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## **ARES Leadership and Organizational Changes**

By Bill Niemuth, KB9ENO, SEC WI

Good news in Lafayette County! **Nelson Kari, KB9QDL**, is its new EC! Nelson spent some time in Dodge County and was on the Dodge County Emergency Response team. We are happy to have Nelson on duty and look forward to having him part of the WI ARES/RACES Leadership team. Welcome Nelson!

After a long search for a replacement for **Jerry Knudson, KB9PJN**, we have had to close the Trempealeau County ARES/RACES program. We are talking with an individual who might be interested come fall, but at this time the program is closed and we will address any communication requests through mutual assistance. Thanks to Jerry for his years of service!

## **Open House at NWS La Crosse – September 14, 2006**

Offered by John Kuntz, EC Grant and Crawford Counties

The La Crosse National Weather Service (NWS) is hosting an **OPEN HOUSE** on Thursday, September 14 from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to come tour the facility, meet the staff, and see how warnings and forecasts are issued for 28 counties in parts of Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

The open house will include:

- Details of the forecast operations area
- Demonstrations of the state-of-the-art computer workstations
- Severe weather procedures and communications
- Background on NOAA All Hazards Weather Radio
- Examples of weather observation equipment, including Doppler Radar
- Amateur radio communications
- Regional county Incident Command Vehicles

NWS La Crosse is located just east of the city of La Crosse, on the ridge tops north of Grandad's Bluff. The last open house was in 1999.

We hope to see you on Thursday, September 14 from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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## **Citizens Corps Conference**

Provided by Terri Leece, Director of Disaster Services, the Salvation Army, Wisconsin/Upper Michigan Division

Please click on the below link to access the information and registration form for the Citizens Corps Conference upcoming on September 13 and 14 in Oconomowoc, WI.

<http://wemsa.com/docs/Citizen%20Corps%20Conference%20Bochure.pdf>

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## **In-Flow WI Coordinator's Board**

Provided by Dave Levorson, N9KNY, AEC for Skywarn, Marathon County

We have added a new topic to the [INFLOW-WI](http://www.inflow-wi.org/) (<http://www.inflow-wi.org/>) Forum page called **Coordinator's Board**.

This board will serve as a place to post newsletters, calendars, updates etc, by any coordinator from SM down to AEC if they choose to do so.

I encourage the Executive and Senior Leadership of WI ARES/RACES to consider this as another opportunity to get their word out to all the corners.

Any questions, please contact me anytime.

Thank you,

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## **M&M Amateur Radio Club HAT Reaches New Heights!**

By Pete Johnson, AB9PJ, DEC NEW, EC Oconto County

Well, the Ham Assistance Team (HAT) has been busy again. After the July 29 tower raising at **Jed Buechler's, K9JDB**, house, we found the need to set up at the Menominee, MI Waterfront Festival. Set-up was Friday, August 4, in which a tri-band HF dipole was strung for the **W8PIF (M&M ARC)** special event station, which included activating the nearby lighthouse.

Then, the big one! This past Sunday morning the Ham Assistance Team provided ground crew support to a commercial climber who hung the new Comprod 4-element 2-meter (VHF) antenna at 401 feet (center radiation) including the new Andrew 7/8" feedline. The M&M ARC 2-meter (147.000, PL 107.2) repeater now has a larger footprint! Thanks to all who made it possible.

The next project is at the tower site at Rangeline Road in Menominee, MI. This project will consist of ground cleanup and the need to clear a few trees. Chainsaws are needed. Please let me know if you have one to bring.

Also, the M&M ARC Ham Assistance Team will head out to Antigo, WI to assist the Langlade County ARES group in the near future. Details to follow.







## **An Example of What Wind Can Do to Airplanes**

Provided by Mark Johnson, KC9HAN, Waupaca County ARES/RACES Member

Each year **Mark Johnson, KC9HAN**, volunteers his time to help park visiting airplanes at Outagamie County's Regional Airport in support of the EAA. This year, despite tying these airplanes down, the wind proved to be the stronger force. Fortunately, no one was hurt.

This goes to show, our Skywarn activities are especially critical when outdoor events are occurring, especially concerts, or the EAA.



# Eighth Annual Wisconsin ARES/RACES Conference

Saturday, October 28, 2006, 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

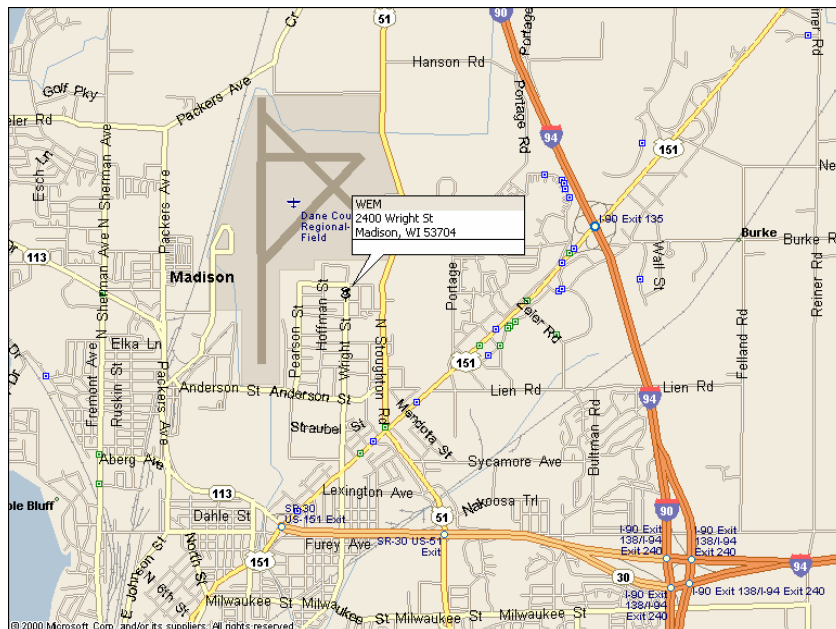
Department of Military Affairs, Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM)  
2400 Wright Street  
Madison WI 53707-7865

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Please join us for the eighth annual ARES/RACES Conference (formerly the Leadership Conference)! This year's conference is open to everyone interested in ARES/RACES. The invitation is open to EMs, NWS and private disaster relief personnel, etc. We will have the opportunity to tour the remodeled WEM Emergency Operations Center. Box lunches will be served at noon. Cost for the conference is \$8.00, which includes the box lunch and beverage. Payment will be collected at the conference and registration is required.. It needs to be received by **October 21, 2006**. Please complete the registration form online at <http://www.wi-aresraces.org/2006confreg.htm> or on the attached. **A registration should be completed for each attendee, including nonARES/RACES personnel.**

In addition to the WEM EOC tour, informational sessions, and for the first time, select workshops will be offered. Updates on the 2006 WI ARES/RACES priorities will be also provided. It is important you attend this conference with an open mind and learn as much as possible. We will also have the opportunity for networking, which is extremely important. Take the opportunity to talk with someone you don't know and learn from each other. Tomorrow, you may be reliant upon them for emergency communications support.

Please invite your County Emergency Management Coordinator or your Red Cross or Salvation Army's Director! It will be well worthwhile and give you the opportunity to display the strength and professionalism of Wisconsin ARES/RACES! See you there!



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