

Georgia on My Mind for Late November 2017

Hello there! Christmas is coming up so fast I feel like I'm in free-fall. I think we're pretty much done with the regular activities for the year except for the usual Christmas parties that most clubs have. But I am soooo Turkey-ed out. I'm not sure what I can get down anymore. I hope you have a good holiday season ahead and you get some mental rest and some private time to play with any new toys you get for Christmas.

Some things are coming up in January and among them is the State ARES meeting. This year it is a new approach to the meeting. Actually, it's not a meeting as much as it is training. We have done a lot, A LOT, of planning to get this going. Please bear with us as this is our first attempt at doing a training regimen. I am sure we'll have a number of lessons learned - kind of like we did with Irma. We are working with the GEMA Training Center to get the registration set up and going but as I write this, it is not yet in place - but we're working on that. As soon as the registration process is in place, we'll send out notices that will tell those interested where to connect. There is, however, a list of the classes offered for viewing at this point. Read on for the link.

And then there's Techfest. If you're a parent actively involved in your children's education and you think your youngster has a "technical" gene or two, you might want to come and see what this is about. Amateur Radio is not just about the radio, it's about the broad topics and related education of radio science. Read on for the link.

==> COMING EVENTS REMINDER::

Georgia State ARES Meeting

Saturday, January 13th, 2018

At this writing, a registration process is still being configured. A notice will be sent out when the registration program is ready.

Go here to see the training schedule: <https://gaares.org/meetings.php>

Techfest

Saturday, January 20th, 2018

This will be an opportunity for the community to become aware of the many modes of operation and educational aspects of Radio Amateurs and view some of the preparations taking place by public service volunteers in the Ham radio community. Unlike Field Day, or the typical swap meet, this is not a contest or race. It is a chance to experience modes of our hobby that you might have never seen. Or to show your friends and family what Amateur Radio is about.

Go here to see the Techfest website: <http://www.techfest.info/about/>

==> FOR REAL!::

Spaceport Camden - as in Camden County Georgia.

<https://www.theverge.com/2017/11/28/16645130/spaceport-camden-georgia-faa-commercial-rocket-launch-license>

<http://spaceportcamden.us/>

==> SECTION TRAFFIC MANAGER REPORT::

GEORGIA SECTION
OCTOBER 2017

PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL (PSHR)
K4DRS 135 K4GK 120 WA0CGZ 100

STATION ACTIVITY REPORT (SAR)
WA0CGZ 177 K4GK 104 K4BAI 104

SECTION NETS

GEORGIA ARES HF NET

QNI 620 QTC 2 SESSIONS 4 3975 KHZ 2200 UTC SUNDAY K4GK NET
MANAGER

GEORGIA ARES DIGITAL NET

QNI 116 QTC 10 SESSIONS 4 3583 KHZ 2100 UTC SUNDAY K4GO NET
MANAGER

GEORGIA SINGLE SIDEBAND NET

QNI 1778 QTC 27 SESSIONS 30 3975 KHZ 6 PM DAILY KE4VPD NET
MANAGER

GEORGIA TRAFFIC AND EMERGENCY NET

QNI 911 QTC 14 SESSIONS 30 3982.5 KHZ DAILY KI4NGD NET MANAGER

GEORGIA TRAFFIC NET

QNI 1778 QTC 26 SESSIONS 26 3987.5 KHZ 1300 UTC MON-SA WA0CGZ NET
MANAGER

GEORGIA CRACKER NET

QNI 659 QTC 6 SESSIONS 30 3995 KHZ 7 AM MON-SA & 8 AM SUN AF4XZ NET
MANAGER

GEORGIA TRAINING NET (CW)

QNI 150 QTC 2 SESSIONS 30 3549 KHZ 9 PM DAILY KG4FXG NET MANAGER

GEORGIA STATE NET (GSN)

QNI 310 QTC 26 SESSIONS 60 3549 KHZ 7 PM AND 10 PM DAILY K4GK NET
MANAGER

Charles Pennington, K4GK
Section Traffic Manager
Georgia Section

==> MONTHLY SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR REPORT::

