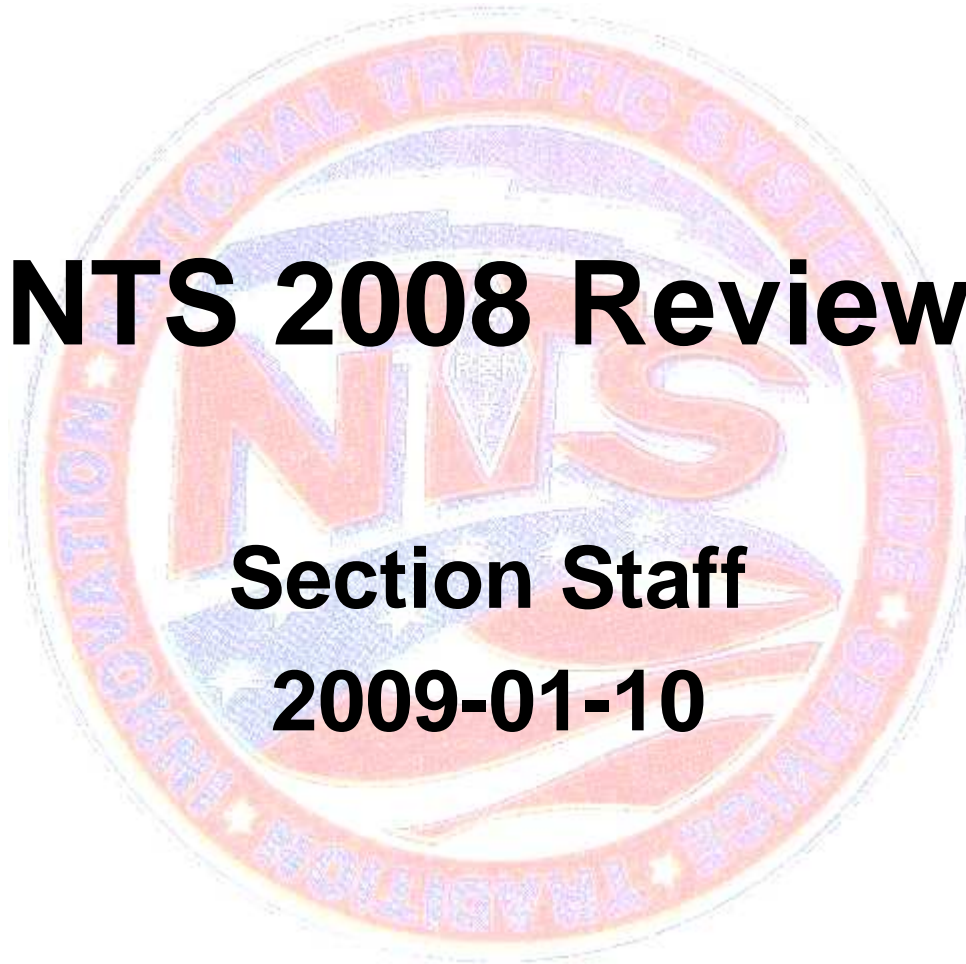




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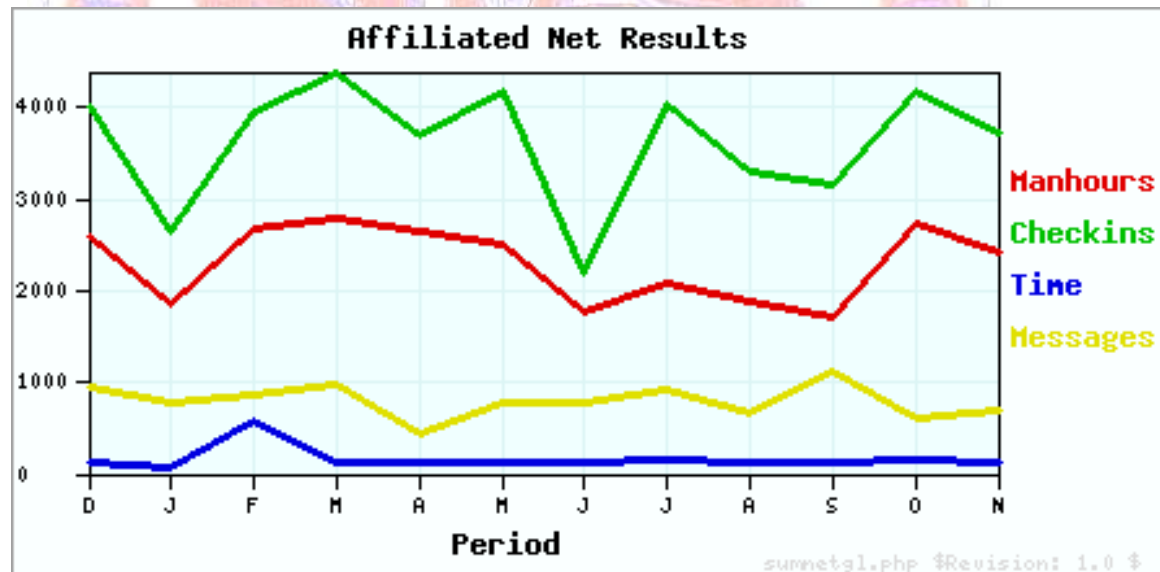
Highlights

