



ARES Field Reports

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Report: Form 4
Division: Great Lakes
Section: Ohio
Month/Year: February 2023
History: Reported by Bret Stemen, KD8SCL, SEC on 2023-03-20 19:48:38 UTC

Total number of ARES members:	1,426
Difference in ARES members from previous month:	-5
Number of DECs/ECs reporting this month:	54
Total number of DECs/ECs appointed in section:	82
Number of ARES net sessions held:	589
Number of ARES net sessions held with NTS liaison:	326
Number of participants in nets:	3,357

	Number	Person-Hrs
Exercises this month:	102	942.00
Training events this month:	120	1,985.00
Public service events this month:	25	357.00
Community service events this month:	33	321.00
Emergency events this month:	0	0.00
SKYWARN events this month:	13	421.00
Meetings this month:	132	525.00
Unclassified events this month:	987	2,145.00

Call signs of DECs/ECs reporting:

DEC: WD8PNZ, KB8PSL, W8DBL, KC8ITN, N8SUZ, AA8BN, KC8NZJ. EC: W1ALW, KC8FEL, KE8DRR, KD8IZU, W8CEN, KD8GSI, KC8PBU, KB8IUO, WB8UCD. N8NSD, KD8KIR, KE8FMJ, WA1EIB, KA5RUC, NJ8BB, N8KZL, WF8B KC8EGV, WB8YHD, KA8OAD, W8DLB, K8MDA, KE8JNH, AF8RJ, KE8CVP, N8PVC, N8PVC, KI8N, N8CJ, N8ME, KE8ECT, KC8ITN, KE8ANU, N8SUZ, KD8GSP, KG6DI, KB8IIH, KD8JXP, AA8BN, WD8SDH, W8PAB, W8VYR, KE8JNN, N8NUS, KE8QNV, K8CVM, N8ONI, WB8ZGH, K8ALG, K8MD

Activity Details:

District 1: WD8PNZ, DEC: The Districts Northwest Ohio Traffic and Training Net had 231 Checkins, passed 143 pieces of traffic in 625 minutes in 31 sessions.

District 2: KA8VBR, DEC: No Report Received

District 3: KB8PSL, DEC: Total number of participants 102. Dayton Skywarn had an activation on 2/27 for a Tornado Watch & Tornado Warnings in their coverage area. MoCo ARES held its General Meeting on 2/28. Miami County - Nets 2/5/2023 2/12/2023 2/19/2023 2/26/2023 Sunday Digital Net 0 0 0 0 Sunday Voice Net 31 7 35 33 31 7 35 33 106 2/2/2023 2/9/2023 2/16/2023 2/23/2023 Thursday Net 15 13 14 18 60 Total Net Hours 166 Training Attendees Total Hours RACES meeting 10 20 MCARC meeting 22 55 Skywarn: AA8TI, KD8LDA 2 4 Total Training Hours 79 WX Nets # Checkins Hours Total Feb 27 Tornado Warning/Watch 16 3 48 Total WX Nets Hours 48. Greene County - GCARES members continue to be active with weekly GCARES, Greene County and Section DMR, BARC, UVARC, GCARES Digital, Winlink, D3, OHDEN, & Ohio Emergency Prep nets; emergency weather nets, Zoom meetings, Zoom training, on air and on phone training. Public Service Events and in person club meetings for all local clubs..Virtual Weather Spotter training this month and SKYWARN activation. Preble County - One skywarn activation. Monthly meeting training on task book, connectors and power poles.