1. ARRL Section: Georgia
2. Month : October
3. Year : 2017
4. Total number of ARES members: 1481
5. Number of DECs/ECs reporting this month: 61
6. Number of ARES nets active: 419
7. Number of nets with NTS Liaison: 25
8. Calls of DECs/ECs reporting: Please see the list below
9. Number of exercises & training sessions this month: 773
10. Person hours: 4855
11. Number of public service events this month:36
12. Person hours: 1100
13. Number of emergency operations this month: 32

14. Person hours: 889
15. Number of Skywarn or Severe weather events: 2
16. Person hours: 10
17. Comments: Please see the list below.

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Month: OCTOBER
Year : 2017

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE

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since last month= +14 reported (+, -, or same)
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Total number of ARES operations this month: 841
Person hours: 6844

Comments: see below

Signature: Thomas Fuller Call sign: KE4QCM
Please send to ARRL HQ, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111 by 10th of the month FSD-96 (1-04)

* 1481 members reported, 1467 from last report, with +14 reported by EC's

ASECs/DECs/ECs reporting

ASEC/DECs:

DEC Air Force/MARS/WB4BDP, DEC Central/WB4KNU, ASEC Digital Communications/WB4QDX, DEC East Central/K4BR, DEC GEMA/K5AES, DEC Handiham/N0FBV, DEC Metro Atlanta/W4IGE, DEC National Weather Service/Charleston/KB1WEI, DEC Northeast/AF4DN, ASEC Operations/KM4Z, ASEC Section Education/AC4MG

ECs:

Central:

Baldwin/K4DRS, Bibb/W4JMB, Bleckley/K4WF, Crawford/WB4NKU, Dodge/KC5AVR, Dooly/KK4REG, Houston/WB4EEL, Jasper/KM4JEX, Jones/N5BI, Lamar/N5FBI, Laurens/K4DBN, Macon/KI4BEO, Monroe/K4TLG, Peach/KK4WTO, Pulaski/N4TUA, Putnam/N0COW, Twiggs/KK4NUV, Washington/K4GK, Wheeler/KI4MNR, Wilkinson/WB4FNG

East Central:

Burke/K4BR, Columbia/K1OYQ, Jenkins/W4EIZ, Richmond/NY3Y

Metro Atlanta:

Atlanta/W2NP, Butts/K3GWK, Cherokee/KK4YQV, Clayton/AJ4GT, Cobb/KT4ED, Coweta/W1AJO, Dekalb/N4RAR, Fayette/KN4YZ, Gwinnett/W4IGE, Newton/WA4UJC, North Fulton/K4JLG, Paulding/K4DMF, Rockdale/WN4JC

Northeast:

Barrow/KJ4EX, Clarke/N4ZRA, Greene/KM4LFT, Hall/AF4GT, Jackson/KE4JLL, Morgan/KM4LS, Towns/W4VFZ, Walton/KJ4NMO

Northwest:

Fannin/KK4NTE, Gilmer/KK4NTC, Gordon/AF4DN, Pickens/K4SJR, Walker/W4LWC, Whitfield/K4HYJ

Southeast:

Bryan/KK1JE, Bulloch/KD4E, Chatham/K4SDJ, Effingham/KK1JE, Liberty/KT4KH, Screven/K4DE, Tattnall/KK4EHE

Southwest/W4AYK,

West Central:

Troup/N4VPI, Upson/KT4YP

Comments:

ASEC/DECs:

DEC Air Force/MARS/WB4BDP, AF MARS spent time preparing for the COMEX in early Nov. All traffic will be digital and encrypted. A new concept of State and Regional messages centers will be tested. The centers will route traffic based on special routing indicators that work like zip codes to clearly indicate to the software where the traffic should go. We are always trying new things. If you are interested in AF MARS, contact, AFS4GA@afmarsR4.org. We can also forward requests for Army MARS to them. Submitted by WB4EEL AF MARS State Director

DEC Central/WB4KNU, Most of my time this month was spent getting our new ECs appointed and in place Bleckley County Twiggs County, Taylor County, Jasper County and 2 new ADECs WA4RG Rick and KF4SZ Corbett

ASEC Digital Communications/WB4QDX, NE District Digital Training, Gainesville. Software updates applied to Georgia D-STAR repeaters for D-PLUS.

