

Mississippi Section Report for October 2008

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Thanks to the Mississippi Coast ARA for hosting the annual ARRL Day in the Park at Davis Bayou in Ocean Springs. Chairman WB5WB reports that 50 plus hams and their families enjoyed the fellowship at this very scenic setting. Prizes came from so many directions that nearly everyone took something home.

The next big event is the Ocean Springs Hamfest sponsored by Jackson County ARA to be held November 14-15, 2008 at the St. Martin Community Center in Ocean Springs. The POC for information is WM5W at wm5w@bellsouth.net. Talk in will be on 145.110. Additional information can be found on <http://www.jcmsara.org>.

The 2007 Annual Run Across the River at Vicksburg had to be held by laying out the race course under the bridge and along the bank of the river because of maintenance on the Bridge. This year things were back to normal with the race starting at the Welcome Station on the Mississippi Side of the river with the 2.5-mile turnaround near Delta, Louisiana. The Vicksburg ARC again provided communication along the race route to relay lead runner progress and report any safety problems. All went well. Those participating were N5JGK, KB5YEE, W5XX, N5OYJ, KB5CQX, and N5KWT.

The National Weather Service at Thompson Field in Jackson held its first open house on October 18. This included demonstrations on storm safety, the CoCoRaHS rainfall-reporting network, severe storm prediction, NOAA Weather Radio, meteorological measurements, and SKYWARN. WX5JAN was operating/demonstrating for the visitors. Central Mississippi SKYWARN Coordinator N5XXX reports that there were enough hams there to have a mini-Hamfest. Some of the hams operating/visiting were AB5WF, KE5PYM, K5CID, KE5KJJ, K5BLL, N5KWT, N5XXX, KE5KTU, KE5JKD, W5WAF, K5VXV, and W5XX. (I probably missed a few, sorry).

WD2XSH/6 (that is W5THT) reports that his 600 meters station has now been on the air over 38,000 hours. With some maintenance by the local power company, he can now hear again and made his first CW QSO of the season on November 4. Pat asks that stations monitor 505 to 510 KC and send in reception reports to www.500kc.com.

The Tishomingo County ARC held their 2nd annual swapfest at the Courthouse in Iuka. EC WX5N reports that folks from NE Mississippi and NW Alabama set up in the parking lot for tailgating. Tickets were sold for the grand prize which was a Yeasu FT-2800 which was won by Fred W8FR from Ripley. The funds raised from the sale of the tickets will go toward emergency communications equipment.

The Southwest Mississippi ARC helped the City of Brookhaven celebrate their 150th Anniversary in September by operating a Special Event Station, W5WQ, at the Ole

Brook Festival. In spite of stormy weather, more than 100 QSOs were made and special QSL cards were sent to those who requested them. In addition, WB5ASP reports that W5WQ also set up at the Walthall County Dairy Festival and made some 130 QSOs from Tylertown. A special 'Ugly Cow' QSL card was printed by the organizers and sent to those contacts that requested it.

Marshall County EC KB0ZTX reports that the primary net for Northwest Mississippi Skywarn will be the 146.91 Desoto County Emergency Training and Information Net on 146.91. The practice net meets every Monday night at 8:30 PM. This repeater supports the NW MS region as the primary frequency for all ham radio emergency communications and is monitored by the NWS in Memphis during weather events. This repeater will soon be linked to a repeater in Holly Springs to provide full coverage of Northwest Mississippi.

DeSoto County ARES participated in the Horn Lake Fall Festival. They provided communication support and also took the opportunity to demonstrate emergency communications capabilities to visitors according to DeSoto County EC KD5VMV. Those participating in the demo were KD5VMV, KB0ZTX, N5UOV, KD5PIT, W9IK, KD5SM, K5OMC, and KE5EOQ.

