

Mississippi Section Report for April 2009

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Mississippi Hams will conduct their Annual Simulated Emergency Test (SET) in coordination with the Mississippi Emergency Agency (MEMA) Hurricane Wendi Exercise on May 12. Category IV Wendi will move ashore on the Mississippi Gulf Coast on Monday evening May 11 at 8 PM. The exercise will begin 12 hours after landfall at 8 AM on Tuesday May 12. The focus of the exercise will be coordinating movement of resources into the impacted area after landfall.

The major county players will be Jackson, Harrison, Stone, George, Forrest, Lamar, Greene, and Jones. Jackson County will sustain major damage including a possible communications blackout. Ham Stations at EOCs and Served Agencies (hospitals, Salvation Army, Red Cross, etc) in the eight counties designated above are requested to be activated from 8 AM to 4 PM.

Ham Stations at EOCs and Served Agencies outside of the eight counties will be asked to send a message to KM5EMA (at MEMA) on 3862 or via VHF Link between 8 and 9 AM, Noon and 1 PM, or between 3 and 4 PM saying their ARES Group is aware of the hurricane landfall, that ARES is in contact with local emergency response officials regarding possible assistance, and that the local VHF emergency net was or was not activated for this exercise. Contact your EC to see how you can help!

Congratulations to W4WLF, Gulf Coast DEC, who was selected for the 2008 Emergency Management Agency/911 Award sponsored by the Gulfport Rotary Club. Tom was recognized for his many hours and tireless dedication to emergency communications especially during hurricanes Katrina and Gustav.

DEC AG5Z reports that the University of Southern Mississippi has officially established the USM Amateur Radio Club. Club President KE5HYM and VP KE5RIW along with faculty advisor KE5WKY collectively put much effort into jumping through the required hoops to get the club officially established. The club operated a special event station from the field-day-like site on the USM's Pride field using the new club call of KF5AOS. Many Hattiesburg ARC members attended the very successful event. USMARC and HARC are working together to find a site for a permanent on campus station and to acquire equipment.

A number of severe squall lines passed through the state in late March through mid-April. EC KE5KTU reports that WX5JAN was activated four times in a one-week period resulting in a considerable number of reports being passed to NWS-Jackson. Those assisting in the operations were KE5PYM, KE5WAD, AB5WF, K5BLL, KE5PTL, AD5XR, KE5MQS, W5ALF, N5DU, N5PBX, and KE5WRC. In addition, DEC AG5Z reports that severe weather passed through the Hattiesburg Area on April 12. Heavy

rainfall reports and downed tree reports were passed to the NWS-Jackson. Those participating in the Skywarn Net were AG5Z, KD5XG, KC5TYL, KF5CE, KE5YBT, KE5LPZ, N5LRQ, KE5IKC, KE5KJS, KD5AXK, K5GVR, K5ASL, K5MIQ, and KE5JPH.

For those of you DXers, who like to troll the QRN in the netherlands below 80 meters, be sure to get a copy of the May/June DXers Magazine. K2FF has a nice article on how to get started on 160, and W5THT has an article on his recent Ham Radio pioneering efforts on 600 Meters.

The Hattiesburg ARC set up a demonstration at the Petal Middle School Gym for the Emergency Preparedness Fair sponsored by the Mormon Church. KE5KJP had his two-meter rig set up inside the gym, and K5GVR set up his HF/VHF communications trailer outside the gym. EC KD5XG reports that both locations passed out ARRL literature and talked up ham radio with visitors. Those participating were KE5RJW, KE5KJP, KE5RJY, KE5RJR, AC5E, N5MZ, KD5XG, K5GVR, and KE5YBT.

Welcome to new Mississippi hams: KF5AFV, Robert – Meridian; KF5AFW, Theresa – Meridian; KF5AFX, Robert – Meridian; KF5AFZ, Vincent – Picayune; KF5AGA, Anna – Wiggins; KF5AGB, Paul – Lumberton; KF5AGC, Tony – Wiggins; KF5AGD, William – Picayune; KF5AGE, John – Biloxi; KF5AGF, Randall – Poplarville; KF5AGG, Leroy – Ocean Springs; KF5AGH, Lorraine – Perkinston; KF5AGI, John – Poplarville; KF5AGJ, William – Perkinston; KF5AGU, John – Fulton; KF5AGV, Brian – Marietta; KF5AHL, Nathan – Poplarville; KF5AHZ, Anthony – Saucier; KF5ALY, Christopher – Vicksburg; KF5AMA, Marlon – Greenville; KF5AMB, Myra – Florence; KF5AMC, Norman – Hattiesburg; KF5AMD, Barbara – Hattiesburg; KF5AME, Steven – Yazoo City; KF5AMF, Mark – Overt; KF5AMG, Michael – Madison; KF5AMH, Brian – Vancleave; KF5AMI, Duncan – Vancleave; KF5ANK, Katherine – Meridian; KF5APM, Michael – Fulton; KF5APN, Gilbert – Smithville; KF5APO, Jerrod – Mantachie; KF5AQC, Robert – Hattiesburg; KF5AQD, Carol – Hattiesburg; KF5AQE, Derek – Pascagoula; KF5ARQ, Paul – Bay St. Louis; KF5ARR, Walter – Picayune; KF5ATV, David – Myrtle; KF5ATW, James – Baldwin; KF5ATX, James – Blue Springs; KF5ATY – Ronald, Tupelo; KF5AWA, Rafael – West Point; KF5AWB, Jasper – Starkville; KF5AWC, Christopher – Crawford; KF5AWD, Joseph – Columbus; KF5AWE, Steven – Tishomingo; KF4AWF, Michael – Biloxi; KF5AWG, Victor – Crawford; KF5AWH, David – Starkville; KF5AWI, David – Columbus; and KF5AWJ, Danika – Columbus. 51 new Hams in Mississippi in April! Thanks to all of the instructors and VE Teams that keep new hams coming into the ranks!

