

## Mississippi Section Report for November 2008

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Thanks to the Jackson County ARC for hosting another great Hamfest. Chairman WM5W reports that over 200 were in attendance. The big prize winners were KB5CSQ and KD5FSV. The highlight of the Hamfest was a presentation by Fred, WD5ERD, representing ICOM America, who conducted a 3-hour seminar on D-Star using the D-Star Demonstration Unit. Bill, K5ZPR, of the Texas Interconnect D-Star Team, and Harold, K5SXX, supported Fred in the presentation. While here, all three checked out the D-Star and Analog Repeaters at the WXXV Tower in McHenry.

K5BLL advises that the Jackson ARC conducted a Technician class in Ridgeland, requested by the Mississippi Hospital Association, on Thursday, November 13, 2008. All of the participants are employed in hospitals around the state and will use Ham Radio during nets and simulated and real disasters. Several of these new Hams already plan to take the General test at the JARC December 7 test session at the Red Cross in Jackson. Starting with 40 students, 37 took the exam and 32 passed. The instructors were AB5WF, W5GEJ, K5CID and K5BLL. K5BFA also helped during the VE Test Session. A commendation for the JARC effort was received from Karen Anding, Education Project Coordinator for the Mississippi Hospital Association.

WX5JAN was activated for Skywarn Recognition Day by AB5WF and WB5TTE. Although band conditions were very bad, 18 other NWS stations were contacted.

Lafayette County EC W5MPC reports that the University of Mississippi ARC was asked to assist with communications needs for the 2008 Diabetes Walk. Members assisted with communications between event organizers and the double decker bus which trailed the walkers and runners. Further the Club, the Mississippi State Guard, and the University of Mississippi Legal Studies Department hosted a National Weather Service SKYWARN training session at the National Guard Armory in Oxford. There were a total of 36 in attendance of which 24 were not hams. Following the SKYWARN presentation those that

attended learned about amateur radio and the Amateur Radio Emergency Service.

WD2XSH/6 (W5THT) reports making 12 CW QSO's in November (some in the New England states) on 600 Meters. Pat reports that the local power company repaired a bad lightning arrester and dropped his QRN level from S9+12 to S3. He also built a shielded receive loop that dropped out all the lightning static. It works - even stuck into the cement table in the patio.

Lauderdale/Clarke EC KD5GWM relays that W5ED and AE5FE are working toward getting the Rush Hospital Group (4 hospitals) set up with ham stations and trained operators.

.... And before I forget it, it looks like another year has slipped by and Christmas is already here. I hope all of the well-behaved hams in Mississippi find some goodies under the tree. Personally I'm hoping for more sunspots and fewer solar flares. Merry Christmas from Vicksburg from W5XX and family!

Welcome the following new Mississippi Hams: KE5WYC, Orris – Gulfport; KE5WYX, Timothy – Natchez; KE5YBL, John – Clinton; KE5YBS, David – Hattiesburg; KE5YBT, James – Hattiesburg; KE5YBU, Raymond – Petal; KE5YBV, Sylvia – Purvis; KE5YCL, Shing – Oxford; KE5YCM, Michael – New Albany; KE5YCO, Joshua – Moss Point; KE5YCU, Lois – Ellsberry; KE5YDV, H. J. -- Indianola; KE5YDW, Murray -- Philadelphia; KE5YDX, David -- Raymond; KE5YDY, Jim --Terry; KE5YDZ, Richard -- Madison; KE5YEA, James -- Philadelphia; KE5YEB, William -- Clinton; KE5YEC, Jack -- Brandon; KE5YED, Kirby -- Mendenhall; KE5YEE, Sandy -- Richland; KE5YEF, B. P. -- Yazoo City; KE5YEG, Shelby -- Lawrence; KE5YEH, Larry -- Sumrall; KE5YEI, Wade -- Brookhaven; KE5YEJ, Jimmie -- Carthage; KE5YEK, Larry -- Randolph; KE5YEL, Charles -- Philadelphia; KE5YEM, Michael -- Meridian; KE5YEN, Cynthia -- Meridian; KE5YEO, Sean -- Brandon; KE5YEP, Craig -- Pearl; KE5YEQ, Greg -- Booneville; KE5YER, Byron -- Quitman; KE5YES, Glenn -- Yazoo City; KE5YET, Marshall -- Philadelphia; KE5YEU, Mike -- Clarksdale; KE5YEV, Bobby -- Soso; KE5YEW, David -- Jackson; KE5YEX, Lee -- Pearl; KE5YEY, Tim -- Iuka; KE5YEZ, Ron -- Natchez; and KE5YFA, Joyce -- Pearl. Great! 43 new Hams in the state in November.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members: WX5DBZ – Ocean Springs; KJ6EB – Corinth; K5IBM – New Hebron; WA5PZI – Hattiesburg; KA5TTR – Buckatunna; KB5UDF – Jackson; KE5VRN – Dundee; K5WBX – Wesson; KE5WRC – Madison; and KE5YBL – Clinton. Section Membership is now 1,003.

