

## Mississippi Section Report for April 2006

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Governor Haley Barbour conducted the ceremonial signing of HB736 on April 14 with several hams and legislatures in attendance. The photo has been on the section web site and will be in the June or July QST. AK5J is currently preparing a “layman’s interpretation” of HB736 such its application in a local zoning situation can be used most effectively.

Hurricane season is here again! As noted in last month’s section report, Mississippi is now a partner with Arkansas, Louisiana, and Tennessee (Delta Division) in a Memorandum of Understanding to combine communication assets during storm events. In the event the MOU has to be activated the Delta ARES Emergency net will activate on 3890 (night) and 7275 (day). You can obtain a copy of the MOU from [w5xx@arrl.org](mailto:w5xx@arrl.org). This MOU will be activated when a hurricane impacts the Louisiana/Mississippi Gulf Coast. If a hurricane impacts the Louisiana/Texas Gulf Coast, Mississippi will assist Louisiana and Texas via the previously signed MOU.

Interest in the Mississippi QSO Party does not seem to be declining. Last year 44 logs were submitted; this year 62. Last year 76 Mississippi Stations were on the air in 60 counties; this year 78 stations in 63 counties. After a first check of the logs the top 10 Mississippi scores were K5SVC – 100,540, WQ5L – 32,571, W5VK – 31,968, K5DWI – 28,700, KK5K – 25,992, KJ5RC – 15,812, NI5F – 13,750, W5WAF – 11,648, K5AEU – 9,968, and K5MDX – 9,516. K5SVC made an amazing 914 QSOs in all states except KH6, 31 Mississippi Counties, and 30 countries and provinces. KK4TA get the most active mobile award operating from 17 counties! W5XX made the most mobile QSOs with 433. The top out of state score came from K9EU in Illinois with 89 Mississippi QSOs in 44 Counties. Results and certificates should be out in July.

Lamar County EOC KC5TYL reports that the Southern Mississippi Repeater Coalition has instituted several improvements and now has linking capability for seven repeaters in preparation for the next major storm event. James also reports Technician Classes have been started at Forrest general Hospital and a local church. In the same area K5GVR reports that his super repeater at 900 ft on the WXXX Tower at McHenry is nearly ready to be put on the air. The repeater will have two inputs: one for linking the Gulf Coast with Hattiesburg and Jackson and one that can be connected to HF or Echolink.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrade: KA9OFM, Walnut; KD5DHR, Vicksburg; N5KQW, Jackson; KA5EPR, Diamondhead; KG4UMU, Biloxi; and WB5HQH, McCall. Also congratulations to K5FUR, who completed his ARRL EC-001 Emergency Communications Course and KA1ZIA for completing FEMA IS 100/200 and 700.

Welcome to the following appointees: KA1ZIA as Assistant Manager for Operations for the MSPN and K5GVR as Technical Specialist.

Welcome to new Mississippi hams: Bobby, KE5HNM - Coldwater; Timothy, KE5HNN - West Point; David, KE5HNT - Amory; James, Richard, KE5HRL- Biloxi; Donald, KE5HRM - Gulfport; KE5HVV - Hernando; and William, KE5HXI – Carriere.

Also welcome to new ARRL Members: KD5JHE, Oxford; AD5WC, Ripley; KE5GUK, Tupelo; WA5H, Brandon; KE5HJC, Flora; KB5LYT, Pearl; WB5GUD, Little Rock; KB5SVI, Poplarville; N5VSB, Cedarbluff; and KD5DDY, Starkville.

Regret to report the passing of AB5ZE of Florence.

DEC/EC Monthly Reports: WB5CON (Alcorn), KD5CQT (Jackson), WV5D (Jones/Wayne), KC5EAK (Pearl River), N5TBB (Tippah), KC5TYL (Lamar), AG5Z (Forrest).

Club Newsletter/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Jackson ARC (K5XU), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), Tippah County ARA (N5TBB), Vicksburg ARC (W5WAF).

OBS Report: W5KWB

PIC Report: N5TBB

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

DRN5 60/MS 100% Rep/192 (WB5ZED)  
MSPN 30/XXXX/CC (K5NRK)

MS TFC Net 30/XXX/X (KB5W)

Magnolia Section Net 30/XXXX/X (AD5J)

Jackson Co ARES 30/306/5 (KD5CQT)

MS Slow Net 21/XXX/X (W3TWD)

Miss/Lou WX Net 5/XX/X (K5NRK)

MS Baptist Hams Net 5/34/0 (WF5F)

Monroe Co ARC Net 5/XX/X (AD5DO)

Hattiesburg Area EN 5/XX/X (N5MZ)

Meridian Area EN 5/XX/X (KD5GWM)

Pearl River/St. Tammany ARES Net 5/15/0 (KD5EAK)

Jackson ARC EN 5/XX/X (AB5WF)

Itawamba Co ARES 5/XX/X (N5FP)

Lowndes Co ARC Net 4/XX/X (KM5UH)

PSHR: W5XX 74, WB5ZED XXX, AB5WF XXX, N5FP XXX, KD5FUY XX.

Traffic: WB5ZED XXXX (BPL), N5FP XX, W5LEW X, W5XX X.

Compilation of PSHR and Traffic statistics provided by N5FP, Mississippi Section Traffic Manager