Also welcome to new ARRL Members: KF5AGC – Wiggins; KF5AMG – Madison; KF5AMH – Vancleave; KI5DK – Aberdeen; KE5EPZ – Hattiesburg; K4ETG – Southaven; N5IJY – Sumrall; KE5KJN – Poplarville; KE5KJQ – Jayess; KI5KQ – Morton; KB5LSZ – Morton; WW5P – Natchez; N5PXF – Long Beach; KB5RZD – Waynesboro; KJ5OZ – Natchez; KF5V – Saltillo; N5UIQ – Gulfport; W5UNX – Florence; KB5VST – Booneville; KD5WZP – Picayune; KE5YBV – Purvis; KE5YPT –

Biloxi; KE5YXB – Gulfport; KE5YYF – Natchez; and KE5ZBY – Jackson. Mississippi ARRL Membership is now 1,038. Great!

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KE5HJC – Flora; KC5GMO Tupelo; KE5JGR – Pontotoc; KE5JLM – Hattiesburg; KC5KMK – Carriere; KE5RJX – Brooklyn; W4UDH – Brandon; KC5VCB – Perkinston; KE5YLM – Booneville; KE5YXB – Gulfport; KE5YYP – Fulton; KE5ZCF – Saucier; and KE5ZTI – Guntown.

Regret to report that KD5XG has had to retire as Forrest County EC. Thanks for your service Lex! Welcome to KE5WUN as Asst. EC for Panola County.

DEC/EC Monthly Reports: KD5CKP (NW MS), KC5EAK (Pearl River), K5FV (Rankin), WB5GUD (Newton), KD5GWM (Lauderdale/Clarke), KE5KTU (Hinds), KG6LJN (Greene), KE5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), N5TBB (Tippah), KC5TYL (Lamar), and AG5Z (SE MS).

Club Newsletter/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), Mississippi Coast ARA (W5JDH), Northeast Mississippi ARA (KB5NMB), Pearl River ARC (N5WLW), and Vicksburg ARC (W5WAF).

Regret to report the passing of WA5FB of Biloxi. Frank was involved in many aspects of local civic and church activities as well as Ham Radio including being the NTS DRN5 Rep to the MSPN for many years.

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

DRN5 60 Sessions, Mississippi 100% represented by W5OXA, WA5FB, W5MLO, WB5ZED, W5XX, and W5CPO (WB5ZED).

MSPN 30/2336/36 (K5NRK)

Magnolia Section Net 30/728/7 (K5DSG)

Jackson Co ARES Net 30/439/7 (KE5MOZ)

MS Slow Net 21/42/0 (W3TWD)

SCMSRG Info Net 5/49/0 (AE5JG) (Southern Coast Medical Support Group)

Itawamba County ARES 5/73/3 (KB5NMB)

South MS YL Net 5/82/0 (KB5CSQ)

Rankin Co ARES 5/51/0 (K5FV)

Tishomingo ARC 5/174/10 (Wow!) (WX5N)

Meridian Area EN 5/61/1 (KD5GWM)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/22/0 (WF5F)

Pearl River County ARES 4/57/0 (KC5EAK)

Magnolia DX Assn 4/88/0 (AE5JG)

Booneville and Prentiss County ARES Net 4/63/3 (WX5N)

Miss/Lou Em Net 4/17/1 (K5NRK)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/43/1 (KE5KTU)

Newton County ARES 4/27/0 (WB5GUD)

NE MS ARES 4/38/0 (W5LMW)

Hattiesburg AEN 4/120/2 (Wow!) (K5MIQ)

Jackson ARC Em Net 4/53/0 (N5DU)

Stone County ARES 4/72/0 (N5UDK)

Capital Area Em Net 3/65/0 (K5XU)

PSHR: WB5ZED 150, W5XX 94.

Traffic: WB5ZED 1,920 (BPL), W5XX 7.

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

