

Mississippi Section Report for January 2016

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Thanks to the Jackson ARC for hosting another great Capital City Hamfest. Hamfest Chairman K5TDD notes that our special guests were KX9X, ARRL Headquarters Media and Publications Manager, K5UZ, Delta Division Director, K5GLS, Delta Division Assistant Director, and N9DGK, Tennessee SM. Also W5KUB was in the house streaming the Hamfest activities live.

Hamfest Financial Coordinator KE5JKD advises that the attendance was 1220 and that there were 84 vendors. The Grand prize winner was W5LJD from Byhalia. Chairman K5TDD would like to thank the JARC members and volunteers who made this great event happen: K5IMT, K5XU, KE5JKD, AE5SK, KD5JPB, WB5YKR, K1JHS, KG5FYT, N5TZJ, KG5BA, KG5AVT, K4FMH, N5DU, WM5A, N5QTF, W5TWZ, KC5OSM, KC5LK, K5KKD, KE5WAC, WB8BZH, W5RUE, KG5FSA, AK5J, K5WRB, KE5MLL, KF5WDL, K5BLL, N5GT, Annie Spencer, Shelia Bullock, Marsha Wood, and the FEMA AmeriCorps Crew.

VE Team Leader AE5SK reports that 26 candidates registered for the Hamfest Test Session. Of these 7 passed their Technician, 6 General, and 3 Extra. In addition, one candidate applied for an expired license renewal. Those VEs helping at the session were: N3TZJ, WX5H, AD5XR, AF5QD, K5AWF, KD5SBP, K5BLL, WM5A, AD5O, and K5LAM.

Welcome to K1REZ as SEC. All DEC/EC are requested to copy Rez at k1rez@arrl.net in addition to W5XX with their monthly reports. Also Rez has authored a paper entitled "The Status of Emergency Communications in Mississippi." A copy is available by sending a request to k1rez@arrl.net.

Severe weather moved through Southern Mississippi on February 2 impacting 10 counties with Collinsville in Lauderdale County receiving the most damage. The QTH of W5MAV sustained damage, but Meridian ARC members were quick to render assistance. Known nets activated as storm spotters were the Central Mississippi Skywarn Net, the Rankin County ARES Net, the Marion County ARC Net, the Delta ARES Net, and the Hattiesburg ARC Emergency Net. There were probably others that were not reported.

On your long range calendar note that the Thirteenth Mississippi QSO party will be April 2-3 from 9 AM to 9 PM local time. Complete rules are on the Mississippi Section Web Site at www.arrlmiss.org. This is our chance to showcase Mississippi on the Ham bands!

The Vicksburg ARC again provided communications for the Chill in the Hills Run/Walk which wound its way through the hills and valleys of downtown Vicksburg. Nothing of note happened except VARC members were occasionally asked to step in and help direct runner/walkers. Those participating were Chairman N5KWT, K5IMT, W5WAF, N5JGK, K5NRK, KD5RFT, and W5XX.

Alcorn County EC WB5CON reports that K5WHB, is working with Boy Scout Troup 123 on the Radio Merit Badge. There were 15 scouts in attendance at his first session. He invited them to the ACARES club meeting last Saturday and 9 of them showed up along with 3 scout leaders! Club members made them feel very welcome and gave them a lot of information about Ham Radio, along with QSL cards. The local EOC director also showed up and impressed on the Scouts how valuable trained Ham operators are to his organization. Hopefully some of the Scouts will want to study and get licensed. In addition, the Alcorn County EOC director is setting up an 8 hour class soon to train ARES volunteers on using all the county radio equipment, which he said would make ACARES Members MEMA qualified.

Two Mississippi Clubs were active during the Winter Field Day January 30 and 31. The Marion County Club had a good turnout. They had three Stations on the air with AF5AB, AF5ZA, AG5AE, KG5JWH, and AF5NG taking turns on making contacts. The weather couldn't have been better 70 degrees and sunny (although the evenings were cool). The location was in AF5AB's field using Windoms and a homebrew fan dipole.

