

Mississippi Section Report for July 2015

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Examination of the 164 logs received for the Twelfth Mississippi QSO Party indicate that we had pretty good propagation with mobiles being able to work Europe on 15 as late as 3PM! Conditions were so good to Europe that OM2VL made 104 Mississippi QSOs in 48 counties from the Slovak Republic for the top score outside of W/VE. The top stateside score came from KV8Q in Ohio with 75 QSOs in 30 counties. The logs indicate that 96 Mississippi Stations were on the air in 70 of the 82 counties.

Special thanks to the mobiles and portables, who put a lot of counties on the air that would otherwise not have been available. A pat on the back for W3DYA/M, KK4TE/M, NO5W/M, K4ZGB/M, K5YG/P, W5OBM/P, W5GWD/P, and W5ETZ/P. These stations collectively put 50 counties on the air making over three thousand QSOs. In the record department, KK4TE/M made over 100Qs in three counties maxing out at 204 Qs in Greene County. That's a lot of hard work for a FT-857 and hamstick. And last, but not least, thanks to N5NA for coordinating mobile routes and portable locations with his website.

Also thanks to the following for sponsoring plaques: 599 DX Association, NA5DX, the Central Mississippi ARA, the Jackson ARC, the Hattiesburg ARC, K1REZ, the University of Mississippi ARC, the Chickasaw ARA, and W4II. Those stations winning plaques were:

High Score Mississippi Station (single op) - K5TLL
High Score Mississippi Station (unlimited ops/xmtrs) - 599 DX Assc. NA5NN (W5UE, K2FF)
High Score Mississippi Portable (single op) - K5YG/P
High Score Mississippi Portable (unlimited ops/xmtrs) - Olive Branch ARC - W5OBM/P
High Score Mississippi Mobile (no driver) - W3DYA/M
High Score Mississippi Digital Station (single op) - W5ETZ/P
High Score Mississippi Club - 599 DX Association
High Score Out of State Station (W/VE) - KV8Q
High Score DX Station (outside W/VE) - OM2VL

The top ten Mississippi Stations (single op) were K5TLL, KG5AVT, NM5Z, NJ1Z, K5YG/P, K5DWI, KF5UJD, AG5BC, and N5FG.

As a special feature of the QSO Party, the Mississippi DX Association secured the special event calls K5M, K5I, K5P, and K5S. Certificates were awarded to those stations that worked stations whose suffixes spelled out MISSISSIPPI with suffix letters being allowed to be used multiple times. Club station K5MDX was used as the 'wild card.'

MSQP results will be sent out in the next month by email to those who provided an email address (save that postage!), or otherwise by snail mail. Those eligible for plaques and certificates will receive them somewhat later by snail mail. Remember next year the QSO Party

will be held the first full weekend of April. Put April 2-3, 2016 on your long range calendar!

A 'Meet and Greet' was held for Mr. Robert Latham, Director of MEMA, at the Parkway Heights Methodist Church in Hattiesburg on July 28. Over 100 Hams and First Responders were in attendance. Mr. Latham spoke on the mission of MEMA and how Hams could support this effort. Thanks to KB5VE and assistants N5SP, K5VBB, KF5ZCI, and KD5XG, who coordinated this instructive event.

Mississippi held its annual SET on August 8 from 9 AM to 9 PM simulating a Category 5 Hurricane making landfall on the Gulf Coast. ECs prepared scenarios for their counties based the anticipated damages that would occur in their area from the hurricane. A preliminary report was prepared by ASEC and SET Coordinator K1REZ and sent to you via this reflector yesterday. A detailed report will be prepared and made available after all of the reports are in. Many thanks to K1REZ for coordinating this great EMCOMM training event!

And on you short range Ham calendar we have two events coming up. The Katrina 10 th Anniversary Special Memorial Event from August 26 through September 2. Complete details are on www.katrina5h.com or contact AG5Z. This event will be followed by the 2015 ARRL Day in the Park will be September 12 and hosted by the Pearl River ARC. The event will be held at the Crosby Arboretum in Picayune. POC is KE5WJN at dan.beavers@acm.org. For info on the Arboretum see www.crosbyarboretum.msstate.edu.

WX5N reports that the Tishomingo County ARC again sold slugburgers at the Jacinto Festival to as a fundraiser with their EMCOMM Trailer on display. The weather was not too bad and, with it being an election year, there was a rather large crowd. This candidate speaking is the 2 nd largest in the state behind the Neshoba County Fair and has always been a good fundraiser for the Club

EC WA5TEF advises that Lee County ARES conducted a test of 75 and 40 meters with Memphis Weather on July 16th. They were able to establish communications on both bands, but 40 was much better. Six stations participated including K2OWK, W5STV, KF5V, WA5CYR, AF5PO and WA5TEF. The same test will be conducted test every three months or so.

