

ARES 2008 Review

Section Staff 2009-01-10



Highlights

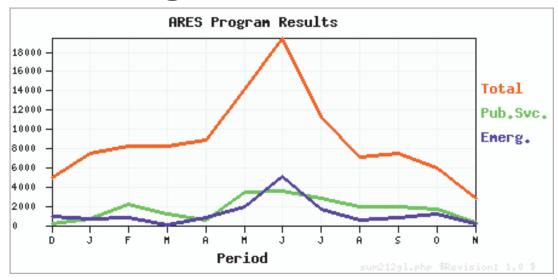
- Strong response to June storms
- Improvements in reporting
- Two EC meetings well attended
- Excellent SET

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June Storms

- A series of storms pummeled the state in May and June
- Programs responded well, in many cases taking on new duties

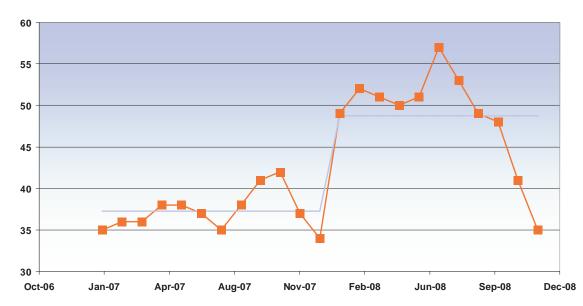




Reporting

Although we would still like to see improvement, reporting was up significantly over last year







Meetings

- Two EC meetings held last year for the first time in a long time
 - Spring meeting in the UP
 - comparatively small turnout
 - Fall meeting in Lansing
 - Good turnout in spite of conflicts with opening day, Fort Wayne hamfest

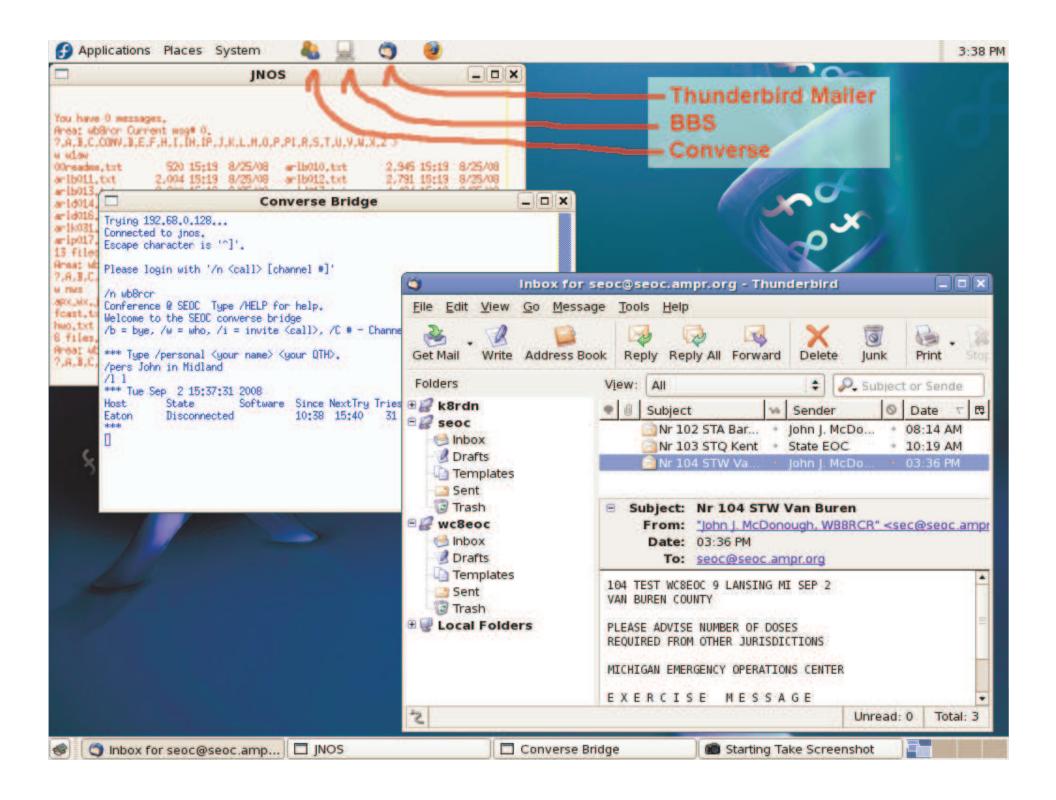
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SET

- SET held early to avoid conflict with first day of bow season
- SEOC received about 5 times as much traffic as usual, sent out huge amount of traffic
- Excellent liaison with EMO
- Somewhat shaky support for MVDF
- Exposed significant infrastructure issues

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Going Forward

- Will have one exercise per quarter
 - Continue SET on official date
 - Focused exercise other quarters
- Will have one meeting per quarter
 - Fourth quarter meeting held in Lansing as usual
 - Other quarters will use "non-traditional" meeting methods
 - Exploring video, audio, web, Echolink, etc.
- Need to emphasize training/exercises
 - Not clear what shape that will take
- Work on improving documentation



Questions?