DEC East Central/K4BR, Very "quiet" month finally... Burke Medical Center is off the air temporarily - (1) no HF antenna because the installer did not put sealant tape on the PL-259 on the roof and the

coax is full of water (2) we still have not received the 40A power supply we ordered. I hope we'll soon be back on the air with two mixed-mode FM/D-STAR repeaters: 444.1 and 145.23.

DEC GEMA/K5AES, 1. WX4GMA was activated for portable Ops in the participation of the annual OCT SET. 2. Participated in ARES Special Ops webinar.

DEC Metro Atlanta/W4IGE, At our meeting this month our program was Emergency Power by Hal Collier W4IGE. We played out a Hurricane scenario for the SET with teams at the EOC, 2 Hospitals and multiple field stations.

DEC National Weather Service/Charleston/KB1WEI, Participated in 7 Regular ARES Nets My HF antenna is still down at the moment. There were no weather nets activated this month. Misc activities included a Hurricane article in the Region Newsletter.

DEC Northeast/AF4DN, Gordon ARES supported the Gordon Hospital Fun Run this month.

ASEC Operations/KM4Z, Participated in SET from the SOC. I mainly worked with the WINLINK check-ins. Attempted a "CW" contact but band conditions didn't allow it unfortunately. Good job everyone on your participation

ASEC Section Education/AC4MG, Processed 11 incoming ID Card requests. Total Active GA ARES ID Cards = 252

ECs:

Central:

Baldwin/K4DRS, Didn't have as many contacts with the special event station as we had hoped, but we still had a fun time. Also had a great discussion of portable antennas during setup/troubleshooting. We did have some foot traffic and online discussion.

Bibb/W4JMB, We had a great month in October. We were able to address the wins and losses on the hurricane activation and begin strategy discussions to determine how to quickly resolve those concerns. We also finished the install for Navicent Health in the Anderson Building. Our team successfully tested VHF/UHF/DSTAR/and HF modes and we will have a team there for November Hospital Net checking in for the first time in years. So all in all its been a great month.

Bleckley/K4WF, Attended SKYWARN Training, Completed Georgia Amateur Radio Emergency Service Basic Emergency Communications Training, Attended TRI County ARES Meeting.

Crawford/WB4NKU, I was not as active with EC Duties as with my DEC activities this month installing some new ECs and AECs for Central District. and contacting some of the ECs about their monthly reports or lack of..

Houston/WB4EEL, The monthly Tri-County ARES meeting was held Oct 26 with

seven Houston County members and six members from surrounding counties present. A Basic Skywarn Spotter was sponsored for public service members, amateur radio operators, and the public. Patricia "Trish" Atwell, a meteorologist with the NWS Peachtree City, presented the program.

Jones/N5BI, Thanks to everyone.

Lamar/N5FBI, New HF Antenna installation underway, should be completed in November. EOC will have 144/440 and HF 80/40 capability. Almost all of the items for the installation, including the HF radio, were donated, and we are receiving assistance from the City of Barnesville and Lamar County for the installation.

Laurens/K4DBN, Laurens county Hams had fun with SET this year, with all the frequency changes. Not to mention the different modes we had to set our radios for. Some of us stayed with it from start to finish.

Macon/KI4BEO, Macon County ARES participated in the SET with the EMA Director and the Chairman of the County Commissioners present. KI4BEO attended the Oct. EMAG meeting in Thomaston. KI4BEO, KI4KHC, and KK4RQH attended the Oct. LEPC meeting. KI4BEO, KI4KHC, and KK4RQH attended meeting with EMA Director and representatives from the nursing homes and the hospital concerning the new CMS rule. KI4BEO attended a meeting with the Taylor County EMA Director concerning the new CMS rule and discussed the EC position for Taylor County