- Traffic steady
- PSHR Reporting up
- MVTN New name, new progress
- SET close work between NTS, ARES
- Joint MITN/QMN meeting at convention



Traffic

- Nets reported steady activity in spite of poor conditions
- Many NTS members responding to conditions by shifting times, frequencies
- Much traffic moved by schedule (like pre-NTS days) on 160, VHF



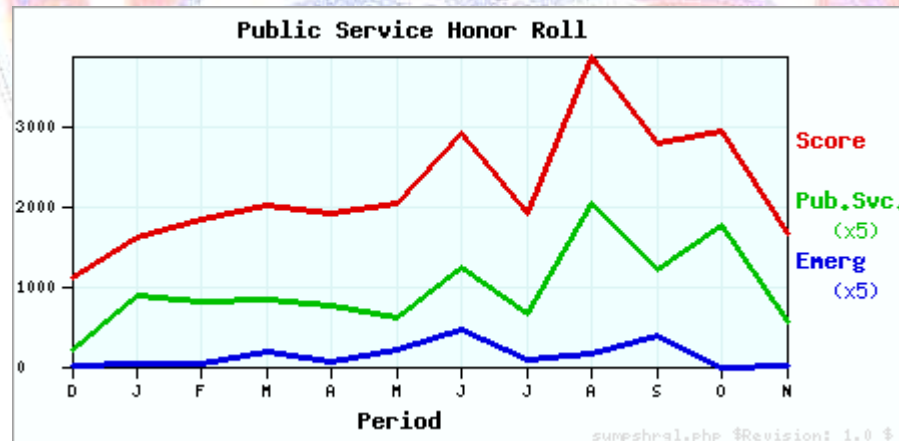
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Public Service Honor Roll

- PSHR reporting is up over the year
- Many reports from newer hams
- Aggressive VHF nets partly to blame



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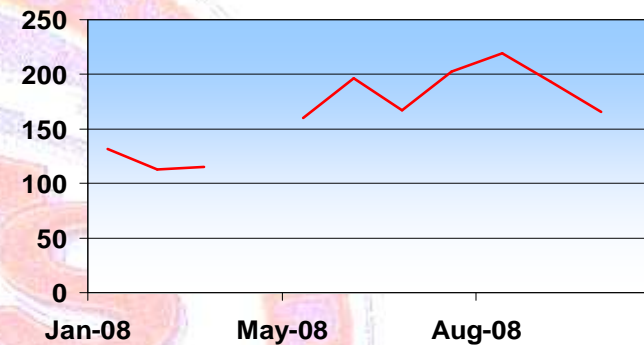
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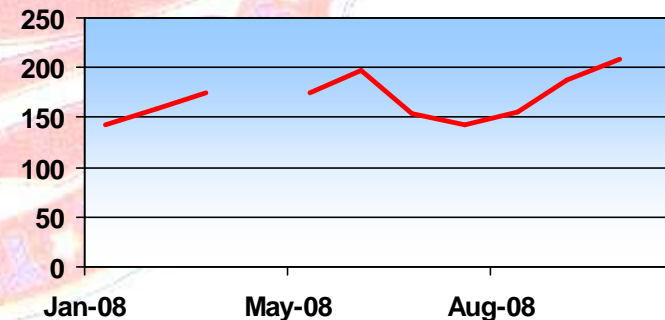
MVTN

- The WMTN has been renamed to the **Michigan VHF Traffic Net**
- Net has formalized its liaison to other nets
- Net aggressively recruits and trains new traffic handlers

Checkins



Traffic





SET Participation

- Net managers for the four affiliated VHF nets took the lead for SET
- ARES members sought out NTS members for guidance
- While top level was NTS, most next level was ARES so good cooperation



Joint MITN/QMN meeting

- QMN and MITN are the primary NTS nets in the section
 - QMN is CW, MITN phone
- Joint meeting held at state convention in Kalamazoo
- Joint meeting gave members a chance to share concerns, issues
- Nets working together to get more consistent coverage of 8RN



Challenges

- Winter conditions continue to be more difficult each year
 - MITN, QMN having much trouble meeting
 - MACS (daytime) picking up slack
- Continued difficulty in filling leadership positions



Questions?



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