

# Mississippi Section Report for January 2012

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Thanks to the Jackson ARC for hosting another great Capital City Hamfest. Chairman K5GKY reports there were slightly over one thousand in attendance plus 157 vendors and staff. The ARRL Rep was Ward Silver, N0AX, who is the author/editor of many ARRL Publications. Ward gave an excellent presentation on impedance matching and brought greetings from ARRL Headquarters during the ARRL Forum. Also in attendance were K5UZ, new Delta Division Director, K5GLS retiring SM in Louisiana, AI5B new SM in Louisiana, and W4MD Alabama SM. The grand prize winner was WD4DDA, from Clinton, who also passed his Extra at the Saturday Morning VE Test Session! Chairman K5GKY wishes to thank the following hams and wives, who helped to make this a great Hamfest: K5CID, KE5JKD, KE5WAC, N5DU, KF5EZZ, K5XU, K5KKD, K1JHS, AD5XR, W5XX, KA5TJW, K5IMT, KC5QZW, N5VEI, WM5A, KD5CZJ, AK5J, K5TDD, KD5NHJ, KD5TXX, KD5JPB, K5BLL, N3TZJ, KE5PYM, NC5Y, K5RWB, KC5LK, N5XXX, N5WDG, KC5OSM, W5TWZ, AE5SK, N5GT, WS7EOC, KC5STC, N5OH, K4FMH, KF5MIF, and XYLs Paula Drake, Angela Warren, Annie Spencer, and Marianne White.

Put October 5-6 on your long range calendar. MFJ will host the 2012 Day in the Park as part of their 40th Anniversary Celebration. There will be factory tours on both Friday and Saturday as well as a cookout at the pavilion in McKee Park on Friday Night and Saturday Lunch. More details to follow.

KB9ZR reports in a special edition of the Mississippi Coast ARA that the Club celebrated their 40th Anniversary on January 16 at their regular club meeting. AE5TR further reports that the Club conducted a special event at Edgewater Mall on the following Saturday featuring a live vintage station in an empty storefront that was easily accessible to the public and N9OKV's remote wireless station operating PSK31 set up in the South Gallery of the Mall. In addition, a static display of ham gear from yesteryear was available for viewing. A great time was had by all at both events.

In January we are supposed to be concerned with icy bridges and cold rain. Not this year. Because of the warm weather Skywarn had to be activated over the State on several occasions. Central Mississippi Skywarn Co-Coordinator KE5PYM reports that Skywarn was activated at NWS Jackson on January 22 for 10 and half hours ending at 4 AM! During this time there were 44 checkins and 12 messages were passed to the NWS. Those playing key roles in this operation were K5GKY, KF5EZZ, N5XXX, K5IMT, AE5SK, and KE5PYM.

The 2012 Great Central U.S. Shakedown was held on February 7. Oklahoma ARES operated an area wide HF net covering the nine states that would most likely be impacted by activity in the New Madrid Seismic Zone. Several Mississippi Stations checked in. In addition, EC KD5VMV reports that the DeSoto County Emergency Services activated a VHF Net with ten checkins in response to a simulated earthquake.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in January: KF5NZA, Michael – Southaven; KF5OBF, Sheila – Olive Branch; KF5OBV, Charles – Columbus; KF5OBW, John – Columbus; KF5OCH, Jason – Hattiesburg; KF5OCI, John – Petal; KF5ODO, Junior – Rienzi; and KF5ODP, Justin – Rienzi.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in August: KF5GFE – Gulfport; KF5IBQ – Clinton; KF5IMF – Meridian; W6IQM – Gulfport; KF4LKV – Tupelo; KF5MY Y – Sumrall; KF5NGX – New Albany; KF5NGY – New Albany; KD5NOI – Hattiesburg; WB5NUW – New Albany; N5PPR – Wesson; and KE5QQH – Tishomingo. As of January 31 Mississippi has exactly 1,100 ARRL Members. Congratulations and thanks to all who have been working toward this goal! In addition six new members were signed up at the Jackson Hamfest.

