

Mississippi Section Report for January 2009

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Thanks to the Jackson ARC for hosting another great Capital City Hamfest. Our guest from ARRL Headquarters for the Mississippi Section Convention was Chief Operating Officer WJ1B. In addition, newly elected Delta Division Director K5MC came over from Monroe to visit with us. And totally unannounced, ARRL President W5ZN arrived at the Trademart on Saturday Morning. During the ARRL Forum Joel presented a plaque of appreciation to retiring Delta Division Director WD4Q recognizing 17 years of service to the ARRL as Delta Division Director and Vice Director. Well done, Henry! In addition we had two visitors, who belong to an exclusive club whose members don't get much glory and catch most of the flack: Louisiana SM K5GLS and Arkansas SM N5XFW. Thanks for coming, guys!

Hamfest Chairman KD5JPB reports that all 1150 name badges were used preliminarily indicating there was a record attendance. KC5LK reports that all 215 flea market tables were reserved and ultimately 210 were paid for. Terry would like to express his appreciation to the following JARC Members, who put in many hours to make the Hamfest the success it was: AB5WF, AD5XR, AK5J, K5BLL, K5CID, K5KKD, K5RWB, K5TMA, K5XU, KA5TJW, KC5LK, KC5OSM, KC5STC, KD5FUY, KD5NHJ, KE5JKD, KE5WAC, KM5GE, N3TZJ, N5DU, W5GEJ, W5RUE, WB5TTE, and KE5PTL, as well as XYLs Annie Spencer and Paula Drake.

State RACES Officer AB5WF reports that the station at MEMA was activated on MARS (AAN4EMS) in support of the Presidential Inauguration. Ron reports that in-house noise continues to plague reception and Winlink appears to be the least interfered with mode. Those participating in this operation were WB5BNV, KE5SUR, KB5YEE, N5DU, KB5UDF, and AB5WF.

State Government Liaison AK5J reports that no bills came out of Committee during this legislative session that might directly or indirectly Ham Radio including restrictions on using a cell phone while driving and constructing cell phone towers.

EC WX5N reports that the Tishomingo County ARES is practicing simplex operation to simulate loss of a repeater. NCS KU4WW typically has 40-mile radius coverage. This would be a good regular exercise for all 2 Meter ARS Nets.

EC KD5GWM advises that the Meridian ARC conducted a Technician Class for the Rush Hospital Group. Instructor AE5FE indicates that there were several new technicians and two upgrades at the VE Test Session as a result of the class. In the mean time AE5FE, W5RB, and W5ED were instrumental in getting ham stations at the four hospitals in the Rush Group operational in time to qualify for grants.

Also in the area of assisting hospitals, WB5ASP relays that the Kings Daughters Medical Center in Brookhaven asked the Southwest MS ARC for assistance help in developing back up communications for the hospital. The Medical Center was able to use a grant to acquire amateur radio gear for HF and VHF/UHF communications. Members of the ARC helped the hospital select the equipment needed for their operation and installed the radios in the EMT Dispatcher Room. Further, antennas for each radio are up and have been tested with the radios. Classes will be conducted with interested hospital staff and other related support members, who would be capable of operating the equipment as part of the emergency communications system.

DeSoto County EC KD5VMV reports that on January 29-30 the Northwest 1 Regional Response Team joined the other 8 Regional Response Teams from around Mississippi at a Communications Exercise for Homeland Security. While the primary focus of the exercise was public safety communications, Northwest 1 was represented by KD5VMV and KE5WUN. They took the opportunity to utilize the ham gear on board the comm trailer and made a few contacts. Tim also notes that RACES/ARES activated to gather information on road conditions during the recent snow event. Those on the road providing reports were KB0ZTX, N5PYQ, N5UOV, KD4VMV, KE5EOQ, W5GD, W5SSR, and W9IK.

K5DMC reminds us that the Mississippi Digital Traffic Net meets on Tuesday at 5 PM on 3598 USB MT63 (1 KHz interleave) and Thursday at 9 AM.

EC KE5KTU reports that Hinds County ARES activated on December 9 for the first time in many years to assist Skywarn as a severe weather system moved through Central Mississippi. Those participating in the 11-hour activation were N5DU, KE5PTL, KE5UQT, N5ZNT, KE5HJC, KE5JZE, W5CSI, KE5OQT, N5VEI, KE5VRZ, N5PBX, and KE5KTU.

Welcome to new Mississippi hams: KE5YRP, Christopher – Hattiesburg; KE5YST, Duncan – Vancleave; KE5YWM, Linda – Sandersville; KE5YWP, Nicholas – Starkville; KE5YWR, James – Meridian; KE5YWS, Madison – Meridian; KE5YWT, Michael – Meridian; KE5YWU, Ross – Meridian; KE5YWV, Jonathan – Meridian; KE5YWW, Charles – Lauderdale; KE5YWX, David – Meridian; KE5YWY, Bethany – Meridian; KE5YWZ, David – Philadelphia; KE5YXA, L. D. - Waynesboro; KE5YZB, Steve – Gulfport; KE5YTP, Darryl – Southaven; KE5YYF, Walter – Natchez; KE5YYG, Leslie – Natchez; KE5YYH, Brandon – Natchez; KE5YYM, Sergio – Olive Branch; KE5YYP, Jeff - Fulton; KE5YYQ, Thomas – Columbus; KE5ZBN, Terrance – Ridgeland; KE5ZBO, William – Enterprise; KE5ZBP, John – Thaxton; KE5ZBQ, Michael – Brandon; KE5ZBE, Barbara – Florence; KE5ZBE, Brooke – Starkville; KE5ZBT, Nathan – Union; KE5ZBU, Juarez – Pelahatchie; KE5ZBV, Isaac – Clinton; KE5ZBW, Daniel – Ridgeland; KE5ZBX, Edward – Jackson; KE5ZBY, Forrest – Jackson; KE5ZBZ, Hannah – Meridian; KE5ZCA, Robert – Gulfport; and KE5ZCB, Jeffery – Brandon. Wow! 37 new hams in Mississippi in January. K5BLL reports that 15 of these

new hams tested at the Hamfest. Thanks to all of the instructors and VE Teams that keep new hams coming into the ranks!

