

Mississippi Section Report for January 2006

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Mississippi hams have been trying since 2001 to get a bill through the State Legislature to provide 'reasonable accommodation for the erection of antenna structures by local zoning boards' and to separate hams from cellular phone tower interests. The most success realized through last year was that a PRB-1 bill passed the House and died in Senate Committee or passed the Senate and died in House Committee.

On January 31, Section Government Liaison AB5WF reported that this year's House and Senate PRB-1 Bills had both come out of committee. HB 736 came out of the Public Utilities Committee and SB 2709 came out of both the County Affairs and Municipalities Committees (bill was double referred). Both bills were placed on their respective chamber's calendars for floor vote. HB 736 was introduced by Dr. Chester Masterson (Vicksburg), Dr. Sid Bondurant (Grenada), and Rep. Bill Denny (Jackson). SB 2709 was introduced by Senator Walter Michel (Jackson). Special thanks to Representatives Tyrone Ellis (Starkville) and Senators Tom King (Hattiesburg) and Videt Carmichael (Meridian) for moving these bills out of committee.

SB 2709 passed out of the Senate to the House on February 2nd. HB 736 passed out of the House to the Senate on February 7th. Both bills will be assigned to committees. The last day to be brought out of committee for floor action is February 28. Never give up!

Speaking of 'never giving up,' State RACES Officer AB5WF reports that the State RACES Plan was signed by the MEMA Director on December 20, 2005. The first draft was submitted to MEMA during the summer of 2003.

Thanks to the Jackson ARC for hosting another great hamfest!

Congratulations to KB5JEE, W5KDM, and KD5ZER on their upgrades.

Welcome to new Mississippi hams: Sammy, KB5GUK – Tupelo; Timothy, KE5GVM – Belmont; Jay, KE5GVO – Olive Branch; Jason, KE5GWG – Brandon; Ruby, KE5GWH – Morton; Dennis, KE5GWI – Brandon; Lorenzo, KE5GWJ – Jackson; Mark, KE5GWK – Florence; Enoch, KE5GWL – Florence; Joe, KE5GWP – Union; Steve, KE5GYQ – Southaven; Margaret, KE5GZD – Olive Branch; Eric, KE5GZE – Olive Branch; Hugh, KE5HBE – Starkville; Dallas, KE5HCY – Southaven; Kevin, KE5HDQ – Seminary; and Terry, KE5HDR – Wesson.

Also welcome to new ARRL Members: KD4BRT, WD5BSJ, K5CBS, KB5DMT, KD5EDV, KA5EPR, N5FQF, W5FSO, K5FZ, WD5GDA, KE5GVO, K5GVR, WD5IUI, KA5JNG, KD5MGK, K5MVP, KC5QVK, K5RPH, W5SGW, AD5TJ, KD5UBC, KD5UVV, and KD5WWS.

Regret to report the passing of AB5WR of Southaven and N5HGK of West Point.

DEC/EC Monthly Reports: WB5CON (Alcorn), KD5CQT (Jackson), WV5D (Jones), K5DSG (Lafayette), KC5EAK (Pearl River), KD5FUO (Golden Triangle/Lowndes), KD5GWM (Lauderdale/Clarke), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KD5KXJ (Leake), W5LMW (Union), N5TBB (Benton), WA5TMC (North MS/Tippah), and K5WSY (Tishomingo).

Club Newsletter/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Lowndes County ARC (K5VVA), Tippah County ARA (N5TBB), Vicksburg ARC (W5WAF).

OBS Report: W5KWB

Net reports: sessions/QNI/QTC (Net Manager)

MSPN 31/3209/74 (K5NRK)

MS TFC Net 31/XX/XX (KB5W)

Magnolia Section Net 31/1199/9 (AD5J)

Jackson Co ARES 31/316/5 (KD5CQT)

MS Slow Net 21/119/3 (record QNI!) (W3TWD)

Miss/Lou WX Net 5/50/0 (K5NRK)

MS Baptist Hams Net 5/39/0 (WF5F)

Monroe Co ARC Net 5/77/0 (AD5DO)

Hattiesburg Area EN 5/38/0 (N5MZ)

Meridian Area EN 5/65/0 (KD5GWM)

Pearl River/St. Tammany ARES Net 5/34/0 (KD5EAK)

Jackson ARC EN 5/59/0 (AB5WF)

Itawamba Co ARES 5/58/0 (N5FP)

Lowndes Co ARC Net 4/60/0 (KM5UH)

PSHR: W5XX 195, WB5ZED 150, N5FP 110, AB5WF XXX, KD5FUY 96.

Traffic: WB5ZED 2,697 (BPL), N5FP 40, W5LEW XX, W5XX 6.

Compilation of PSHR and Traffic statistics provided by N5FP, Mississippi Section Traffic Manager