

## Mississippi Section Report for September 2013

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The ARRL Day in the Park is normally held in September or October when Mississippi Weather is just right. Mother Nature pulled a dirty trick on us this year as a storm front moved through the state on the Saturday Morning of the Day in the Park. The host Central Mississippi ARA had scheduled the event to be held at Shiloh park in Brandon, but this was not to be. Thanks to some fancy footwork by CMARA Members, the Day in the Park was moved to the Resource Complex at River Oaks Hospital in Florence. In spite of the torrential rain some 40 plus Hams found their way to River Oaks. A good time was had by all! Chairman KF5EZT thanks WX5H, WM5A, KF5IZ, KF5MLL, K5TMA and all of the CMARA Members for their efforts in making this event a success under extenuating circumstances. And thanks to the ARRL and MFJ for providing some great prizes!

Mississippi Hams usually breathe a sigh of relief as October 1 rolls around, and we have past the peak of the Hurricane Season and look forward to the Holidays and football. This was not to be this year as TS Karen Moved into the Gulf the first weekend in October. The Delta Division MOU was invoked with plans to activate the Delta Division ARES Emergency Net and the Louisiana and Mississippi Section Nets at 6 PM on Friday the Fourth. K5GLS, Assistant Delta Division Director, in Shreveport coordinated the effort.

The Nets were activated, but as Saturday Morning rolled around, Karen became a non-event, and the Nets stood down. Thanks to Net Manager N9ACQ for activating the Delta Net, Net Manager K5DSG for activating the Magnolia Net, and Net Manager K5NRK for activating the MSPN. The frequencies we use are not for free and our payback is Public and Emergency Service. Thanks to all of those who manned or were prepared to man EOCs and those who volunteered to be NCS on the Nets. Your efforts reflect well on Ham Radio and certainly help to justify the use of our frequencies.

By coincidence the First Thursday EOC Checkin was conducted the day before the Nets were activated and the Weekend of 5-6 October was the 'Official' ARRL SET Weekend. It's been over a year since we activated for Hurricane Isaac in August 2012, so we needed a full Division Activation to keep in practice.

Hamfest Season is not over yet in Mississippi. Don't forget the Jackson County ARA Hamfest at the St. Martin Community Center in Biloxi on November 15-16. POC is AE5JG at danbarb@bellsouth.net. And following this Hamfest, the Pearl River Hamfest at the Old National Guard Armory in Poplarville on December 14. POC is K5WNU at jbeith@att.net.

EC WA5TEF reports that Lee County ARES has received permission to put a repeater back on the air

from the Booneville ETV Tower Site. The big challenge will be raising funds for a repeater. In addition, Jim and AEC KF5UFZ met with Salvation Army Officials and are in the process of locating a manual to program the Two Meter Transceiver currently installed in the mobile kitchen. Further, Jim and Chuck attended the Lee County Emergency Planning Committee Meeting where the National Guard demonstrated their HAZMAT procedures and capabilities. During the course of the meeting the Lee County EMA Director advised them that the renovation of the Lee County EOC is expected to be completed by the end of the year, meaning that a Ham Station will be on the air from the EOC very shortly.

On September 10 members of Lauderdale-Clarke ARES, EC AE5FE, AEC WB5BNV, and AEC KF5MWE assisted staff members of the East Mississippi State Hospital (EMSH) and the District 6 Hospital Emergency Amateur Radio System (HEARS) in Meridian with the installation of a UHF/VHF and HF station. The station will support Emergency Communications in the HEARS District 6 as well as ARES in East Central Mississippi. Further, Lauderdale-Clarke Counties ARES will conduct a Technician class on 9 and 10 October to assist EMSH and other Hospitals in the HEARS District 6 staff in acquiring their Technician License. Members of the Meridian ARRL VE Team will administer the licensing exams on the afternoon of the 10th.

Scott County EC KC5IIW and AEC KF5UBZ provided communications for the New Liberty Baptist Church Operation Christmas Child 5K Run/Walk in Morton on Saturday, September 21st. 18 participants competed in the 5K Run/Walk and Kids 1 Mile Fun Run. Although it was a wet day, the runners enjoyed the race. Due to local terrain and weather conditions, the ARES team had to QSY from the Simplex Frequency (146.540) to the Pelahatchie Repeater (145.390) to handle communications traffic during the event.

EC N0OKV reports that Harrison County ARES conducted a training class with 12 students on how to use a HSMM Network incorporating D-RATS.

From Jasper County EC WV1Q reports that South Central Skywarn/Jasper County ARES activated on September 24 as a storm moved through the area. Water over the road was reported at two locations on Highway 528 as well as flooding in low lying areas as adjacent creeks were over their banks. This information was passed to NOAA, Jasper County EMA, and MEMA.