Also KA5DON reports that K5TAL, the Jim Leist Memorial Station, was set up for the Winter Field Day at the American Legion Hall in Gautier. Their goal was to see if they could operate for a sustained period of time with generator and batteries only. They met their goal but found that they are incredibly short of operators for any long period of time. The call was put out at the American Legion Meeting on 8 Feb, and 5 former military radio operators were identified that could help in an emergency. Besides KA5DON, the other operators and take down crew were K5LGP, KM4BWX, N4OMI, K5BQJ, and N5JUM. K5TAL will be activated again on March 12 for the American Legion Birthday.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in January: KG5KYE, Mark - Poplarville; KG5LCC, Anthony - Mathiston; KG5LDR, Michael - Magnolia; KG5LEL, Marilyn - West; KG5LEO, Carl - Clinton; KG5LEU, Kenny - Saltillo; KG5LEV, Harvey - Bogue Chitto; KG5LEW, Brad - Buckatunna; KG5LGA, David - Gautier; KG5LGM, Cade - Senatobia; KG5LGN, Claude - Senatobia; KG5LGO, Samantha - Hernando; and KG5LGU, James - Monticello.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in January: KE5FFX, David - Senatobia; K5IFJ, Calvin - Brandon; AD7KJ, Cullen - Smithdale; KG5KWL, William - Kiln; KF5SUI, Nicholas - Olive Branch; W3WMU, Jeffrey - Sturgis; and N5YAV, McCoy - Corinth. As of January 31 ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 1,133 down 17 from the last report on December 31. The dues increase may be taking its toll.

And last but not least, welcome to KF5WVJ as EC for DeSoto County, and KD5VMV as AEC for Marshall County.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KB5DXO, Donnie - Amory; KG5FWJ, Nathaniel - West Point; KG5GCX, Mark - West Point; KG5KQH, Jesse - Corinth; KG5KSA, Michael - Ocean Springs; KG5KUB, John - Louisville; KF5NBS, Norman - Smithville; KE5PMW, Donald - Waveland; and KB5WWS, Lori - Senatobia.

2015 SET Reports: WM5A and KG5AVT (Rankin), WS7EOC (MEMA), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KC5IIW (Scott), KF5IMA (Lafayette), KC5IMN (WC MS), K5JAW (Delta), N5LJC and AF5ZA (Marion), KE5MIS and KD5NDU (Yalobusha), N5MZ (Forrest), K5NRK (Warren), K5NRK (MSPN), WX5SE (Itawamba), AE5SK (Hinds, Madison, and Copiah), N5SP and KB5VE (Lamar), WA5TEF (Lee), and KE5WJN (Pearl River).

2015 Annual EC Reports: KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KC5IIW (Scott), KF5IMA (Lafayette), WX5N (Prentiss), AF5PO (Tishomingo), WX5SE (Itawamba), WA5TEF (Lee), KD5VMV (DeSoto), KD4VVZ (George), and KB0ZTX Marshall).

SEC/DEC/EC Monthly Reports for January 2016: WM5A (Rankin), WB5CON (Alcorn), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (NE MS/Prentiss), AF5PO (Tishomingo), K1REZ (SEC), and WA5TEF (Lee).

PIO Report: KF5ZCI

Club Newsletter/Reports (Editor): Delta ARES (K5JAW) and Meridian ARC (W5MAV).

Regret to report the passing of KG5MH of Booneville, KF5WZL of Poplarville, and WU5D of Gulfport.

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

Magnolia Section Net 31/1009/3 (K5DSG)

MS Baptist Hams Net 5/32/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 31/2543/14 (K5NRK)

MS-NBEMS Net 3/12/2 (K1REZ)

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

Alcorn County ARES 4/51/0 (WB5CON)

Booneville and Prentiss County Net 4/58/0 (WX5N)

Capital Area Em Net 5/64/0 (K5XU)

Hattiesburg ARC Emergency 2M Net 5/107/1 (K5TLL)

Hattiesburg ARC 10M Simplex Net 4/36/0 (K5TLL)

Hattiesburg ARC 2M Simplex Net 1/7/0 (K5TLL)

Itawamba County ARES 4/82/4 (WX5SE)

Jackson County Em Net 26/583/1 (K5MOZ)

Lowndes County ARC Net 4/46/0 (KF5AZ)

MDXA Net 4/41/0 (W5DAW)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/45/2 (AE5SK)

MS Coast Em Services, WX, Training, and Tech Net May 4/68/0 (N5AHM)

Miss/Lou Em Net 5/34/0 (K5NRK)

Northeast MS Skywarn Net 4/35/0 (WA5TEF)

Olive Branch ARC Net 10/74/0 (KF5QGF)

Pearl River ARC Net 4/49/0 (K5RDA)

Pearl River ARES Net 4/50/0 (K5SCW)

Rankin County ARES Net 5/81/0 (KG5AVT)

Scott County ARES Training Net 4/41/5 (W5JMJ)

Scott County ARES Simplex Net 4/13/0 (W5JMJ)

Tishomingo ARC Net 4/81/0 (AF5PO)

UMARC UHF Net 5/18/0 (K5LMB/KD5JHE))

UMARC VHF Net 5/45/0 (K5LMB/KD5JHE)

PSHR – W5XX 71 and KA5DON 64.

Traffic: N5JUM 56, KA5DON 14, and KG5FRZ 6.

Compilation of Net Statistics provided by KB5RCJ.