Monroe/K4TLG, K4TLG and KM4JEX participated in the SET, for Monroe and Jasper Counties K4TLG provided training and instruction to KF4TC, in use and installation of FLmsg and Winlink. K4XRA held the MCARS meeting at a parking lot, setting up some radios and antennas... conducting a field operation. It was a very good success as several people came by and expressed interest in getting a Ham license. K4TLG and KM4JEX attended the MARC meeting. K4TLG assisted Macon-Bibb ARES in setting up Digital Communications in the Mobile Command Vehicle. K4TLG also gave a class on the proper use of ICS 205, ICS 206 and ICS 309. Total number of check-ins to the Central District Digital Net..69 Georgia ARES Traffic Net....88 K4tlg was NCS

Peach/KK4WTO, Peach County ARES was called on by the Peach County EMA to set up emergency communications. Peach County ARES also activated the Peach County Hospital radios for the SET and remained on site until the end of the SET, Peach County EMA director Mr. Doles and the Peach CO Sheriff Mr. Dease was also present for the SET the ARES members that were present for the SET were WA4RG, WA4JGH, KJ4DFP, NOHPU KK4WT0 WB4NKU KK4ZFD and KK4MJ

Pulaski/N4TUA, Developing packet radio capabilities

Putnam/N0COW, This report was filed by AF4MM Mickey Patterson AEC for Putnam and Greene Counties.

East Central:

Burke/K4BR, Very "quiet" month finally... Burke Medical Center is off the air temporarily - (1) no HF antenna because the installer did not

put sealant tape on the PL-259 on the roof and the coax is full of water (2) we still have not received the 40A power supply we ordered. I hope we'll soon be back on the air with two mixed-mode FM/D-STAR repeaters: 444.1 and 145.23.

Columbia/K1OYQ, Finally a slow month. The only major event this month was operating portable at the Knox Scout Reservation in Lincolnton, GA for JOTA. We set up a VHF and HF stations and had over a hundred Cub Scouts make contact with a group of hams that hiked up to Grave's Mountain in Lincolnton. The Cub Scouts also got to play around with CW and send their name using code oscillators and keys. The most popular item was the keyer and paddles. They just love to vary the speed and hold the dit paddle down. We all had a lot of fun.

Jenkins/W4EIZ, Been a slow month. Not much to report. Still working with EMA on getting equipment

Richmond/NY3Y, 1. No nets heard/conducted (? change to Wrens Repeater for future nets) 2. Augusta University Hospital has the equipment, still no dedicated room or Lead Operator 3. Doctor's Hospital D-Star 100%, however, staff still needs to become proficient in D-Star Operation. On the 28th Several members participated in a Soldering Workshop. This event was Co-sponsored by ARCCC and OSARCA. This was a great opportunity for members to learn Soldering basics... a skill that could be vital in restoring a station to mission capable status during an emergency.

Metro Atlanta:

Butts/K3GWK, Busy month in Butts County. The monthly meeting included a presentation on the Raspberry SBC by Jim Reed, N4BFR. Thirteen ARES members participated in the SET, Six Butts County ARES members assisted Morgan County ARES with the Spin for Kids bike ride. It is always a great event and a good portable operation opportunity. BC ARES members assisted with an exhibition and demos of ham radio during the week-long Butts County Fair. The Tuesday night digital net was run from the fair booth, which won a First Prize Award. Sixteen of our team members supported a challenging, night-time 5K race and Zombie Fun Run in Jenkinsburg. The monthly training net has been moved to Tuesday evening so that more time is available for the digital segment, 23:30 GMT on the WX4BCA VHF repeater. Several team members attended the DPH District Four Partner's meeting and training held in Griffin, very interesting presentation by Daniel Enfinger (Columbus DPH) about IRMA sheltering issues. Butts County ARES continues to support the County Health Department, providing operators for the weekly DPH Net. Value of October Volunteer Hours: \$7,640.31. Membership: 12 Deployable, 18 Active, 6 Pending. Happy Thanksgiving...

Cherokee/KK4YQV, Cherokee ARES continues to assist with VE Test Sessions, repeater site improvements on repeater coax/antenna, maintain the site. 58 hours were volunteered for 4 drills, tests and training and 3 site visits for repeater site maintenance with 30 hours. Total man hours were 88hrs.