And lastly welcome to AG5Z and KB5YEE as Assistant SMs and AE5SK as AEC for Hinds County.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KF5GVX – Steens; KF5LJI – Gulfport; KF5MUF – Nesbit; KF5NBR – Fulton; and KF5NSK – Gulfport. A point of interest Mississippi had 186 new Hams in 2010 and 72 upgrades. In 2011 we had 176 new Hams and 90 upgrades. We are doing a great job in keeping our new Hams moving up!

Also congratulations to the new officers of the Alcorn County ARES: K0RIS, President; W5OA, VP; and W5JOR S/T, and to K5JAW who worked and received a QSL from the ISS.

DEC/EC Monthly Reports: WB5CON (Alcorn/NE MS), KF5EZT (AEC)(Rankin), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss/Tishomingo), KB5NMB (Itawamba), WV1Q (Jasper), W5UQT (Madison), KD5VMV (DeSoto), and KE5WJN (Pearl River).

2011 EC Annual Reports: AE5FE (Lauderdale/Clarke), K5LMB (Lafayette), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss/Tishomingo), KB5NMB (Itawamba), N9OKV (Harrison), WV1Q (Jasper), W5UQT (Madison), KD5VMV (DeSoto), KB5ZEA (Attala), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

2011 EC SET Reports: AE5FE (Lauderdale/Clarke), KG6LJN (Green), KB5NMB (Itawamba), WV1Q (Jasper), and KD5VMV (DeSoto).

2011 EC SET Net Manager Report: WV1Q (Jasper).

Club Newsletter/Reports (Editor): Chickasaw ARA (KE5RHM), Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), Mississippi Coast ARA (KB9ZR), and the Northeast Mississippi ARA (KE5SSB).

Regret to report the passing of WB5OWY of Vicksburg.

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

Magnolia Section Net 31/1195/9 (K5DSG)

MS Baptist Hams Net 5/43/0 (WF5F)

MS/OZK CW TFC Net 30/136/29 (K5DMC)

MSPN 31/2967/17 (K5NRK)

MS Slow Net 21/64/1 (W3TWD)

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

Booneville and Prentiss County Net 5/71/0 (WX5N)

Capital Area Em Net 5/88/0 (K5XU)

Delta ARES Simplex Net 5/32/0 (K5JAW)

Grenada/Yalobusha ARES Net 5/52/0 (AD5IT); 3 Skywarn activations

Hattiesburg AEN 5/118/0 (K5MIQ)

Itawamba County ARES Net 4/61/1 (KB5NMB)

Jackson ARC Em Net 5/46/0 (N5DU)

Jackson County Em Net 26/389/0 (K5MOZ)

Madison County ARES Net 4/42/0 (W5UQT)

Magnolia DX Assn Net 5/76/0 (K5OAZ)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 5/64/0 (K5GKY)

MS Coast ARA Net 5/66/0 (K5KMU)

Miss/Lou Em Net 5/41/0 (K5NRK)

NE MS Skywarn Net 5/76/0 (W5LMW)

Panola County ARES Net 2/19/0 (KC5DPJ)

Pearl River ARES Net 5/62/0 (KE5WJN)

Rankin County ARES 4/59/0 (KE5EZT)

SCMSG Info Net 4/44/0 (AE5JG) (Southern Coast Medical Support Group)

Scott County ARES Net X/XX/X (K1REZ/W5JMJ)

South Central Skywarn and Jasper County ARES 5/46/0 (WV1Q)

Southern MS Friendship Net 22/137/0 (WB5OHN)

Southern MS YL Net 4/23/0 (K5IJ)

Stone County ARES Net 5/78/0 (N5UDK)

Tishomingo ARC Net 5/80/0 (WX5N)

UMARC Net 5/53/0 (K5LMB)

PSHR: W5XX 73

Compilation of Net and PSHR statistics provided by KB5RCJ.