If you have not written a letter of support to Senator Wicker or Senator Cochran or your Congressman in support of the 'Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015' please do so. The bill numbers are S.1685 and H.R. 1301. For information on how to do this see <http://www.arrl.org/contacting-your-congressional-representatives>.

Remember that ARRL dues increase from \$39 to \$49 on January 1, 2016. This is the first dues increase in 14 years, so it looks like the time is near. This would be a good time to pay your dues ahead for a few years.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in July: KG5IHV, Jacob - Hernando; KG5IHW, Clea - Starkville; KG5IIR, Dean - Madison; KG5IIS, William - Madison; KG5IKQ, Mitch - Columbia; KG5ILX, Robert - Long Beach; KG5INZ, Alfred - Prentiss; KG5IOU, Charles - Brandon; KG5IOV, Stephen - Brandon; KG5IQA, Ezekiel - Picayune; and KG5IQB, Thomas - Gulfport. If any of these new Hams are in your area give them a call and see if they

need any help getting on the air and invite them to your next local club meeting!

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in July: KG4ABV, Andrew - Brandon; KE5ANV, Anthony - Prentiss; N5CIH, Benjamin - Columbus; KG5GOP, Steve - Hattiesburg; WC5H, James - Hattiesburg; KG5HAB, Norman - Oxford; KF5HFZ, Jimmy - Gulfport; N5IAX, Janice - Hattiesburg; KC9IEW, James - Courtland; N0ILB, James - Saucier; KA0JJR, Dennis - Mantachie; N5MIL, Christopher - Clinton; N5KDV, Jack - Natchez; KC9QKC, Sherry - Clinton; KE5WAY, Nicholas - Gulfport; WB5YMO, Garey - Pascagoula; and WB5YPV, Robert - Weir. As of July 31 ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 1,132 up 10 from last month! Keep working! Thanks to all who promote ARRL Membership!

And last but not least welcome to WM5A as EC for Rankin County, KF5IAY as EC for Montgomery County, KE5BSB as AEC for Itawamba County, and KB5VE as AEC for Lamar County.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KG5FGV, Scott - Bogue Chitto; KG5FQJ, Perry - Raymond; KG5FQK, Chad - Pearl; KG5FQL, Hudie - Pearl; KG5FTX, Charles - Corinth; and KG5HKU, John - Waveland.

ASEC/DEC/EC Monthly Reports for July 2015: K5JAW (Delta), WX5N (Prentiss/Tishomingo), K5NRK (Warren), K1REZ (ASEC), WX5SE (Itawamba), WA5TEF (Lee), and KE5WJN (Pearl River).

Club Newsletter/Reports (Editor): Delta ARES (K5JAW) and Meridian ARC (W5MAV).

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

Magnolia Section Net 31/1035/10 (K5DSG)
MS Baptist Hams Net 2/18/0 (WF5F)
MSPN 31/2059/12 (K5NRK)
MS Digital Traffic Net 31/110/110 (K1REZ)
MS Slow Net 19/33/0 (W3TWD)

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

Booneville and Prentiss County Net 4/34/0 (WX5N) 1 Weather Net Activation
Capital Area Em Net 4/53/0 (K5XU)
Delta ARES Simplex Net 4/21/0 (K5JAW) 1 Weather Net Activation (QNI 6)
Hattiesburg ARC 2M Net 4/83/0 (K5TLL)
Hattiesburg 2M Simplex Net 1/13/0 (K5TLL)
Hattiesburg ARC 10M Net 3/25/0 (K5TLL)
Itawamba County ARES Net 5/104/10 (WX5SE)
Lowndes County ARC Net 4/24/0 (KF5AZ)
MDXA Net 4/31/0 (W5DAW)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 3/27/0 (AE5SK)
Miss/Lou Em Net 4/23/0 (K5NRK)
MS Coast ARA Net 4/58/0 (N5AHM)
MS Preparedness Project EN 4/30/0 (KF5RFB)
Northeast MS Skywarn Net 4/59/0 (WA5TEF)
Pearl River ARC Net 5/83/0 (K5RDA)
Pearl River ARES Net 3/32/0 (KE5WJN)
Rankin County ARES Net 5/73/0 (KG5AVT)
Scott County ARES 4/??/? (KC5IIW)
Stone County ARES Net 4/52/0 (N5UDK)
Tishomingo ARC Net 4/63/0 (WX5N)
UMARC UHF Net 4/18/0 (K5LMB)
UMARC VHF Net 4/39/0 (K5LMB)
Yazoo County ARES Net 4/17/0 (KF5DJS)

PSHR - W5XX 77 and KA5DON 67.

Traffic - KA5DON 17 and W5XX 7

Compilation of Net Statistics provided by KB5RCJ.