

# Mississippi Section Report for September 2014

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Kudos to the Grenada ARC for hosting the 2014 ARRL Day in the Park at the picnic area on the north abutment of Grenada Dam. Co-Chairman AD5IT and W5BAM say that 25 plus attendees enjoyed the breezy sunshine and fall temperatures. Thanks to Delta Division Vice Director WB4RHQ coming down from Nashville to join us.

SGL AK5J reports that a very important Bill is pending in Congress which could potentially help thousands of Hams. HR 4969 was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives and would in effect apply the provisions of PRB-1 to private land use restrictions. This means that under the Bill private subdivision restrictive covenants would need to be written so that reasonable accommodations are made for antenna structures necessary for amateur radio communications.

In early August, N5DU, K4FMH and AK5J met to make plans for contacting Mississippi's Congressional Delegation to ask for their support of the Bill and to consider being a Co-sponsor. Subsequently, N5DU and AK5J met with Congressman Gregg Harper. K4FMH followed up with some of Congressman Harper's top aides. They recently were very pleased to learn that Congressman Harper has agreed to support the Bill and to also be a Co-sponsor. In addition, K2FF, AG5CC, K5YG, N5PA and others have contacted Congressman Steven Palazzo asking for his support. W5FF and others contacted the office of Congressman Alan Nunnelee. Congressman Bennie Thompson has been asked for his support.

Thanks to all who have written to their Congressman asking for support of the Bill. All Mississippi Hams, who have not done so, please contact their Congressman about this very important piece of legislation. Letters can be sent to their local or Washington address.

K5TV notes that the Northeast Mississippi Radio Amateurs (NEMRA) were invited again this year to set up a Ham Radio Demo for the Home Depot Kids Workshop 'Fire Safety Event' in Tupelo. A big thanks goes out to Sharon, KE5WPW, who heads up the workshop for the Home Depot and is also a member of NEMRA. With batteries charged and antennas in the air NEMRA set up a VHF and a HF station for the kids to use. There were Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts and many other boys and girls 'ON THE AIR!' They all seem really happy to speak to some of the club members that were waiting for their call. Thanks go out to KF5UHX, W1LAW, WX5SE, and KE5YBE, who answered the calls, and WB5EIN, KF5ZXV and Kelly Alexander for assisting with the Home Depot Kits Workshop.

On site for the event were the Tupelo Fire Department, the Lee County Sheriff's Office, the North Mississippi Medical Center, the Tupelo Police Department, and the Tupelo Fire Department's 'Fire Trailer.' Sharon also had several special guests make an appearance for the day: Smokey the Bear, Sparky the Fire Dog, and Homer the Home Depot mascot. There were a total of 98 kids that participated in the event and all seemed to have a great time building the kits, talking on the Ham Radio, and having a hot dog afterward.

K5GCY reports that the Jackson ARC provided communications on September 20 for the Cyclists Curing Cancer Bike Race which extended from the Baptist Healthplex in Clinton down the Trace to Port Gibson and back. The following Hams helped with this event: K5GCY, K5CID, N5GT, K5BLL,

WB8BZH, K5RWB, KG5IN, AF5QD, KC5VTN, K5IMT, N5DU, KE5JKD, and KE5WAC. About 200 riders participated, and there were no problems. Thanks to WB8BZH for providing use of the Salvation Army Comm Trailer. Gary also reports that on October 5 JARC worked the 5K walk/run for the Diabetes Association. A record number of walkers/runners (1500) participated. Those JARC members supporting the event were, K5GCV, K5CID, K5KKD, and AF5QD.

Vicksburg ARC Activities Chairman N5KWT notes that the Club again provided communications for the Annual Five Mile Run/Walk Across the River starting at the Welcome Station on the Mississippi Side of the River with the 2.5-mile turnaround near Delta, Louisiana with some 900 plus runners/walkers participating. Two runners went down with physical problems. VARC participants were able to facilitate immediate medical attention. Besides Don, VARC Members stationed along the race course were K5IMT, N5JGK, W5WAF, and W5XX.

The First Annual Meridian Swapfest will be held on Saturday October 25, 2014 from 8 AM to 1 PM at the Convention Room on the backside of The Checker Board Restaurant in Meridian. The Checker Board Restaurant is located on South Frontage Road between exit 152 and 153 just off of Interstate 20/59. Admission will be \$3 each or \$5 for each Family, tables are \$5 each which includes one free entry, and children under 12 are free. Talkin is on 146.700 (100 Hz tone) or CB Channel 20. There will be door prizes, and breakfast and lunch will be available from the buffet in the Checkerboard Restaurant. For table reservations, a Swapfest Flyer, a map of the location, or any additional information, please contact: Shelly (KI6DES) Phone: (210) 383-2668 email: ki6des@gmail.com.

K1REZ reports that the members and leaders of the Mississippi Digital Amateur Radio Club are actively building these four interconnected digital networks into an efficient and effective statewide Digital Traffic Net, to handle emergency communications throughout the state of Mississippi, during emergencies and disasters. Although the members of the MS-DARC's Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) Team are scattered all over the state, during an emergency or disaster in Mississippi, they activate their P2P, NBEMS, Packet, and BroadBand HamNet Stations into one cohesive digital traffic net which will serve the state well during times of need.