The Alcorn County ARES 2 Meter Repeater has been moved to a 200-foot tower north of Corinth reports DEC/EC WB5CON. In addition, the Magnolia Regional Health Center (hospital) is installing ham gear for emergency backup communication. Several hospital employees are studying for their Tech license. They are holding a class one evening per week for 10 weeks and using the ARRL Tech book. Lastly, Fred approached a couple of Scout leaders about interest in the Radio Merit Badge. They are all for it, so several of the Alcorn County ARES members will put the merit badge class together for mid-winter. There is a lot going on in Alcorn County.

Welcome to new Mississippi hams: KE5WOO, Charles – Long Beach; KE5WOQ, William – Gulfport; KE5WPO, Stephen – Mississippi State; KE5WPP, Robertsen – Starkville; KE5WPV, Doug – Saltillo; KE5WPW, Sharon – Tremont; KE5WQG, Christopher – Starkville; KE5WRA, Mallory - Wesson; KE5WRB, Robert – Brandon; KE5WRC, David – Madison; KE5WRD, Troy – Wesson; KE5WRE, James – Florence; KE5WRP, Ken – Vicksburg; KE5WRQ, Robert – Crystal Springs; KE5WSM, Chester – Vancleave; and KE5WUN, Mark – Batesville.

Also welcome to new ARRL Members: KD5FUW – Fulton; WD5IRI – Lumberton; KA4LDU – Ocean Springs; KE5MQS – Byram; K5RHK – Florence; KD5QAN – Fulton; KE5TLF – Moss Point; KE5UFZ, Tupelo; N5VAG – Biloxi; KE5WOO – Long Beach; KE5WQG – Starkville; KE5WRP – Vicksburg; and KB5YPG – Fulton. ARRL Mississippi Membership is now at 1,004. Keep up the good work!

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KE5RAW, Madison and KE5VMT, Biloxi.

DEC/EC Monthly Reports: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), KC5EAK (Pearl River), K5FV (Rankin), WB5GUD (Newton), KD5GWM (Lauderdale/Clarke), KE5KTU (Hinds), WX5N (Prentiss/Tishomingo), N5TBB (Tippah), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

Club Newsletter/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), Northeast Mississippi ARA (KB5NMB), Pearl River ARC (N5WLW), and Vicksburg ARC (W5WAF).

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

DRN5 62 Sessions, Mississippi 100% represented by W5OXA, WA5FB, W5MLO, KA1ZIA, WB5ZED, W5XX and W5CPO (WB5ZED).

MSPN 31/3086/23 (K5NRK)

Magnolia Section Net 31/867/5 (K5DSG)

MTN 31/204/12 (KB5W) (Record QNI!)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/29/0 (WF5F)

MS Slow Net 23/44/0 (W3TWD)

Tishomingo/ Prentiss ARES 5/156/6 (WX5N)

Itawamba County ARES 5/60/3 (KB5NMB)

Pearl River County ARES 5/67/0 (KC5EAK)

Rankin County ARES 5/59/0 (K5FV)

South MS YL Net 5/74/0 (KB5CSQ)

Magnolia DX Assn 4/67/0 (N5FG)

Attala County ARES 4/60/0 (KB5ZEA)

Miss/Lou Em Net 4/32/1 (K5NRK)

Hattiesburg AEN 4/116/0 (K5MIQ); September 4/115/0

Meridian Area EN 4/36/0 (KD5GWM)

Alcorn County ARES 4/43/0 (WB5CON)

NE MS ARES 4/53/0 (W5LMW)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/51/3 (KE5KTU)

MCARA Net 4/39/0 (KA2KMU)

Lowndes Co ARC Net 4/18/0 (AD5DO)

Monroe ARC Net 4/68/1 (AD5DO)

Stone County ARES 4/73/0 (N5UDK)

Newton County ARES 3/40/0 (WB5GUD)

PSHR: WB5ZED 150, W5XX 75.

Traffic: WB5ZED 2389 (BPL), W5XX 4.

Compilation of Net, PSHR, and Traffic statistics provided by KB5RCJ.