

Mississippi Section Report for May 2007

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Clear your calendar for a number of upcoming events. Field Day is June 23-24 when Mississippi Hams charge off into the boonies to make QSOs, fight the heat and humidity, and swat the mosquitoes. Don't miss the fun, food, and fellowship! Following FD is the ARRL National Convention at the Von Braun Center in Huntsville August 18-19. The Convention will be preceded by the Global Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Conference August 16-17 in the Embassy Suites adjacent to the Van Braun Center. See www.hamfest.org for more details. And on September 7-8 MFJ will host the 2007 ARRL Day in the Park in conjunction with MFJ's 35th Anniversary. See www.mfjenterprises.com for more details.

Forest County EC KD5XG reports a number of major initiatives to improve area emergency response capabilities. Operational procedure packages were prepared for the newly established stations at Forest General Hospital and Wesley Medical Center. In addition, the antennas at the Forrest County EOC were repaired.

In preparation for the MEMA Hurricane Zora Exercise, Lex indicates that coordination was effected with the EOC and security personnel at the hospitals. In addition K5GVR worked through the night before Zora at the McHenry Repeater Site to ensure communications with the Coast.

As the Zora Exercise unfolded Lex reports that communications were established with EOCs in the Southern Counties including Harrison, Jackson, Stone, George, Pearl River, Green, Lamar, Marion, and Simpson. Only Perry and Jones were not contacted. The Forrest County EOC Station also helped relay messages to MEMA. Lex says he is particularly proud of the operation at Forest General Hospital. Thirteen of the fourteen recently licensed operators participated in Zora. Lex notes that the following hams made a major contribution to the preparation and execution of the Zora Exercise: N5LRQ, AC5E, N4FF, K5JXL, KE5IHP, W5TMM, N1AFG, KE5IUJ, AG5Z, K5GVR, and KE5AJI.

Local Hams from the Golden Triangle area supported the "Rockcrusher Classic" Mountain Bike Race on Sunday, May 20th, 2007. The race was held in the Tombigbee National Forest between Ackerman & Louisville. This race was the 2007 South Central Regional Championship Series 3rd Race. Local Ham's providing support and emergency communications were AC5MR, NCS, KC5AKX, AD5HM, N5VSB, and KD5YTC. There were several crashes putting a few riders out of the race, but no serious injuries occurred.

Lafayette County EC K5DSG reports that ARES responded to a HAZ-Mat Exercise on the Ole Miss Campus by manning the Mobile Communications Center. A number of equipment and operational problem areas were identified that will be rectified as well as administrative understandings that need to be clarified.

The Weather Man treated the Dayton Hamvention well this year. No rain in the flea market except for a few sprinkles on Sunday Morning. The commercial vendors featured a lot of new

European equipment giving the JA's some competition. Those Mississippi Hams enjoying the festivities were KE5BMO, WB8BZH, KF5C, K5FLU, KB5JNZ, AA5MT, KC5NIS, KB5OXI, KC5RC, WB5TTE, W4WLF, W5XX, KB5YBH, WB4YBY, and KB5YJF.

Event Coordinator AB5BL (formerly KD5WEA) reports that the Jackson ARC provided communications for the annual Heatwave Triathlon. This event consisted of a swim in the reservoir, a run through the woods, and finally a bike ride on the Trace. Those providing assistance included K5BLL, K5RWB, K5CPO, KE5JKD, KE5IMJ, and KD5SBP. Due to their communications support responsibilities, none of the hams had time to participate in the Triathlon (or so they said).

ARRL Headquarters has announced the 2007 Scholarship recipients. There was not a single applicant from Mississippi! We are letting scholarship money slip through our fingers. We need to do better next year.

Welcome to new Mississippi Hams: KE5OBP, Matt – Madison; KE5OBR, Ken – Guntown; KE5OFR, Gary – Gulfport; KE5OFS, Melvin – Gulfport; KE5OFT, Teri – Gulfport; KE5OFU, James – Gulfport; KE5OFV, Kenneth – Gulfport; KE5OFW, Gary – Gulfport; KE5OGB, Cecil – Gulfport; KE5OGC, Jean – Gulfport; KE5OGD, Branden – Hattiesburg; KE5OKH, Roy – Moss Point; KE5OFI, James – Ocean Springs; KE5OFX, Bradley – Saucier; KE5OFY, Carol – Saucier; KE5OKR, Donal – Biloxi; KE5OKS, James – Gulfport; KE5OKW, Don – Gulfport; KE5OOB, Paul – Olive Branch; KE5OPJ, James – Hernando; KE5OPM, Denise – Southaven;

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KD5BXX – Wiggins; KC5CHP – Gautier; KE5DHC – Florence; KE5FHV – Meridian; KD5GHV – Magee; KE5IMJ – Crystal Springs (way to go, David!); KE5MVZ – Gulfport; KE5NSP – Monticello; KE5OBQ – West Point; KI4OGY – Southaven; N5UCF – Gulfport; KA5VFU – Gulfport.

Also congratulations are in order to the Central Mississippi ARA which was approved for ARRL Club Affiliation, and further to WJ5C and Prentiss County EC WX5N, who both completed ECC-001.

Welcome to new ARRL members: KE5AIJ – Maben; KE5AJF – Maben; KE5AJI – Petal; KD4EGP – Oxford; WA4EWG – Walls; K5LMB – Oxford; KI5MW – McComb; KE5NQO – Oxford; KE5NSG – Perkinston; KE5OGB – Gulfport; KE5OGC – Gulfport; KE5OKI – Ocean Springs; KD5YCP – Houston; KB5YEE – Vicksburg; N5ZNN – Vicksburg.

Regret to report the passing of W5NTV of Vicksburg.

PIC Report: N5TBB

Club Newsletters/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), and Vicksburg ARC (W5WAF).

DEC/EC Report: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), KC5EAK (Pearl River), K5DSG (Lafayette), WB5GUD (Newton), KD5GWM (Lauderdale/Clarke), KD5KXJ (Leake), WX5N (Prentiss), K5NRK (Warren), N5TBB (Tippah/Benton), W4WLF (Gulf Coast/Harrison), and KD5XG (Forrest).

RACES Report: KD5VMV (DeSoto)

Net reports: sessions/QNI/QTC (Net Manager)

DRN5 62/Miss 100% Rep by W5MLO, WB5ZED, WF5F, KG5EJG, WA5FB, W5XX (WB5ZED)

MS Section Phone Net 31/2905/17 (K5NRK)

Magnolia Section Net 31/891/5 (AD5J)

MS Section Traffic Net 30/110/5 (KB5W)

MS Section Slow Net 23/34/0 (W3TWD)

Hattiesburg AEN 5/126/0 (N5MZ)

Newton County ARES 5/40/0 (WB5GUD)

Meridian Area EN 5/56/0 (KD5GWM)

Lowndes Co ARC Net 5/60/0 (AD5DO)

Pearl River ARES 5/47/2 (KC5EAK)

Stone Co ARES Net 5/123/1 (N5UDK)

MDXA 5/104/0 (N5FG)

MCARA CARES 4/52/0 (KA2KMU)

NE MS ARES 4/51/0 (W5LMW)

MS-LA EN 4/44/0 (K5NRK)

Itawamba Co, ARES 4/31/0 (KB5NMB)

Monroe ARC 4/36/0 (AD5DO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 3/24/0 (WF5F)

PSHR: WB5ZED 150, W5XX 124

Traffic: WB5ZED 3707 (BPL) (Wow!)

Compilation of Net and Traffic Statistics provided by KB5RCJ