

## Mississippi Section Report for December 2011

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Seventy plus Hams enjoyed an On-the-Air New Years Eve Party on 3862 beginning at 11 PM on December 31. NCS W5MLO passed out Cajun Humor and W5XX summarized the year's Mississippi Section activities which turned out to be much more information than could be fit into an hour's net session. These topics covered major events, EMCOMM activities, public service, awards, experimentation, new hams, upgrades, and silent keys. A complete copy of the W5XX Summary is available from w5xx@vicksburg.com.

The next upcoming event on the Mississippi Ham Calendar is the Capital City Hamfest on January 27-28 at the Trade Mart in Jackson. Our guest ARRL Rep will be Ward Silver, N0AX, who is a prolific writer as well as being the editor of the ARRL Handbook, the ARRL Antenna Book, and lead author for the Technician, General, and Extra License Manuals. Ward will be making a presentation on antenna matching techniques and will be at the ARRL Booth to answer you questions. An additional Trade Mart Bay will be open this year to ensure that enough Flea Market tables are available. The festivities will start at 5 PM on Friday Night and conclude with the main prize drawings during the afternoon on Saturday. For more information see <http://www.msham.org/hamfest.php> or email to [hamfest@msham.org](mailto:hamfest@msham.org). See you there!

Santa did come to Smithville for three children this year thanks to the Northeast Mississippi Radio Amateurs of Itawamba County. The NEMRA adopted a family in which the father was the victim of a house fire only weeks before the EF-5 tornado swept through Smithville on April 27. The tornado took all the family had except their lives. Thanks to the Habitat for Humanity and local community groups and churches the family now has a furnished house and transportation, and thanks to NEMRA, there was plenty under the tree on Christmas morning. From the looks of the pictures in the latest NEMRA Newsletter (published by KE5SSB) Santa must have needed an 18 wheeler instead of a sleigh to get all to the presents to Smithville!

Magnolia Section Net Manager K5DSG plotted the checkins for 2009, 2010, and 2011 by month in a bargraph format which shows an increase in net checkins for every month over the 36 month period! The number of monthly checkins for January 2009 was 701 which climbed to 1296 for December 2011. Good Show! If you are an early riser, check into the Net each day at 6 AM on 3862.5 except on holidays and weekends at 7 AM. A copy of the Magnolia Net Bargraph is available from k5dsg@arrl.net.

From below the AM Broadcast band WD2XSH/2 (W5THT) reports that he now has 9,429 transmitting hours and 166 CW QSOs on 600 Meters. Remember the World Radio Conference starts on January 23

in Geneva. We'll shortly find out during the Conference whether we get a new 600M allocation.

QSK Checker KC5LK reports that he checked a card from J85HS making 100 confirmed on 6 by W5XX and completing 10 Band DXCC. This is the second known 10BDXCC in Mississippi. N5ORT was the first a few months ago. W5XX indicates it took 40 years to do it. Don't try this at home unless you have a lot of vertical steel and horizontal aluminum – HI.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in December: KF5NSK, Joe – Gulfport; KF5NSL, Stanley – Saucier; KF5NVB, John – Starkville; KF5NVC, Anthony – Jackson; KF5NWE, Mickie – Carriere; KF5NWF, Dylan – Lumberton; KF5NWL, Mark – Russell; KF5NWS, James – Meridian; KF5NWT, David – Kosciusko; KF5NYP, Syla – Gulfport; KF5NYQ, Brandon – Gulfport; KF5NYR, Jewel – Biloxi; and KF5NYS, Darrin – Biloxi.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in September: WB5AHZ – New Albany; WB5DJX – Lumberton; K5FSP – Columbia; WB5IKD – Senatobia; N5JPX – Pontotoc; N5KDV – Natchez; N3MHJ – Poplarville; KF5NJJ – Columbus; KF5NSK – Gulfport; KF5NSL – Saucier; KF5NWF – Lumberton; KF5NYN Southaven; KF5RJJ – Long Beach; and KE5SZZ – Hattiesburg. The Mississippi ARRL Membership is now 1098 down 1 from last month. 1100 is site in site. Keep pushing!

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KF5AFZ – Picayune; KF5KQV – Biloxi; KF5KSP – Madison; KE5LFP – Biloxi; KF5LQB – Carriere; KF5MYX – Canton; KF5NWL – Russell; and KE5QHQ – Ocean Springs.

Also congratulations to the new officers of the Central Mississippi ARA: KF5EZZ, President; WX5H, VP; KE5MLL, Secretary; KF5IZ, Treasurer; and Board Members KE5YDY, N8OEL, and KD8BMA, and for the Hattiesburg ARC: AG5Z, President; N4FF, VP; W5TUT, Secretary; and K5IJX, Secretary.

And lastly congratulations to W5UE who won the certificate for single operator high score (low power) in Mississippi in the 2011 CQWW 160 Contest and to K2FF who placed first in Mississippi in the SSB Single operator assisted category (high power).

Club Newsletters/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), Mississippi Coast ARA (KB9ZR), Northeast Mississippi ARA (KE5SSB), and the Tishomingo County ARC (KU4WW).

DEC/EC Reports: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), KF5EZZ (AEC) Pearl River, AE5FE (Lauderdale/Clarke), WX5N (Prentiss/Tishomingo), WV1Q (Jasper), and KE5WJN (Pearl River).

Regret to report the passing of K5ELN of Jackson.

HF Net Reports - sessions/QNI/QTC (Net Manager)

Magnolia Section Net 31/1296/23(K5DSG)

MS Baptist Hams Net 3/27/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 31/2954/31 (K5NRK)

MS Slow Net 22/57/0 (W3TWD)

MTN/OZK 28/102/9 (K5DMC)

VHF Net Reports - sessions/QNI/QTC (Net Manager)

Booneville and Prentiss County ARES 4/63/0 (WX5N)

Capital Area Em Net 4/66/0 (K5XU)

Delta ARES Net 3/33/0 (K5JAW)

Grenada/Yalobusha ARES Net 4/28/0 (KE5MIS)

Hattiesburg AEN 4/86/0 (K5MIQ)

Itawamba County ARES 4/41/0 (KB5NMB)

Jackson ARC Em Net 4/31/0 (N5DU)

Magnolia DX Assn 4/45/0 (K5OAZ)

Meridian Area EN 4/34/1 (AE5FE)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 3/39/0 (K5GCY)

Mississippi Coast ARA 4/32/0 (K5KMU)

Miss/Lou Em Net 4/38/1 (K5NRK)

NE MS Skywarn 4/70/0 (W5LMW)

Panola County ARES 2/14/0 (KC5DPJ)

Pearl River County ARES 4/52/0 (KE5WJN)

Rankin County ARES 5/53/0 (KF5EZT)

Scott County ARES Net 4/44/0 (K1REZ/W5JMJ)

South MS YL Net 5/52/0 (K5IJ)

South Central Skywarn and Jasper County ARES 3/36/0 (WV1Q)

Southern MS Friendship Net 22/156/0 (WB5OHN)

Stone County ARES 4/74/0 (N5UDK)

Tishomingo ARC Net 4/88/0 (WX5N)

UMARC Net 4/29/0 (K5LMB)

PSHR: W5XX 72

Compilation of Net and PSHR statistics provided by KB5RCJ.