

Mississippi Section Report for April 2007

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The preliminary check of the 2007 Mississippi QSO Party logs has been completed and for the fourth year in a row K5SVC had the high Mississippi Score (885 QSOs). Frank was followed by K5DWI, WQ5L, W5VK, and WB5ASP. The top mobile scores were posted by NO5W, W5XX, K4ZGB, and N5CW. The top out of state scores were sent in by N8II (WV), W9MSE (WI), K4AMC (TN), K4BK (FL), and W7GVE (AZ). Logs show that 80 Mississippi Stations were on the air in 61 counties.

Conditions were noticeably worse on 20 meters as compared with last year, thus much of the activity was on 40 and 75. You have to live with this at the bottom of the Sunspot Cycle. Weather conditions were just as bad as the previous year which slowed down mobile operations and shut down a lot of home stations due to lightning. In 2006 the problem was torrential rain. This year it was high wind followed by a squall line that moved through the State about 7 PM. As Lord Baden Powell would say 'wait til next year.' Results and certificates should be in the mail in July.

Event Coordinator KE5JKC reports that the Jackson ARC again provided communications for the Natchez Trace Century Ride starting at the Old Trace Park and extending 50 miles up the Trace. JARC provided an NCS station at the start of the race plus stations at the five rest stops positioned every ten miles along the Trace. In addition JARC provided a rover station, two chase teams, and a SAG (bike repair). With the exception of a few repair calls all went well. Event Chairman KD5WEA (who had to work) thanks the following for their efforts: KE5JKC, KM5GE, K5BLL, K5TMA, KD5JPB, AB5WF, KE5IMJ, KE5JKD, AD5XR, KE5PTL, K5CID, WB8BZH, KA0SPH, W5GEJ, NB5R, and KD5KWS.

And while we are talking about supporting public service events, DEC WB5CON reports that Alcorn County ARES provided communications for the Coca-Cola Classic 10K footrace in Corinth. 750 runners registered for the event. Those hams helping with communications duties were K5WHB, KG4BTU, KE5EFB, KD5VNJ, W4TX, and KD5LAP.

Club President W5MPC reports that the Ole Miss ARC operated a special event station during the 13th Oxford Double-Decker Festival. This is an annual music and arts festival held in Downtown Oxford commemorating the purchase of double decker buses from Oxford, England. While W5UMS was making QSOs, ARRL and NWS pamphlets were passed out to the passers by. As the event proceeded, the Club tent did double duty as the "Meet Me Here" point and, as a result, club members were able to assist the Oxford Police in locating missing children. Those participating were W5MPC, KD5JHE, K5LMB, K5MHB, KE5LCN, KE5JQZ, WB5VYH, K5DSG, WB5HSX, KE5NQP, and KC0IKK.

EC KC5TYL reports that the Hattiesburg ARC has purchased two Vertex Standard 50 watt continuous duty repeaters, and the Lamar ARC is also purchasing one of these units to replace very old equipment. Along with the McHenry Emergency Communications Repeater Site, Hattiesburg and the Coast will be in a much better position to handle emergency traffic than before Katrina. Thanks to all who have been movers in this effort.

Speaking of emergency communications, Tippah County EMA Director KD5SBC conducted a survey among the Mississippi County EMA Directors to determine which counties had a ham radio station in their EOCs. The following have permanent stations: Attala, DeSoto, Forrest, Hancock, Harrison, Itawamba, Jackson, Lamar, Lauderdale, Newton, Pearl River, Prentiss, Tippah, and Warren. According to the EMA Directors plans are in progress for installation of a ham station in the Marshall, Monroe, and Stone Counties EOCs. This is a great start, but we have a ways to go.

And lastly on emergency communications, Hurricane Zora moved through South Mississippi in early May necessitating widespread evacuations, the opening of multiple shelters in and north of Hattiesburg, and contraflow on Interstates 55 and 59. Did you miss all of the this? Actually this was the first simulated

major exercise conducted by MEMA in the new State EOC in Rankin County. State RACES Officer AB5WF reports that ham stations at nine EOCs in South Mississippi were activated to provide backup communications between MEMA and the EOCs. VHF linking worked very well. HF was OK, but time of day and QRN were sometimes a problem. Thanks to all to have contributed to the construction and activation of the VHF Linking System in South Mississippi!

After many years of service as Section Traffic Manager, N5FP has retired due to health considerations. Thanks for your efforts, Lee! KB5RCJ will be taking over on a temporary basis.

