

Mississippi Section Report for June 2015

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Field Day 2015 is now history. A record number of Mississippi clubs/groups (30) were in the field experiencing some degree of sunshine, humidity, rain, and lightening as well as making QSOs, fun, and fellowship.

Those clubs known in the field were:

599 DX Assc. (NA5NN)
Alcorn County ARES (W5AWP)
ARC of Amite County (W5CCW)
Chickasaw ARA (W5GWD)
Great Southern DX Association (K5GDX)
Hattiesburg ARC (K5PN)
Jackson County ARA (N5OS)
Jones County ARC (WV5D)
Lowndes County ARC KC5ULN)
Magnolia DX Association (K5MDX)
Marion County ARC (KG5HKK)
Meridian ARC (W5FQ)
Mississippi Coast ARA (W5SGL)
Mississippi DOT (KM5DOT)
Multi-Club operation (W5W)
Northeast Mississippi ARA (W5NEM)
Olive Branch ARC (W5OBM)
Pearl River ARC (W5PMS)
Petal Wireless Association (N5YH)
Southern Mississippi YLs (KB5MZ)
Southwest Mississippi ARC (W5WQ)
Stone County ARES Group (K5STO)
Tishomingo ARC (W5TCR)
Tupelo ARC (KK5K)
University of Mississippi ARC (W5UMS)
W5ETZ

The following Field Day messages were received by the SM: W5FQ (WL2K), W5NEM, W5OBM, N5OS, K5PN, W5TCR, W5UMS, W5W, and W5WQ.

In a historic Mississippi Field Day operation five clubs went together and operated Field Day from Muscadine Park in Pelahatchie. Mayor Knox Ross turned the Park and Town Meeting Hall over to the Central Mississippi ARA, the Jackson ARC, the Vicksburg ARC, the Scott County ARC, and the Salvation Army Disaster Services Center. FD Chairman WM5A reports over 40

people in attendance at one time or the other for the setup, operation, and tear down. A great time was had by all.- The only minor problem was the very noisy freight trains that passed by Muscadine Park exactly on time as each satellite pass making copy almost impossible. N5JGK finally was able to make a satellite QSO in spite of the noise to collect the extra 100 points for the final score. If you haven't visited downtown Pelahatchie in the past few years the renovation has been impressive. And lastly, W5W had a nice FD promotional interview on WLBT Mid-Day Mississippi featuring K4FMH and K5RWB.

Field Day in Mississippi got good PR coverage. Through the efforts of AK5J, Governor Phil Bryant proclaimed June 20-26 as Amateur Radio Week in Mississippi. KB5ZFI reports that he was interviewed on WDAM-TV and got articles into the Hattiesburg American and the IMPACT newspapers. Further, WX5N reports that the Tishomingo County Club (W5TCR) got a great Field Day write up in the Tishomingo County Vidette, WB5ASP reports the Southwest ARC had a similar article in the Brookhaven Daily Leader, and AF5NG notes that the Marion County Club had a write up in the Columbian Progress. The South Mississippi YL Club had a write up on the WLOX Web Site, and the Northeast Mississippi ARA had a nice article and scrolling photo album on the Tupelo Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal Web Site.

W5MAV reports in the Meridian 'Spark Gap' that a troop of Boy Scouts visited the Meridian ARC Field Day site and six passed their Radio Merit Badge, Maybe have some new Hams in that crew.

As you are aware Senator Roger Wicker co-sponsored Senate Bill S.1685 'The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015' which is a companion to H.R. 1301. If both Houses of Congress pass these identically worded bills and the resulting bill is signed by the President, this would direct the FCC to extend its rules relating to reasonable accommodation of Amateur Service communications (known as PRB-1) to private land use restrictions

Thanks to all of the Mississippi Hams who sent an email to Senator Wicker asking him to introduce the Bill. Also it would be appropriate to send an email to Senator Wicker thanking him for this action. His email address is <http://www.wicker.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact>. Also a note to your Congressman would be beneficial. K4FMH notes that a 'bill tracker link' has been placed on <http://www.cmsara.org>, if you want to keep up with the progress of these two bills.

The Annual Mississippi Simulated Emergency Test will be August 8. This will test our capability for emergency activation. This year's SET will be coordinated by Assistant SEC K1REZ. Contact your county EC or AEC to find out how you can participate.

The second item on your calendar is the Katrina 10 th Anniversary Special Memorial Event from August 26 through September 2. Complete details are on www.katrina5h.com or contact AG5Z.

And lastly, 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. This is a change of information from last month's Section Report which was necessitated by local considerations. More details to follow.

K5XU reports that the Bike Crossing Bicycle Shop in Ridgeland held its annual 100 mile ride for charity on June 20. Proceeds from this event benefit the stroke recovery unit at Mississippi Methodist Rehabilitation Center in Jackson. Approximately 250 riders participated, with 53 attempting the full 100 mile course which crisscrossed much of rural Madison County.

