

## Mississippi Section Report for November 2010

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During the evening of November 29 a series of severe storms swept out of Louisiana into West Central Mississippi moving northeast finally exiting the State east of Starkville. The NWS reports that 12 tornadoes were embedded in the storm system as it moved across Mississippi. Damage was reported in Attala, Leake, Monroe, Oktibbeha, Smith, Warren, and Yazoo Counties. This storm track followed very closely the storm track of the April tornadoes.

KE5PYM reports that Central Mississippi SKWARN was activated from NWS Jackson (WX5JAN) beginning at 4PM which provided NWS personnel with numerous reports that assisted in making preliminary damage assessments and short term storm predictions. These reports related to structural damage, power outages, trees down, and roads blocked. WX5JAN was on the air until sunrise the next morning. Word that Hams were providing information to the NWS filtered to the local TV Stations which resulted in some nice PR plugs for Ham Radio. Emergency ARES Nets were also activated in Jasper and Yazoo Counties as well as the Hattiesburg Area Emergency Net and the Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net.

Yazoo County EC KE5YES reports that there was significant damage in the Yazoo City downtown area, but overall the total damage was not nearly as bad as the April Tornado.

The MCARA operated a special event station November 13 and 14 at the Highlands and Islands 25th Silver Anniversary of the Scottish Games and Celtic Music Festival at the Harrison County Fair Grounds. During the event, they made 290 contacts, 13 of them were DX stations and the rest were stateside. The equipment was N9OKV's communications trailer, ICOM 7000 (barefoot), LDG tuner, 18' S9 vertical antenna with four radials, and a shorty dipole. There were plenty of visitors to stop by to see what MCARA was doing, watch operations, and ask questions. Some even got on the air, like YL Jessica age 13, who talked to a ham in Houston, TX and learned to send her name in Morse code which she picked it up pretty quickly. A good time was had by all. The Operators were AE5RI, N9OKV, KB9ZR, KF5BA, KF5CXG, K5KMU and K5QJ with observers KF5DIN, N5OKV, W5ILR, and Karen Samuelson.

Stone County EC N5UDK reports that his ARES Group received Storm Spotter Training on Nov. 22 at the Stone County Courthouse in Wiggins taught by NWS-Mobile. Stone County is in the process of becoming a Storm Ready Community. An advanced Storm Spotter Class is planned for the Spring.

Prentiss County EC WX5N reports that the local Booneville Radio Station (WBIP) has ask ARES to provide real time info from the field during coverage of storm events.

Several years ago traffic pro KB5W facilitated combining the Mississippi and Arkansas CW Traffic Nets. After Jim's untimely death K4VIZ took over the MTN/OZK as Manager and has served for the past two years. Tom is now retiring as Net Manager and turning the reigns over to K5NTT and AA5J. Thanks for your efforts Tom!

DEC WB5CON reports that a 180 ft tower has been approved (subject to FAA approval) for the now under construction new EMA Facility in Corinth. ARES will have HF, VHF, and UHF space on the new tower.

..... and lastly Merry Christmas from the W5XX Family to you and yours as we look forward to a prosperous 2011. Many thanks to all of the Hams across the State that have kept the ARRL Mississippi Section moving forward.

Welcome to the following new hams in Mississippi in November: KF5IVW, Joan – Holcomb; KF5IVX, Mitchell – Holcomb; KF5IXO, Thomas – Hattiesburg; KF5IXQ, Adam – Petal; KF5IXR, Charles – Hattiesburg; KF5IXS, Robert – Collins; KF5IXT, Raymond – Sumrall; KF5IYA, Donald – Iuka; KF5IYB, Charles – Glen; KF5IYC, Charles – Glen; KF5IZB, Candace – Jackson; KF5IZD, James – Mississippi State; KF5IZL, Michael – Columbus; KF5JAK, Nicholas – Senatobia; KF5JAR, Darren – Quitman; KF5JAS, Ray – De Kalb; KF5JES, Barbra – Grenada, and KF5JET, Paula – Grenada.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members: KB5DRD – Nettleton; WB5EUT – Tchula; K5EYK – Ocean Springs; KF5IKP – Ocean Springs; KF5IUY - Oxford; KF5JAS – De Kalb; KE5JJC – Petal; N5JWL – Houston; KD6PJW – Poplarville; KE5RJN – Hattiesburg; K5RPH – Jackson; and KE5VFK – Tishomingo. ARRL Membership in Mississippi is now 1,071. Another record! Keep working.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KF5DWQ – Madison; KF5IKP – Ocean Springs; KF5IPL – Columbus; KF5IZA – Scooba; KF5RJO – Hattiesburg; KE5UQS – Brandon; KE5ZOP – Gulfport; and KA5ZZJ – Brandon.

DEC/EC Monthly Reports: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), AE5FE (Lauderdale/Clark), KG6LJN (Greene), N5UDK (Stone), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), N5TBB (Tippah), KE5WJN (Pearl River), and AG5Z (SE MS).

OO Report: W5TFW

Club Newsletter/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), Mississippi Coast ARA (KB9ZR), Northeast Mississippi ARA (KE5SSB), and the Pearl River ARC (N5WLW).

Regret to report the passing of WD5O of Doddsville and N5ZJ of Lumberton.

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

Magnolia Section Net 30/1008/25 (K5DSG)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/26/0 (WF5F)

MS Digital Traffic Net 20/49/30 (K5DMC)

MSPN 30/2675/23 (K5NRK)

MS Slow Net 21/26/0 (W3TWD)

MTN/OZK 30/121/25 (K4VIZ)

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

Alcorn County ARES 2/19/0 (WB5CON)

Booneville and Prentiss County 5/67/2 (WX5N)

Capital Area Em Net 4/63/0 (K5XU)

Hattiesburg AEN 4/96/0 (K5MIQ)

Itawamba County ARES 4/39/0 (KB5NMB)

Jackson ARC Em Net 5/47/0 (N5DU)

Magnolia DX Assn 5/80/0 (AE5JG)

Meridian Area EN 5/56/0 (AE5FE)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/59/0 (KE5PTL)

MS Coast ARA 6/65/1 (K5KMU)

Miss/Lou Em Net 4/16/0 (K5NRK)

NE MS Skywarn 5/84/0 (W5LMW)

Panola County ARES 4/28/0 (KC5DPJ)

Pearl River ARES 4/38/0 (KE5WJN)

SCMSG Info Net 4/42/0 (AE5JG) (Southern Coast Medical Support Group)

Southern MS Friendship Net 22/197/0 (WB5OHN)

Southern MS YL Net 4/53/0 (KB5CSQ)

Stone County ARES 5/116/0 (N5UDK)

Tishomingo ARC 5/150/5 (WX5N)

UMARC Net 4/38/0 (K5LMB)

West Coastal MS 2M Net 9/77/0 (K5DMC)

PSHR: W5XX 178

Compilation of Net and PSHR statistics provided by KB5RCJ.