Congratulations to KE5WBG, who upgraded, and to N5DU, who completed ECC-001.

Also congratulations to the new 2009 officers of the following clubs: Magnolia DX Association: W5UE, President, K2FF, VP, WD5BJT, Secretary, and KA5VFU, Treasurer; the Jackson County ARC: KC5LCW, President, K5YG, VP, KB5FHX, Secretary, and AB5RS, Treasurer; and the Vicksburg ARC: W5WAF, President, KE5MQS, VP, and K5NRK, S/T.

Club Newsletters/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Jackson ARC (K5VU), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), Olive Branch ARC (KB0ZTX), Pearl River County ARC (N5WLW), Northeast Mississippi ARA (KB5NMB), and the Vicksburg ARC (W5WAF).

DEC/EC Reports: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), KC5EAK (Pearl River), KD5FUO (Golden Triangle), K5FV (Rankin), WB5GUD (Newton), KD5GWM (Lauderdale/Clarke), WX5N (Prentiss/Tishomingo), KB5NMB (Itawamba), N5TBB (Tippah), and N5ZNT (SW MS)

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

DRN5 62/Miss 100% Rep by W5XX, KA1ZIA, W5MLO, WA5FB and WB5ZED (WB5ZED)

MS Section Phone Net 30/2426/26 (K5NRK)

Magnolia Section Net 30/900/3 (K5DSG)

MS Baptists Ham Net 5/37/0 (WF5F)

MS-LA EN 5/38/1 (K5NRK)

Capital Area EN 5/96/0 (K5XU)

Metro Jackson ARES 5/67/0 (N5DU)

Alcorn Co ARES 4/45/0 (WB5CON)

MCARA Net 4/42/0 (KA2KMU)

Tishomingo County ARES Net 4/119/3 (WX5N)

Stone Co ARES Net 4/75/0 (N5UDK)

Newton County ARES 4/19/0 (WB5GUD)

Meridian Area EN 4/36/0 (KD5GWM)

NE MS ARES 4/39/0 (W5LMW)

MDXA 4/68/0 (N5FG)

JARC EN 4/31/0 (N5DU)

Lowndes Co ARC 4/31/0 (AD5DO)

Monroe Co ARC 4/52/0 (AD5DO)

Itawamba Co ARES 3/37/2 (KB5NMB)

South MS YL Net 3/48/0 (KB5CSQ)

Pearl River ARES 3/39/0 (KC5EAK)

Rankin County ARES 3/32/0 (K5FV)

Attala County ARES 2/33/0 (KB5ZEA)

SW MS ARES 2/7/0 (N5ZNT)

HAEN X/XX/X (K5MIQ) (report not arrived yet)

PSHR: October - WB5ZED 150, W5XX 72.

Traffic: WB5ZED 4451 (Wow!)(BPL), W5XX 5.

Compilation of Net and Traffic Statistics provided by KB5RCJ