The Jackson Amateur Radio Club provided communications for this event. The following amateurs participated: KA5TJW, KF5YGG, K5KKD, K5XU, and KD5JPB. The 147.075+ repeater near Canton, K5AUR, provided excellent radio coverage of the route. Despite the heat, the only incidents handled by the amateur operators were two requests for the sag wagon, and one advisory for the rest stops to inform the cyclists to be mindful of people walking their dogs along one part of the route.

WB5CON reports that Alcorn County ARES volunteers provided communications for the very first 5K Rooster Run in Alcorn County with about 250 participants in the race. Those providing communications were AF5QC, K0RIS, KF5WKZ, N5YAV, AK4DI, and K9YVT.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in June: KG5HVQ, Stacey - Ripley; KG5HZU, Joseph-Tylertown; KG5IAX, Ted - Hickory; KG5ICQ, Randell - Foxworth; KG5IDK, Samantha - Hernando; KG5IDU, Joey - Columbus; and KG5IER, Bridgette - Corinth.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in June: KD5AAG, W.D. - Hattiesburg; WB5GNO, John - Lumberton; KG5GQP, Robert - Southaven; KG5GWW, Mitchell - Olive Branch; KF5GMV, Frank - Olive Branch; KG5HGV, Scott - Bogue Chitto; KD5HKU, John - Waveland; KG5HVQ, Stacey - Ripley; KG5IAX, Ted - Hickory; N5ILX, Douglas - Brandon; KF5MCD, Robert - Rienzi; WX5MW, James - Amory; KD5QEO, James - Bassfield; KB5RHD, Fred - Corinth; K5ROB, Robert - Tremont; AA5VC, Karol - Lumberton; KF5YIA, Perry - Thaxton; and AF5ZF, Ernie - Brandon. As of June 30 ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 1,122 up 1 from last month. Thanks to all who promote ARRL Membership!

And last but not least, welcome to KB5VE as Assistant EC for Lamar County.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KG5AQL, Michael - Ocean Springs; KF5BIF, Ricky - Corinth; KG5CLG, Danny - Pascagoula; KB5GUN, Neil - Moss Point; KG5HAS, Francis - Clinton; KG5HGT, Harold - Lucedale; KG5HKU, John - Waveland; N5IJY, Hugh - Sumrall; KF5MCD, Robert - Rienzi; KC5OAE, Robert - Gulfport; KF5WFW, Hugh - Petal; and KB5VST, Billy - Booneville. Good group of upgrades this month!

ASEC/DEC/EC Monthly Reports for March 2015: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), KC5IMN (WC MS), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), WX5SE (Itawamba), AE5SK (Hinds), WA5TEF (Lee), and KE5WJN (Pearl River).

PIO Report: KF5ZCI

Club Newsletter/Reports (Editor): Delta ARES (K5JAW), Marion County ARC (AF5NG), and Meridian ARC (W5MAV)

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

Magnolia Section Net 30/1011/12(K5DSG)
MS Baptist Hams Net 3/20/0 (WF5F)
MS Digital Net 13/87/98 (K1REZ)
MSPN 30/2191/15 (K5NRK)
MS Slow Net 19/33/0 (W3TWD)

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

Booneville and Prentiss County Net 5/56/0 (WX5N)
Capital Area Em Net 4/58/0 (K5XU)
Delta ARES Simplex Net 4/22/0 (K5JAW)
Hattiesburg ARC Emergency 2M Net 4/68/1 (K5TLL)
Hattiesburg ARC 10M Simplex Net 4/59/1 (K5TLL)
Hattiesburg ARX 2M Simplex Net 1/7/0 (K5TLL)
Itawamba County ARES 4/57/3 (WX5SE)
Jackson County Em Net 26/494/1 (K5MOZ)
Lowndes County ARC Net 5/41/6 (KF5AZ)
MDXA Net 4/35/0 (W5DAW)
Metro Jackson ARES Net 5/52/0 (AE5SK))
MS Coast Em Services, WX, Training, and Tech Net May 4/41/0 (N5AHM)
Miss/Lou Em Net 4/26/0 (K5NRK)
MS Preparedness Project EN 1/6/0 (KF5RFB)
Northeast MS Skywarn Net 5/70/0 (WA5TEF)
Pearl River ARES Net 5/32/0 (KE5WJN)
Rankin County ARES Net 4/68/0 (KG5AVT)
Scott County ARES 5/60/3 (KC5IIW)
Stone County ARES Net 4/54/0 (N5UDK)
Tishomingo ARC Net 5/77/0 (WX5N)
UMARC UHF Net 4/18/0 (K5LMB)
UMARC VHF Net 4/44/0 (K5LMB)
Yazoo County ARES Net 4/19/0 (KF5DJS)

PSHR - KA5DON 130 and W5XX 70.

Traffic: KA5DON 40 and KB5YEE 14

Compilation of Net Statistics net statistics provided by KB5RCJ.