Clayton/AJ4GT, Two-day ham technician class - passed with three new active Hams. Class held at Piedmont Henry Hospital education center for

two weekends. One Skywarn activation and five weekly training nets.

Cobb/KT4ED, Held a brief weather net as conditions seemed bad enough to warrant it, but nothing hit Cobb. Our weekly net is getting more participants and we are testing simplex routes, alternate repeaters, and monthly digital checks.

Coweta/W1AJO, Includes Matt Gonter AC4MG deployment to Puerto Rico - American Red Cross for Hurricane Maria.

Dekalb/N4RAR, We are continuing to teach Technician classes for the DeKalb Board of Health Georgia Medical Reserve unit.

Fayette/KN4YZ, The big news of the month was Hurricane Nate. We activated WX4PTC from 0700 - 1700 for this event. Thanks to W4OGM, KV4UD, KI4NGD, and KK4BCH. The annual SET conflicted with the Cystic Fibrosis bike ride, but we managed to support both. Our other big event was the annual Peachtree City Classic Road Race. 10 of us supported about 1400 runners for this race. Lewis, WD4GTY, did his usual support of the Red Cross at a UGA home game. I attended the Fall meeting of District 4 Public Health EP Partners. We had a fascinating presentation by Mr. Darrell Enfinger concerning the shelter operations at the Columbus Civic Center during Hurricane Irma. Lots of great lessons learned. We had the usual section level meetings for AG4ZR and KN4YZ and the usual nets.

Gwinnett/W4IGE, At our meeting this month our program was Emergency Power by Hal Collier W4IGE. We played out a Hurricane scenario for the SET with teams at the EOC, 2 Hospitals and multiple field stations.

Newton/WA4UJC, We continue to assist the Newton/Covington 911 Center by deploying several operators each week to weather siren locations and reporting to the NCS the condition of their operation. This information is forwarded to the 911 center. We have been doing this for over 5 years and as a result, the system has become more reliable.

North Fulton/K4JLG, Work on our normal digital training this month focusing on FLDIGI & FLMSG 213. Called for assistance from North American Mission Board in Alpharetta to help with communication to Puerto Rico for 21 days after Irma delivering Winlink connection from the states to Puerto Rico. Communication was primarily held on 14.265 and 7.265 MHZ.

Paulding/K4DMF, The new tower for our primary repeater is now done with all Heliac runs complete and the grounding of all feed lines and the tower is complete. By the time this report is published, the repeater should be moved from the current temporary location to the new home and back on the air. Preliminary testing of the antennas on the new tower indicate complete success with a large footprint for the signals from this new tower location as we had hoped. This project was completed with the exceptionally generous donation of time, talent, and materials from member John Morgan K4SSE and his company. Of course, the countless hours of the other volunteer team members too numerous to mention along with the technical expertise of Neal Griggs KC4YCM made this monumental project a success. Now we will have a great 2 meter repeater with a link to the 440 repeater located in the far western quadrant of Paulding

County. We are anxious to test our footprint so would ask you to check in with us on 146.955 minus with 77 Hz tone. The linked repeater on 443.475 plus with 77 Hz tone was not affected by this move, but give us a call if you can hit either machine so we can get a sense of footprint available. We participated in the SET from our Hospital and utilized another opportunity for training. Next on our agenda is to restore our 440 D Star repeater to operation after we catch our breath from the last few months of other projects. Our 2 meter D Star remains on the air along with our Winmor node. As work progresses on the new 911 Center, they are working on the preparation of cable runs and antennas so we will have a position in the new 911 Center. Unfortunately, the timing of this project is not in our control, but I will report progress on this project as it is made.

