). We encourage all to sign up on the database. Go to [www.orange-arrl.org](http://www.orange-arrl.org) if you have questions please call or e-mail my Section Emergency Coordinator, Steve Grudzinski AD6HT at [ad6ht@arrl.net](mailto:ad6ht@arrl.net) . If you haven't visited the website recently, it has a new face and changes coming. If you wish to add an event your club is having, speaker, or add a link to your club, please feel free to contact Steve [ad6ht@arrl.net](mailto:ad6ht@arrl.net) OCTOBER NEW HAMS: KI6FLO Charles KI6FJT Wendy KI6FMW Steve KI6FJG Ron KI6FQK Deann KI6FMV Mary KI6FHT Kevin KI6FJF Christine KI6FJJ William KI6FJI Kevin KI6FJE Alfred KI6FJK Kathryn KI6FJL Wesley KI6FHV Alejandro KI6FHS Virginia KI6FHP Kari KI6FHO Scott M KI6FHR Elizabeth KI6FHQ Ira KI6FHU William KI6FOT Ronald KI6FHD Michael KI6FNZ Douglas KI6FLH Ji-hyung KI6FGU Philip KI6FIG Julie KI6FMX Curtis KI6FQLJ Brian KI6FRD Robert KI6FLP Randall KI6FRF Gilbert KI6FME Michael KI6FGW Stephen KI6FMH Allison KI6FMG Debbie KI6FLN James KI6FLZ Tracy KI6FMB Rick KI6FRG Brevyn KI6FMF Donald KI6FLV Darren KI6FLY Judyth KI6FMD Brian KI6FLW Oswald KI6FLJ Theodore KI6FKD Teresa KI6FMA Pat KI6FRH Jason KI6FLX Lynn KI6FMC James KI6FRE Vicente KI6FJB Christoph KI6FLK Cole KI6FOA Albert KI6FJC Dan KI6FRA Silvestro KI6FRB Vittorio AE6YM Edward CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL AND PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE [www.orange-arrl.org](http://www.orange-arrl.org) go to ham clubs to find a club near you. 73 Carl H. Gardenias WU6D ARRL Orange Section Manager SWD