

Mississippi Section Report for August 2011

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Mark you calendars for the ARRL Day in the Park on October 1 at the Mineral Springs Park in Iuka. This year's event will be hosted by the Tishomingo ARC along with their Annual Swapfest. The Park is located on Old Highway 72 (East Quitman Avenue) just a couple of blocks from downtown Iuka. The Park features award winning mineral water with certain advertised curative powers plus a great playground for the kids and a historic covered bridge. Talk-in is on 146.85 (PL 141.3). Festivities will start around 8:00 with lunch served (for a small fee) around noon followed by some door prizes and a few comments. Delta Division Director K5MC plans to be in attendance, so bring your ARRL questions. Motels are available in nearby Corinth. In the event the humidity is still with us, tailgaters can set up inside the air conditioned building. POC for more info is WX5N at wx5n@arrl.net, who tells us that the main prize will be an ICOM HT.

Tropical Storm Lee wasn't a full fledged hurricane, but it surely left its mark on Mississippi with flooding, wind, tornadoes, and power outages. MEMA was not activated. The response was tasked to the Coastal Counties. ARES activated for a short time in Harrison County, but the majority of the Ham response was through Skywarn. From Jackson NWS, co-coordinator KE5PYM reports that Skywarn was on the air over 28 hours with 18 checkins and 6 damage reports that were passed on to the NWS. Thanks to KE5JKD, KF5EZT, W5PRL, N5XXX, KE5KTU, K5IMT, and KE5PYM for manning the station during this extended period.

WD2XSH/6 (W5THT) reports that TS Lee took down his 600 Meter Antenna. Pat indicates that thus far he has had his beacon on for 8910 hours and when the beacon was off has made 159 QSO's. He reminds everybody to keep their fingers crossed in that WARC 2012 is coming up in January, and we will find out then if we will get a permanent allocation below the Broadcast Band.

KB5CSQ advises that the KB5MZ Southern Mississippi YL Group participated in the Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend on Aug 6. The Group put the Biloxi Lighthouse on the air and operated from a communication trailer parked on the South side of Hwy 90 in Biloxi across from the lighthouse. This was the Group's first mobile event with 21 attendees. All who operated or visited the event had a great time. The YL's operated mainly 20 meters and made 155 contacts, worked 34 states, and 4 countries and even worked a few of our local Ham friends from Long Beach to Ocean Springs.

Our own W5JDX advises that he was invited by Bob Heil, K9EID, and Gordon West, WB6NOA to join them on their new weekly live video show on Twit.TV. Ham Nation is streamed live every Tuesday night at 8:00 PM Central on <http://live.twit.tv> or you can download the shows a couple of days later at www.twit.tv/hn. Congratulations, George!

Welcome to the following new hams in Mississippi in August: KF5MEE, Renee – Ridgeland; KF5MEG, Debbie – Meridian; KF5MHO, Robert – Beaumont; KF5MHP, Debra – Bay Saint Louis; KF5MHQ, Michael – Carriere; KF5MHR, Marilyn – Vancleave; KF5MHS, Scott- Long Beach; KF5MIF, Dedric – Jackson; KF5MIG, Ryan – Pearl; KF5MIH, Bret – Brandon; KF5MIV, Derek – Mantachie; and KF5MKY, Warren – Ocean Springs. Thanks to all of the instructors and VE Teams, who made this happen.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in August: KK5AE – Jackson; KF5APO – Mantachie; W5FFF – Terry; KF5FXR – Tishomingo; KF5KEQ – Columbus; KF5MBZ – Golden; KF5MCB – Calhoun City; KF5MEG – Meridian; KF5MHQ – Carriere; KF5MHS – Long Beach; AD5OW – Meridian; and KB5YOA – Jackson. August was not a good month for ARRL Membership with a net drop of 11. Mississippi ARRL Membership now stands at 1,070 and down from our record of 1,088 earlier in the year. Maybe it was the Summer heat. Time to go back to work!

Ans lastly welcome to KF5JOO as EC for Oktibbeha County. Former EC K4FMH is moving to Madison-Ridgeland after retiring as a Professor at MSU. Thanks for your efforts Frank!

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KD5IDT – Vancleave; KF5IMA – Oxford; KF5IPL – Columbus; KF5LBH – Olive Branch; KF5LJF Tupelo; KF5LHY – Vancleave; and KE5UFZ – Tupelo.

And also congratulations to KA5DON, who was selected as a Field Instructor for the ARRL EC-001 EMCOMM Course, to KF5JJV and KF5HGO for completing FEMA Courses IS-100b, 200b, 700b, and 600b, and to the newly elected officers of the North East Mississippi ARA: KB5NMB, President, KE5MAT, VP, Secretary/Treasurer, K5SEH, and KE5SSB, Webmaster.

DEC/EC Monthly Reports: AE5FE (Lauderdale/Clark), KE5KTU (WC MS/Hinds), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), KE5WJN (Pearl River), WV1Q (Jasper), and W5UQT (Madison).

OO Report: W5TFW

Club Newsletter/Reports (Editor): Chickasaw ARA (KE5RHM), Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), Mississippi Coast ARA (KB9ZR), the Northeast Mississippi ARA (KE5SSB), and the Tishomingo County ARC (KU4WW).

Regret to report the passing of KE5QHR of Ocean Springs.

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

Magnolia Section Net 31/1169/10 (K5DSG)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/20/0 (WF5F)

MS/OZK CW TFC Net 30/113/19 (K5DMC)

MSPN 31/2547/28 (K5NRK)

MS Slow Net 23/69/3 (W3TWD)

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

Booneville and Prentiss County Net 5/66/0 (WX5N)

Capital Area Em Net 4/82/0 (K5XU)
Delta ARES Simplex Net 4/27/0 (K5JAW)
Grenada/Yalobusha ARES Net X/XX/X (KE5MIS)
Hattiesburg AEN 4/90/0 (K5MIQ)
Itawamba County ARES Net 4/53/1 (KB5NMB)
Jackson ARC Em Net 5/52/1 (N5DU)
Jackson County Em Net 26/396/0 (K5MOZ)
Magnolia DX Assn Net 5/80/0 (K5OAZ)
Meridian Area EN 5/53/0 (AE5FE)
Metro Jackson ARES Net 5/71/0 (K5GCY)
MS Coast ARA Net 5/56/0 (K5KMU)
Miss/Lou Em Net 4/25/0 (K5NRK)
NE MS Skywarn Net 5/98/0 (W5LMW)
Panola County ARES Net 5/48/0 (KC5DPJ)
Pearl River ARES Net 4/53/0 (KE5WJN)
SCMSG Info Net 5/50/0 (AE5JG) (Southern Coast Medical Support Group)
Scott County ARES Net 5/36/1 (K1REZ/W5JMJ) (one session lost due to computer crash)
South Central Skywarn and Jasper County ARES 5/50/0 (WV1Q)
Southern MS Friendship Net 23/245/0 (WB5OHN)
Southern MS YL Net 4/33/0 (K5IJ)
Stone County ARES Net 5/84/0 (N5UDK)
Tishomingo ARC Net 4/110/4 (WX5N)
UMARC Net 4/33/0 (K5LMB)

PSHR: W5XX 71

Compilation of Net and PSHR statistics provided by KB5RCJ.