

## Mississippi Section Report for June 2010

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Mother Nature didn't treat Mississippi Hams too bad during Field Day. In spite of the heat, rain and thunderstorms were minimal for most parts of the state. Some stations reported very good 10 and 15 Meter sporadic E, otherwise conditions were about normal for summer time.

At this writing it appears that a record number of Mississippi clubs/groups were on the air including the

Alcorn County ARES (WB5DO),  
ARC of Amite County (W5CCW)  
Central Mississippi ARA (W5W)  
Chickasaw ARC (W5K)  
Delta AR Team (KB5WEE)  
Hattiesburg ARC (W5CJR)  
Hattiesburg ARC/Lamar County ARC/Oven Baked ARC (K5PN)  
Jackson ARC (W5PFC)  
Jackson County ARA/Magnolia DX Assc (K5MDX)  
Meridian ARC (W5FQ)  
Mississippi Coast ARA (W5SGL)  
Mississippi State ARC (W5YD)  
Northeast Mississippi ARA (W5NEM)  
Olive Branch ARC (W5OBM)  
Pearl River ARC (W5PMS)  
Panola ARC/Tallahatchie ARC (W5JWW)  
Simpson County ARC (N5DTW)  
Southwest Mississippi ARC (W5WQ)  
Tishomingo County ARC (W5TCR)  
Tupelo ARC (KK5K)  
University of Mississippi ARC (W5UMS)  
N5CW  
W4IOS

In the PR Area, NEMRA got front page coverage in the Itawamba County Times and the Pearl River ARC had a write up in the Picayune Item. In addition, the Central Mississippi ARA and the Jackson ARC got joint coverage on WLBT.

And lastly in Field Day PR, the Olive Branch ARC tried a new approach toward attracting folks to their operating site. KD5CKP purchased two 'House Radios' off of E Bay. These low powered radios operate in the upper part of the AM Broadcast Band and are placed by realtors in front of houses that are for sale. A small sign placed in the yard of the property tells the prospective buyer what frequency to listen to on their car radio to get details on the house that is for sale. Seeing that non-hams are sometimes reluctant to approach a site with wires everywhere and strange noises coming from little boxes, the Olive Branch Club placed a sign and a 'House Box' near their Field Day Site in City Park. After listening to the pre-recorded message over their AM Radios by KD5CKP explaining what was

going on at the Field Day Site, the Olive Branch Club had many more visitors than they would normally have had. Great Idea!

AD5IT has created a webpage to track how the folks in Mississippi did on Field Day at <http://sites.google.com/site/2010mississippifielddayscores/home>. Check it out and submit your scores and pictures.

The results for the 2010 Mississippi QSO Party have been posted on the section web site. Those who submitted a log have already received the results via email. Certificates and plaques will soon follow by snail mail.

EC WX5N reports that the Tishomingo ARC was On the Air from the annual Jacinto Festival which is held in Southeast Alcorn County at an 1800's courthouse that was the county seat of old Tishomingo county which included what is now Alcorn, Prentiss, and Tishomingo counties. The Festival features political speaking, arts and crafts, bluegrass picking, and food booths. The TCARC had their EMCOMM trailer on display and sold 'slug burgers' as a fund raiser for the club. Those guys must have a lot of energy in that the Festival was the weekend following Field Day. Those up to the job were KD5YP, KF5FXR, KF5FXS, KU4WW, KJ4ISD, KE5LWY, and WX5N.

Welcome to the following new Assistant Emergency Coordinators: K5VD (Grenada), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale/Clarke), and KD5DHS (Yalobusha). Also welcome to KE5PTL, who will be taking over as Manager of the Metro Jackson ARES Net from N5DU. Thanks for your efforts, Mike!

Congratulations to KA5DON, who is the first Ham in Mississippi to complete the ARRL Public Service and Communications Management Course for Radio Amateurs (EC-016). This course is geared toward EMCOMM Management and is an upgraded combination of the ARRL EC-002 and EC-003 EMCOMM courses plus requirements for completing many of the on-line EMCOMM related FEMA courses. Good work, Don!

Welcome to the following new hams in Mississippi in June: KF5HFZ, Jimmy – Gulfport; KF5HGM, Sarah – Laurel; KF5HGN, Sally – Jackson; KF5HGO, Jody – Laurel; KF5HIP, Chadwick – Olive Branch; KF5HLL, Elizabeth – Laurel; KF5HLM, Shirley – Sandersville; KF5HNP, Betsy - Iuka; KF5HNQ, Charles – Oxford; KF5HNR, Thomas – Pittsboro; KF5HNS, Walter – Oxford; KF5HOW, Dillon – Madison; KF5HQR, William – Overt; KF5HQS, Jacquelyn – Laurel; KF5HRD, Robert – Senatobia, and KF5HXE, Patty – Pope. Welcome Aboard!

Normally at this place in the Monthly Section Report a listing is provided of license upgrades and new ARRL Members. The ARRL continues to under go a major software transition from the old web site to a new website. As a result this information is not available. I did find out that Mississippi ARRL Membership dropped by five to 1,053 in June. Keep working!

DEC/EC Monthly Reports: AE5FE (Lauderdale/Clarke), AD5IT (Grenada), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), KB5NMB (Itawamba), and KE5WJN (Pearl River).

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

Regret to report the passing of WA5DGO of Oxford.

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

Magnolia Section Net 30/916/24 (K5DSG)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/14/0 (WF5F)

MS Digital Traffic Net 9/20/2 (K5DMC)

MSPN 30/2,364/38 (K5NRK)

MS Slow Net 21/35/0 (W3TWD)

MTN/OZK 30/147/18 (K4VIZ)

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

Booneville and Prentiss County 5/51/4 (WX5N)

Capital Area Em Net 4/63/0 (K5XU)

Grenada County ARES 4/35/0 (AD5IT), May Report : 4/36/0

Hattiesburg AEN 4/71/0 (K5MIQ)

Itawamba County ARES 4/52/1 (KB5NMB)

Jackson ARC Em Net 5/40/0 (N5DU)

Jackson Co ARES Net 14/107/14 (K4GSG)

Lowndes County ARC 4/33/0 (AD5DO)

Magnolia DX Assn 5/87/0 (AE5JG)

Meridian Area EN 5/64/0 (AE5FE)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/46/0 (N5DU)

MS Coast ARA Net 5/62/0 (K5KMU)

Miss/Lou Em Net 4/27/0 (K5NRK)

Southern MS YL Net 4/59/0 (KB5CSQ)

SCMSG Info Net 5/49/0 (AE5JG) (Southern Coast Medical Support Group)

Southern MS Friendship Net 22/172/0 (WB5OHN)

Tishomingo ARC 5/144/6 (WX5N)

UMARC Net 4/34/0 (K5LMB)

West Coastal MS 2M Net 9/83/0 (K5DMC)

PSHR: W5XX 75

Compilation of Net and PSHR statistics provided by KB5RCJ.