Rockdale/WN4JC, WX4RCA is still in process of now getting a 440 repeater operating from county annex using tower on site. 440 frequencies have been obtained and looking forward to getting repeater up and running!
WN4JC

Northeast:

Barrow/KJ4EX, Can I take NEXT MONTH off? Oct 8th – Hurricane Nate (track) remnants were forecast to pass directly over Barrow County. ARES Members notified to be on watch. (remember IRMA?) October 15th - Spin For Kids 2017 (Radio operations were organized by KM4LS, Bill Ronay, EC for Morgan County) Spin For Kids is Camp Twin Lakes' annual fundraising bike ride that helps provide life-changing camp experiences for children with serious illnesses, disabilities, or other life challenges. On October 15th at Camp Twin Lakes Rutledge, our riders' fundraising efforts culminate in a fun and fulfilling ride that winds through the scenic back roads of beautiful Morgan County, Georgia. Georgia Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) operators from 6 counties provided course communications between HQ/Net Control, each Rest Stop, and mobile Motorcycle and Vehicle rovers across Morgan County in this all-day event. Was a GREAT event this year, approximately 700 or so riders on 6 courses ranging from 5 miles to 100 miles. We'll be back next year. Oct 25th – North Georgia Health System, Full-Scale Severe Weather Exercise, from the NGHS-Barrow Campus in Winder, GA. EXERCISE Recap 10/25/2017 Barrow County GA ARES participated in a North Georgia Hospital System, Full-Scale Exercise today. ARES operators provided critical communications between the Regional Coordinating Hospital in Gainesville, GA. (Region "B"), the NGHS Barrow Hospital here in Winder, GA. (Region "E"), and others across Northeast GA. One piece of formal message traffic was passed, along with 16 pieces of informal traffic (Winder - Gainesville). The exercise scenario was weather-related, and Winder took a tornado hit at the Winder Walmart. Communications traffic included bed availability, patient transfer capabilities, and more. They also suffered a "Comm Out" (for exercise purposes) and relied entirely on Barrow ARES Operators to pass traffic to the RCH and back. We shined. We have 13 ARES members here in Barrow, 7 participated today. 55% - Awesome Net control : WE4EOC – Hall County EOC ARES Radio Room Regional Coordinating Hospital NG4HS – NEGA Medical Center, Gainesville ARES Radio Room North Georgia Hospital System-Barrow, Winder WR4BC – Mike Wolcott, W4WYI, Hospital Radio room Barrow Hosp Incident Command N2FEP – Dave Atwell Barrow Hosp – ARES Mobile 1 KJ4EX – Bill Wilson Barrow County ARES Emergency Coordinator

Barrow County ARES Local Net / Control 145.130 MHz K9CRB – Don Imbody
Local Net Checkins - K1DGW – Davis Wallace AJ2TX – Bill Allen Barrow
CERT/ARES very own Victim, WD4EDE – Nancy Wolcott Thank You all for a
great exercise, we earned a few points today in many aspects. And to
Mike, David, and Nancy, special thanks for your performances today.
Bill Wilson – KJ4EX, Barrow County ARES EC NNNN

Greene/KM4LF, Larry Gage (KM4LFT) was appointed EC for Greene County,
replacing Tony Nuetzi who opted to step down after 19 years as EC.

Hall/AF4GT, October was a busy month for Hall County ARES, starting with
the monthly GHA radio net on the first Sunday. Several members checked
into the GA ARES SET nets and the Hall County VHF SET net on Oct 7. At
the monthly meeting on Oct 9, members discussed the impact on ARES of
the FirstNet program designed to provide first responders with a
hardened, reliable data communications network. On Oct 21, Ron Harris,
AF4GT, set up his go box along with the Banks/Jackson EC, Bob Herrin,
KE4JLL, at a church in Jefferson GA for the Boy Scout JOTA. Scouts from
3 different troops talked on the radio to other scouts and learned about
amateur radio as a hobby and ARES' support of public service events
and emergency communications for emergency management agencies,
hospitals, and the Red Cross. On Oct 25, Hall ARES, Barrow ARES, and
Union County ARES participated in the GHA Region B Full Scale Exercise,
a severe weather drill for the hospitals and other medical facilities in
the region. Several ICS-213 messages were passed between the hospitals
during a simulated telephone outage. On Oct 28, GA ARES conducted a
digital training class at the Hall County EOC for operators in the
Northeast Georgia District. The experienced and talented instructors
gave the attendees the basics of Winlink, Fldigi, and D-RATS, and
encouraged them to "Practice, Practice, Practice." The Hall County
ARES Weekly Training Net meets on the last Wednesday of each month on
the alternate repeater, W4TL, 145.31, (-), tone 123.