District 4: N8TFD, DEC: No Report Received

District 5: W8HFZ, DEC: No Report Received

District 6: W8DBL, DEC: No Commnet

District 7: KC8ITN, DEC: FRANKLIN COUNTY: The Arnold Sports Festival at the GCCC is under way as of now, March 3, 2023. FCOHARES deployed a multi-receiver repeater to cover all of the places that radio communication will be needed. ARES is preparing for additional events this spring and summer taking advantage of formal training. In addition to meeting with FCEMHS monthly with other amateur radio organizations, we're working to improve radio coverage in Franklin County so that HT use is reliable. LICKING COUNTY: We continue to have our ARES nets on the first and third Wednesday of the month, members are also participating/checking into other ARES nets in surrounding counties. In addition, ARES members participate in regular traffic nets, club nets, weekly luncheons (have been suspended until warmer weather) and various meetings. This month's points of emphasis included: communication support for the Columbus Road Runners Winter Run, severe thunderstorm warning, encourage members to participate in upcoming Skywarn training by NWS. Also, met with the Licking County EMA assistant director and ARES AEC-Cert Liaison to review the status of our ARES/CERT communication trailer renovations. Contesting continues to be encouraged and some operators participated in ARRL DXWW contest and Carolina QSO Parties. UNION COUNTY: We had a busy February in Union County. We have been working on refurbishing the HF beam antenna after getting that taken down from the tower. We got a kit for it and have been taking the all the elements apart, cleaning them, cleaning the traps out, putting new plastic caps on the traps and antenna elements and putting them back together. We soldered together some PL259 connectors on RG8 coax to make some jumpers at our February ARES meeting. We have been doing our weekly ARES net on the repeater followed by a simplex diginet on Monday nights, except for the 3rd Monday, which is our ARES meeting night. Everyone is getting pretty proficient at using FLDIGI and FLMSG. We still run into some technical issues here and there with it. It is good to keep in practice using it. We also participated in the CQ World Wide 160m contest at the EMA station. We operated on Friday from around 5pm until around 4am and on Saturday night from around 5pm until around 4am. We had a good tu rn out and took turns logging and making contacts. The 160m loop antenna we put up behind the EMA station worked really well. We made around 275 contacts with it while fighting a RF noise

issue we think is power line related. We have been working with our local power company to try to get it resolved. Attached are a few pictures of the HF Beam antenna work and also from the 160m contest . 73, Ed, KE8ANU DELAWARE COUNTY: Training sessions for February were included in January report. MARION COUNTY: We have not had much going on here. Working with members to get all set up for FLDIGI and WIN Links Gathering information on the total eclipse April 8 202

District 8: N8SUZ, DEC: Counties reporting: Athens, Jackson, Meigs, Scioto EC comments: Athens: VE session Mon March 20, 7 PM at end of Tech license classes. Athens Red Cross Upcoming public service events: Iron Furnace Trail Run Saturday, April 1, Lake Hope. Athens Marathon Sunday April 16 Hockhocking Adena bike path. Athens hamfest Sunday April 30 8 A to noon Athens Community Center. VE session 10 AM

District 9: AA8BN, Continuing packet network development in d9. Thanks to N8GD Jefferson county AEC for his knowledge on network development and detailed documents he wrote about D9 network, packet radio, winlink , BBS and the use of same. Thank you D9 sysops and those running bpq systems N8GD, N2LC and WX8OH.... Working toward Ares exercise involving hospital messaging within D9 AA8BN DEC..... County comments received..... Coshocton Comments: Preparing for Ares hospital exercise, working with HICS forms and others through digital and voice nets. AA8BN EC..... Guernsey. Comments: The monthly ARES training focused on using FLDIGI. The EC met with the county EMA director to discuss ARES support for the EOC... WD8SDH EC..... Jefferson. Comments: 1. Fldigi and message handling training continues once every week. 2. I have attached a report showing how many of our members are spending their time with amateur radio,. .. W8PAB EC.....

District 10: KC8NZJ, DEC: KB8TGT - Computer problems delayed my report. Ashtabula: KE8JW - We have several people checking in for the Monday Night net. Cuyahoga: K8SAS - Includes hours from outside events and nets. Geauga: AD8G - Ohio Winter Rally kicked off this year's public service season. Was fun, GEARS got great reviews. Lake: KB8BKE - (none) Lorain: KC8CAD - Ongoing training in simplex operations. Work started on training plan for members. Medina: K8MD - (none).

Administrative and Other Comments:

Ohio Section: KD8SCL, SEC: Activities are ramping up in the section, planning for exercises, events, meetings and hamfests. Planning has started for the 2024 solar eclipse throught out the state. Ohio NVIS Day is coming up in April and Dayton Hamvention in May.

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