

Mississippi Section Report for August 2010

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Mississippi got some good PR in the September QST. On the front cover KE5EOP and K5LMB, Lafayette County EC, are shown assisting the Lafayette County Fire Department with communications. Further into the September issue (page 59) you will find an article by ARRL Chief Operating Officer WJ1B on his visit to MFJ in Starkville.

A pat on the back for KD5RGJ in Sumner. Over the past 4 years he has sent out between three and four thousand 'Welcome to Ham Radio' letters to new hams encouraging them to get on the air and join the ARRL. This has included all of the new Mississippi hams and a random selection of hams across the US. Spencer had a real surprise when he got a thank you letter from the Governor of Maine, who had just passed his Technician test.

And speaking of a pat on the back, thanks to Billy Watkins of the Jackson Clarion Ledger for the very interesting article on Ham Radio in the Sunday September 5 Edition (pages 7E and 9E). The story was based on interviews with N5WDG and N5VEI, and included a nice quote from MEMA Director Mike Womack saying "During every disaster – before and after Katrina – the ham operators deliver us time-sensitive information from the scene."

You are never too old to get a ham license. Patty Riggen retired from the South Panola School System in 2002. Since retiring she took the Basic Storm Spotter's class in Oxford and completed Panola County CERTS training. She is a member of Panola County SALT Council and Panola County TRIAD and is a member of the Panola County Amateur Emergency Radio Club and Panola County ARES. She took her Technician test at the ARRL Field Day 2010 at a joint venture between Panola County ARES and Tallahatchie County Radio Club near Sumner and is now KF5HXE. This new ham stays pretty busy for a 75 year young lady!

WA5CYR was sitting in front of Fred's in Saltillo when the ISS flew over. Dan made contact with Col. Doug Wheelock, who had just returned from a space walk to work on the ISS cooling system. Dan asked how the work was coming. Col Wheelock said he had the problem about figured out and one more space walk ought to take care of the problem (which it did). That is one QSO Dan will QSL!

Be sure to put the ARRL Day in the Park on your long range calendar for October 16 inside University Circle in front of the Lyceum at Ole Miss. Festivities will start at 8 AM with tours during the morning and then lunch about 11:30. Another campus activity will start at 9 AM near the picnic site, so if you want a close in parking space you need to get there about 8. Those who have flea market items will surely want to get there early to have a parking place on the Circle. POC is k5dsg@arrl.net.

WM5A reports that the Central Mississippi ARA provided communications support for the first 'Eastside Son Run' sponsored by the Eastside Baptist Church in Pearl. Mike notes that the City of Pearl (especially the PD) did an excellent job of managing the race course logistics for 250 runners and walkers. Those hams assisting in this effort were WM5A, KE5JKD, KE5WAC, KF5EZT, KD8BMA, K1REZ, K5BLL, KF5IZ, K5LEM, W5JMJ, KF5EZW, and W5PRL.

Welcome to the following new Mississippi Hams in August: KF5IBQ, Billy – Clinton; KF5ICJ, Larry – Gulfport; KF5ICK, Fay – Saucier; KF5ICL, Billy – Gulfport; KF5ICM, Stanley – Long Beach; KF5ICN, Troy – D'Iberville; KF5ICT, Jesse – Brandon; KF5IDG, Christee – Gulfport; KF5IGB, Marc – Lucedale; KF5IGT, Mellisa – Hattiesburg; KF5IGU, Matthew – Hattiesburg; and KF5IGV, James – Tchula.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members: W5DAA – Madison; KC4ECB – Minter City; KF5HNS – Oxford; KF5HZO – Iuka; WB5LAI – Ocean Springs; K5RRT – Long Beach; W4SBV – Starkville; and KF5V – Saltillo. We now have 1,064 members in Mississippi; down four from last month. You might think Mississippi is on the bottom of the pile membership wise, but actually we are 51 out of 71 ARRL Sections. We have come a long way since Katrina when our membership was down to 825. Keep working!

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: WB8BIE – Gulfport; KF5CXL – Ocean Springs; KF5EYI – Saucier; KF5EYK – Ocean Springs; KF5EYL – Biloxi; and KB5UEJ – Moss Point.

Also congratulations to WB5DO who completed FEMA courses IS-100, 107.10, 200, 700, 800, and 802 all during August!

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

OO Report: AB6Z

DEC/EC Reports: WB5CON (NE MS/ Alcorn), AE5FE (Lauderdale/Clarke), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), N5TBB (Tippah), and KE5WJN (Pearl River).

Regret to report the passing of NA5Y of Terry and KD5JKS of Durant.

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

Magnolia Section Net 31/906/7 (K5DSG)

MS Baptist Hams Net 5/27/0 (WF5F)

MS Digital Traffic Net 22/74/38 (K5DMC)

MSPN 31/2727/40 (K5NRK)

MS Slow Net 21/40/1 (W3TWD)

MTN/OZK 30/137/22 (K4VIZ)

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

Alcorn ARES 1/11/0 (WB5CON)

Booneville and Prentiss County 5/53/1 (WX5N)

Capital Area Em Net 5/91/1 (K5XU)

Grenada County ARES 4/22/0 (AD5IT)

Hattiesburg AEN 5/126/0 (K5MIQ)

Itawamba County ARES 4/39/1 (KB5NMB)

Jackson ARC Em Net 5/57/0 (N5DU)

Jackson Co ARES Net 13/147/3 (K5MOZ)

Lowndes County ARC 5/57/0 (AD5DO)

Magnolia DX Assn 5/83/0 (AE5JG)

Meridian Area EN 6/73/0 (AE5FE)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 5/61/2 (KE5PTL)

Miss/Lou Em Net 5/21/0 (K5NRK)

NE MS Skywarn 5/66/0 (W5LMW)

Panola County ARES 4/31/0 (KC5DPJ)

Pearl River County ARES 4/4/0 (KE5WJN)

South MS YL Net 4/54/0 (KB5CSQ)

SCMSG Info Net 4/36/0 (AE5JG) (Southern Coast Medical Support Group)

Southern MS Friendship Net 22/209/0 (WB5OHN)

Stone County ARES 5/98/0 (N5UDK)

Tishomingo ARC 5/162/5 (WX5N)

UMARC Net 5/38/0 (K5LMB)

West Coastal MS 2M Net 9/68/0 (K5DMC)

PSHR: W5XX 78

Compilation of Net and PSHR statistics provided by KB5RCJ.