Sharon, KE5WPW, a member of North East Mississippi Radio Amateurs (NEMRA) and the Kids Work Shop Captain at the Tupelo Home Depot invited NEMRA to attend the Kids Work Shop and Safety Day on Saturday, October 5, 2013. Sharon asked that NEMRA set up a station to show the kids and parents a little about Ham Radio and Skywarn. It was a great public relations opportunity for the club! Saturday turned out to be a beautiful day with mostly clear skies and warm temperatures despite the weather forecast with Tropical Storm Karen just off of the Gulf Coast.

Sharon had the Tupelo Police Department, Tupelo Fire Department, Lee County Sheriff's Department, the Tupelo Fire Department's Fire House, and the Police Department's helicopter on site for the kids. The kids had a blast climbing on the firetruck and helicopter. A police officer even let the kids turn on the blue lights and siren in his car, and in the Fire House, the kids saw what it was like to be in a burning house and how to get out safely. Lee County Sheriff's Department offered finger printing for the kids.

The NEMRA club members also had fun explaining to the kids and parents how Ham Radio works, and how the club's trained Skywarn Storm Spotters help the National Weather Service when we have bad

weather in the area. It was a little hard for some of them to believe that we were only using a piece of wire strung from a light pole to talk to other hams across the country that morning. Club members at the event were KB5NMB, K5ROB, KC0DWH, N5MIS, and KE5WPW. In addition W1GG and KA5ICO stopped by for a visit.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in September: KF5YEH, Monty – Caledonia; KF5YGG, Joel – Morton; KF5YHY, William – Oxford; KF5YHZ, William – Oxford; and KF5YIA, Perry – Thaxton. Thanks for the assistance from the instructors, mentors, and VE Teams, who conducted the exams.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in September: N0ILB – Diamondhead; KB5KFN – Hattiesburg; W5MZH – Brandon; KA5PGN – Ripley; KC4UYI – Madison; and KF5WVB – Madison. The Mississippi ARRL Membership is now 1,123. Down 6 from last month. Keep Working! Thanks for your continuing membership recruitment efforts.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KB5FRF – Crystal Springs; KD5PGA – Starkville; KF5WKZ – Corinth; KF5WFY – Meridian; and KF5WQD – Pearl.

Club Newsletters/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Lowndes County ARC (AD5DO), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), Mississippi Coast ARA (KB9ZR), and the Northeast Mississippi ARA (KB5NMB).

DEC/EC Reports: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), KF5EZT (Rankin), AE5FE (Lauderdale/Clarke), KC5IIW (Scott), KE5KTU (Hinds), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss/Tishomingo), KB5NMB (Itawamba), N9OKV (Harrison), WV1Q (Jasper), and WA5TEF (Lee),

Regret to report the passing of K5ZK of Inverness. Charles was the consummate DXer being on the DXCC Honor Roll and having over 200 countries on 160.

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

Magnolia Section Net 30/1174/21 (K5DSG)  
MS Baptist Hams Net 3/18/0 (WF5F)  
MSPN 30/2696/14 (K5NRK)  
MS Slow Net 21/30/0 (W3TWD)

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

Booneville and Prentiss County ARES Net 4/50/0 (WX5N)  
Capital Area Em Net 5/100/0 (K5XU)  
Chickasaw ARA Net 5/111/0 (N5PYQ)  
Delta ARES Net 4/18/0 (K5JAW)  
Itawamba County ARES 3/36/1 (KB5NMB)  
Jackson ARC Em Net 4/50/0 (N5DU)  
Jackson County Em Net 28/431/0 (K5MOZ)  
Magnolia DX Assn 4/60/0 (K5OAZ)  
Meridian Area Em Net 5/37/0 (AE5FE)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 5/71/0 (K5GCY)  
Miss/Lou Em Net 5/34/0 (K5NRK)  
MS Preparedness Project Emergency Net 4/46/0 (WX5H)  
NE MS Skywarn 5/47/0 (W5LMW)  
Olive Branch Tech and Info Net 9/64/0 (KD5CKP)  
Pearl River ARC Net 4/68/0 (K5RDA)  
Rankin County ARES 4/73/0 (KF5EZT)  
Scott County ARES Training Net 5/54/1 (KC5IIW)  
South MS YL Net 4/40/0 (KB5CSQ)  
South Central Skywarn and Jasper County ARES 5/51/1 (WV1Q) One storm event activation  
Stateline Skywarn Net 3/31/0 (KB5NMB)  
Stone County ARES 5/70/0 (N5UDK)  
Tishomingo ARC Net 4/72/0 (WX5N)  
UMARC Net 5/26/0 (K5LMB)  
Yazoo County ARES Net 5/38/0 (KF5DJS)

Public Service Honor Roll: W5XX 71

Compilation of Net and PSHR statistics provided by KB5RCJ.