Jackson/KE4JLL, Jackson/Banks ARES members provided communications
support to the American Red Cross during two University of Georgia home
football games. EC consulted with GEMA representative, local ARES
member, and Habersham hospital personnel establishing a ham station at
the hospital. Coordinated digital training for the NE District, which
was conducted at the Hall County EOC.

Morgan/KM4LS, Camp Twin Lakes - Rutledge, GA SPIN FOR KIDS was a total
success. 19 ops at 4 rest stops and NCS made sure all went well for the
over 800 riders among the five heats of the day. No injuries and only a
couple breakdowns were reported. We are all set up for 2018! Then new
F6 dual-band antenna served us flawlessly. It is in-place for this
event and all others needing reliable antennae. Bill Wilson, KJ4EX, our
Technical NCS set up a redundant system to make sure no glitches
developed. Event Director Morgan Koon is quite impressed...

Walton/KJ4NMO, We conducted local S.E.T. nets on our VHF and UHF
repeaters. We also participated in the hurricane emergency nets.

Northwest:

Fannin/KK4NTE, October has been a quiet month outside of the SET. Our
group continues to train for EMCOMM and are going to refresh our members

on Winlink operations. The next couple of months will be interesting with the holidays coming up. 73!

Gilmer/KK4NTC, SET exercise Question: "Number of Net's this month" - does that include all that members signed into? Suggestion; Add the column for a total number of hours spent on Nets.

Gordon/AF4DN, Gordon ARES supported the Gordon Hospital Fun Run this month.

Whitfield/K4HYJ, October was a normal month for ARES - lots of training nets including the SET on Oct 7. For SET locally, we conducted nets on D-Rats and FM. We also participated in the state SET nets on HF including voice and PSK-125, and via Winlink.

Southeast:

Bryan/KK1JE, Combined county operation with Effingham County. Bulloch and Screven County are now a separate combined county operation. We activated the Effingham County Hospital on a going forward basis.

Bulloch/KD4E, Weekly ARES Net (4 Hams present at EOC each Net session for training), Weekly Hospital Net, VE Session

Effingham/KK1JE, Combined county operation with Effingham County. Bulloch and Screven County are now a separate combined county operation. We activated the Effingham County Hospital on a going forward basis.

Liberty/KT4KH, No local net this month, only checked in to those nets listed. Hurricane Irma activation.

Screven/K4DE, Combined county operations - Bulloch & Screven. Activities listed as Screven-only include 1 weekly check-in to Tuesday Net, a Test from the Hospital, and a check-in to a Traffic Net.

West Central:

Troup/N4VPI, October is always a busy month, with the SET, MS150, and the LaGrange Hamfest. This year for the SET we activated two EOC's, the Wellstar West Georgia Medical Center, and the Red Cross. The local vhf net produced seventeen check-ins. The ARES group completed all tasks with check-ins to the SSB nets, DStar net, D-Rats, Winlink, CW, Hospital Net (213) and PSK. For the MS150 we had approximately 400 riders participating in the two-day event. The number of ham working the event were fourteen. The event had no accidents or incidents. The last event was the LaGrange Hamfest. Thanks to our two vendors, RtSystems and Tower Electronics for their support. Just an update on the equipment request for the Wellstar West Georgia Medical Center, the equipment requested arrived last week. We are in the process of setting up a new location for the additional transceiver and replacing the existing antenna.

Upton/KT4YP, Reinstalled Hospital Repeater 444.450. Reconfigured 147.390 Repeater with new 3 port link switch. Changes Wiresx Node over to 444.450 Repeater with new node UHF Antenna. multiple trips to 147.390 Repeater for Lightning Arrestor and Audio Connector Problems and

Reinstalling GE Repeater and Controller.

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