Welcome to new Mississippi hams: KE5NNH, Lowell – Southaven; KE5NNI, Ann – Holly Springs; KE5NOS, Joel – West Point; KE5NOT, Terry – West Point; KE5NOU, Justin – West Point; KE5NOY, Jonathan – Blue Mountain; KE5NQO, Harry – Oxford; KE5NQP, Michael – Oxford; KE5NRI, Steve, - Natchez; KE5NSC, Brandy – Lumberton; KE5NSD, Dennis – Perkinston; KE5NSE, Doores – Perkinston; KE5NSF, Gary – Wiggins; KE5NSG, Herbert – Perkinston; KE5NSH, Isaac – Perkinston; KE5NSI, Fritz – Perkinston; KE5NSK, Robert – Perkinston; KE5NSO, Ronald – Clinton; KE5NSP, Thomas – Monticello; KE5NVK, Michael – Monticello; KE5NWC, Wade – Bay St. Louis; KE5NXJ, William – Wiggins; KE5NXX, Donald – Wiggins; KE5NXS, Hollins – Leakesville; KE5NYO, Dee – Perkinston; and KE5NZU, Kevin – Belmont.

In addition, welcome to K5WLP as EC for Sunflower County.

Also welcome to new ARRL Members: AE5I – Jackson; KB5IBT – Florence; KD5IEI – Nesbit; KE5IMG – Brandon; KE5JQZ – New Albany; N5LYO – Florence; KC5MA – Coldwater; KE5MDF – Kosciusko; KE5MXY – Olive Branch; KE5NBE – Columbus; KB5NNG – Moss Point; KE5NQP – Oxford; KE5NSK – Perkinston. Of the 71 ARRL Sections, Mississippi led the pack with an 11.6% increase in membership in the past year. GREAT! No other section had a double-digit increase.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KE5AID – Steens; KE5AIH – Columbus; KB5CSQ – Gulfport; KD5DHO – Houston; KE5ELT – Biloxi; KC5HCB – Amory; KE5HBE – Starkville; WB5HVX – Perkinston; KB5IBT – Florence; KE5IMH – Pearl; N5IMP – Walls; KE5JGU – Amory; KD5JII – Natchez; KE5JIX – Nesbit; KE5JJC – Clinton; KE5JXT – Tupelo; KE5JXU – Tupelo; KC5KLL – Olive Branch; KE5KTR – Greenville; KE5KTU – Bolton; KE5LFO – Gulfport; KD5LQJ – Ridgeland; K6LSU – Jayess; KE5MAS – Booneville; KC5MNM – Lumberton; KE5MOR – Booneville; KE5MOZ – Vancleave; KE5MXC – Oxford; KE5NBE – Columbus; KD5NRJ – Tutwiler; KD5OTY – Magee; N5PPR – Centreville; KD5RZQ – West Point; W5TAG – Ridgeland; WA5TBG – Gulfport; KD5TDO – Columbus; KD5THW – Columbus; N5TZE – Houston; KD5WCN – Vicksburg; N5WDG – Madison; N5VEZ – Houston; N5YAB – Wiggins; KC5YAI – Booneville; KD5YCP – Houston; KB5YEE – Vicksburg; and KD5YTC – Columbus.

Also congratulations to Union County EC W5LMW who completed IS 100/200/700/800.

DEC/EC Monthly Reports: WB5CON (NE MS), KD5CQJ (Jackson), KC5EAK (Pearl River), KD5GWM (Lauderdale), WB5GUD (Newton), N5TBB (Tippah), KC5TYL (Lamar), N5UDK (Stone), and K5WSY (Tishomingo).

Club Newsletter/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Jackson ARC (K5VU), Ole Miss ARC (W5MPC), and Vicksburg ARC (W5WAF).

PIC Report: N5TBB

Regret to report the passing of W5DQK of Brookhaven, WB5GFM of Clinton, KB5YKU of Vicksburg, and KC5OJS of Meridian

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

DRN5 62/MS 100% Rep by W5MLO, W5OXA, WB5ZED, WA5FB, W5XX (WB5ZED)

MSPN 30/3182/32 (K5NRK)

MS TFC Net 30/132/3 (KB5W)

Magnolia Section Net 30/952/3 (AD5J)

Jackson Co ARES 30/3182/32 (KD5CQT)

MS Slow Net 21/50/0 (W3TWD)

Miss/Lou WX Net 5/47/1 (K5NRK)

Monroe Co ARC Net 5/54/0 (AD5DO)

Metro Jackson ARES 5/85/0 (AB5WF)

MS Baptist Hams Net 5/40/1 (WF5F)

NE MS ARES 5/67/0 (W5LMW)

Stone County ARES 5/92/0 (N5UDK)

Hattiesburg Area EN 5/127/0 (N5MZ)

Magnolia DX Assn 4/72/0 (N5FG)

Jackson ARC EN 4/52/3 (AB5WF)

MCARA CARES 4/43/0 (KA2KMU)

Tishomingo County ARES 4/53/0 (K5WSY)

Lowndes Co ARC Net 4/46/0 (AD5DO)

Meridian Area EN 4/45/0 (KD5GWM)

Pearl River/St. Tammany ARES Net 4/17/0 (KC5EAK)

Newton County ARES 4/31/0 (WB5GUD)

South MS YL Net 2/26/0 (KB5CSQ)

PSHR: WB5ZED 150, AB5WF 137, and W5XX 112.

Traffic: WB5ZED 3401 (BPL), AB5WF 14, W5XX 7.

Compilation of PSHR and Traffic statistics provided by KB5RCJ.