During October the P2P NVIS Frequency schedule for Mississippi will be:

9:00 AM -6:00 PM: 7079.9 kHz USB Center Frequency, 7078.4 USB Dial Frequency  
6:00 PM -9:00 AM: 3595.9 kHz USB Center Frequency, 3594.4 USB Dial Frequency

and the October NBEMS NVIS frequency schedule will be:

9:00 AM -6:00 PM: 7078.4 USB 1000 Hz on the waterfall  
6:00 PM -9:00 AM: 3594.4 USB 1000 Hz on the waterfall

Rez further notes that the MS-P2P-Email-Net's 24/7 Practice Net and the MS-NBEMS Net's 24/7 Practice Net will both switch gears and become 24/7 EmComm Nets handling only Priority, Health and Welfare, and EMERGENCY traffic for the duration of the activation. During EmComm activations please keep informal messages on these frequencies to a bare minimum. During an EmComm event there will be a Net Control Operator on the NBEMS Net 24/7 to direct traffic. Other digital frequencies will be assigned as needed for tactical digital nets. Secure traffic will primarily take place on Winmor P2P, but when transmitted on NBEMS will follow a prearranged one transmission per frequency, multi-frequency schedule using fldigi, flwrap, flmsg and Base 256 compression, to prevent interception and reading by casual listeners and media personnel with scanners and fldigi software. To learn more about

digital Amateur Radio in Mississippi and how you can get into it, visit [www.MSDARC.org](http://www.MSDARC.org).

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in September: KG5DFK, Dave -Gulfport; KG5DGY, James -Laurel; KG5DKG, Francis -Hattiesburg; KG5DWI, Jason -Biloxi; KG5DWJ, Raymond -Ocean Springs; KG5DWK, Courtney -Diamondhead; KG5DWL, David -Ocean Springs; KG5DXG, Matieu -Picayune; KG5DZW, Clyde -Madison; and KG5EDC, Patricia -Starkville.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in September: KG5AFG, John -Biloxi; KG5BMF, Barbara -Pearl; KG5DGY, James -Laurel; KG5DHZ, Dennis -Byhalia; KB5DRD, Ken -Nettleton; KB5GGQ, Brian -Pearl; KE5HYT, Bryan -Rienzi; KF5OGN, Charles -Brandon; W4PMC, Paul -Southaven; KE5QZN, Glen -Gulfport; KF5TNV, Patrick -Pearl; AG4YA, Robert -Lucedale; and WB5YFS, Ed -Union. As of September 30 ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 1,152 down 1 from our record of last month. Thanks to all who promote ARRL Membership!

And last but not least, welcome to WX5SE as EC for Itawamba County.

Congratulations to to the following on their upgrades: KG5BLE, Robert -Columbia; KG5CDK, Larry Ocean Springs; KG5CMQ, Ernie -Brandon; KG5CMR, Ernest -Brandon; WD5KFH, Daniel -Long Beach; and KF5RFA, David - Brandon.

DEC/EC Monthly Reports for September 2014: KF5Ezt (Rankin) (also August Report), AE5FE (Lauderdale/Clarke), KE5KTU (Hinds, Copiah, Madison), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), WA5TEF (Lee), and KE5WJN (Pearl River).

Club Newsletter/Reports (Editor): Mississippi Coast ARA (KC5KMU), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), and the Northeast Mississippi ARA (KB5NMB).

Regret to report the passing of three Mississippi hams in September: K5BFA of Jackson, a retired surgeon at the Med Center; N5RSF of Charleston, a WWII veteran and long time checkin to the MSPN; and N5MEI of Meridian, a retired Master Sargent in the Mississippi Air National Guard.

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

Magnolia Section Net 30/1215/1 (K5DSG)  
MS Baptist Hams Net 4/23/0 (WF5F)  
MS-P2P-Email Network 10/54/67 (K1REZ)  
MS-NBEMS Network 30/240/240 (KD5NDU)  
MSPN 30/2072/14 (K5NRK)  
MS Slow Net 22/39/0 (W3TWD)

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

Booneville and Prentiss County Net 4/28/0 (WX5N)  
Capital Area Em Net 4/64/0 (K5XU)  
Chickasaw ARA Net 5/103/0 (N5PYQ)  
Delta ARES Simplex Net 4/20/0 (K5JAW)

Hattiesburg Emergency 2M Net 4/87/0 (K5TLL)  
Hattiesburg ARC 2M Simplex Net 1/11/0 (K5TLL)  
Hattiesburg ARC 10M Simplex Net 4/34/0 (K5TLL)  
Jackson County Em Net 26/517/2 (K5MOZ)  
Lowndes County ARC Net 5/52/2 (AD5DO)  
MDXA Net 5/57/0 (W5DAW)  
Meridian Area EN 4/34/0 (AE5FE)  
Metro Jackson ARES Net 5/63/0 (W5PKN)  
Miss/Lou Em Net 4/23/0 (K5NRK)  
MSHEARN District 6 Net 4/32/2 (KF5QLL)  
MS Preparedness Project EN 3/33/0 (KF5RFB)  
Neshoba ARC Net 4/27/0 (KF5QLL)  
Northeast MS Skywarn Net 5/52/0 (WA5TEF)  
Olive Branch ARC Tech and Info Net 11/79/2 (KD5CKP)  
Pearl River ARES Net 5/63/0 (KE5WJN)  
Pearl River ARC Net 4/74/0 (K5RDA)  
Petal Amateur Wireless Society Net 4/35/0 (NG5C)  
Rankin County ARES 4/71/0 (KE5EZT); August 4/64/0  
Scott County ARES 5/64/0 (KC5IHW) 1 SkyWarn Activation QNI: 5  
Southern Mississippi YL Net 3/41/0 (KB5CSQ)  
Stone County ARES Net 5/67/0 (N5UDK)  
Tishomingo ARC Net 5/67/0 (WX5N)  
UMARC UHF Net 4/14/0 (K5LMB)  
UMARC VHF Net 4/22/0 (K5LMB)  
Yazoo County ARES Net 4/25/0 (KF5DJS)

PSHR -W5XX 74 and K5JAW 71.

Compilation of Net statistics provided by KB5RCJ.