Also welcome to new ARRL Members: KA5BWU – Madison; KA5CUI – Indianola; KD5FOX – Ellisville; W5FSO – Greenville; KC5NMB – Meridian; KE5POH – Starkville; KB5RFJ – Perkinston; W5SID – Aberdeen; AC5VY – Corinth; KE5YBT – Hattiesburg; KE5YDW – Philadelphia; KE5YES – Yazoo City; KE5YST – Vancleave; and KE5YEW – Jackson. Mississippi ARRL Membership is now at 1,020. GREAT!

In addition, welcome to WB5BNV as DEC for East Central, Mississippi, K5XXV as Asst. Gulf Coast DEC and Asst. EC for Harrison County, AE5FE as Asst. EC for Lauderdale/Clarke Counties, and N5DU as Asst. EC for Hinds County.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KE5AXT – Union; WB5BNV – Meridian; KE5BSB - Tremont; KE5FNA – Greenville; K5KKD – Jackson; W5MKO – Canton; KE5QQH – Tishomingo; KE5TES – Bogue Chitto; KE5TMY – Oxford; KE5WRQ – Crystal Springs; KE5WYX – Natchez; KE5YBT – Hattiesburg; KE5YES – Yazoo City; KE5YKH – Ocean Springs; KE5YLU – Brandon; KE5YWZ – Philadelphia; and K4ZLC – Snow Lake (Yeah, Andy!).

Also congratulations to the Amite County ARC on being approved for ARRL Affiliation, and to W4KGJ on being appointed Assistant Director in the Delta Division. Mr. John is the former SCM (that's Section Communications Manager for you newbies) in East Florida. In addition congratulations to the following new officers of the Hattiesburg ARC: WZ5Y, President; K5JXL, VP; KE5RJW, Secretary; and KE5RJQ, Treasurer.

DEC/EC Monthly Reports: WB5BNV (East Central MS), WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), KD5CQT (Jackson), KC5EAK (Pearl River), WB5GUD (Newton), KD5GWM (Lauderdale/Clarke), KE5KTU (Hinds), KD5KXJ (Leake), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), K5NRK (Warren), and KD5VMV (DeSoto).

2008 EC Annual Report: WB5CON (Alcorn), KC5EAK (Pearl River), WB5GUD (Newton), KD5GWM (Lauderdale/Clarke), KE5KTU (Hinds), WX5N (Prentiss), WX5N (Tishomingo), KB5NMB (Itawamba), N5TBB (Tippah), K5TV (Lee), KC5TYL (Lamar), and KB0ZTX (Marshall). Thanks, Folks!

SET Report: WB5CON (Alcorn), KD5GWM (Lauderdale/Clarke), and KC5TYL (Lamar). Thanks again, Folks. We need to reformat the SET so that more folks can be involved. It's tough to establish SET months ahead of time and find out that Mother Nature doesn't agree with this date or that the date doesn't mesh with served agencies scheduled activities. Stand by for another approach, so that we all can participate in a SET at least once a year.

Public Service Report: KE5KTU

Club Newsletter/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), Northeast Mississippi ARA (KB5NMB), Pearl River ARC (N5WLW), and Vicksburg ARC (W5WAF).

Regret to report the passing NC5Y of Jackson.

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

DRN5 62 Sessions, Mississippi 100% represented by W5OXA, WA5FB, W5MLO, KA1ZIA, WB5ZED, W5XX and W5CPO (WB5ZED).

MSPN 31/2614/10 (K5NRK)

Magnolia Section Net 31/701/1 (K5DSG)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/28/0 (WF5F)

MS Slow Net 20/29/0 (W3TWD)

Jackson Co ARES Net 31/426/7 (KD5CQT)

Itawamba County ARES 5/49/3 (KB5NMB)

South MS YL Net 5/87/0 (KB5CSQ)

Tishomingo/ Prentiss ARES 4/121/5 (WX5N)

Pearl River County ARES 4/50/0 (KC5EAK)

Magnolia DX Assn 4/74/0 (N5FG)

Booneville and Prentiss County ARES Net 4/48/3 (WX5N)

Miss/Lou Em Net 4/22/0 (K5NRK)

Meridian Area EN 4/44/0 (KD5GWM)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/68/1 (KE5KTU)

Stone County ARES 4/71/0 (N5UDK)

Monroe ARC Net 4/41/0 (AD5DO)

Newton County ARES 4/18/0 (WB5GUD)

NE MS ARES 4/48/0 (W5LMW)

Lowndes Co ARC Net 4/35/0 (AD5DO)

Capital Area Em Net 4/88/0 (K5XU)

Hattiesburg AEN 4/106/0 (K5MIQ)

MCARA Net 4/32/0 (KA2KMU)

Alcorn County ARES 3/37/0 (WB5CON)

Jackson ARC Em Net 3/34/0 (K5DU)

PSHR: WB5ZED 140, W5XX 71.

Traffic: WB5ZED 705 (BPL), W5XX 1.

Compilation of Net, PSHR, and Traffic statistics provided by KB5RCJ.