

## Mississippi Section Report for December 2006

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Don't forget to clear your calendar for the ARRL Mississippi Section Convention and Capital City Hamfest in Jackson on February 2-3. Festivities will begin at the Trade Mart on the Fairgrounds at 5 PM on Friday the second and then again on Saturday beginning at 8 AM. Our ARRL guest will be Dave Patton, NN1N, who is Manager of the Field and Educational Services at ARRL Headquarters. Dave is familiar with all phases of ARRL Headquarters operations, so bring all of your hard questions. In addition, Dave will be available to check DXCC/WAS/VUCC Cards. For more information contact Hamfest Chairman W5LEW at [w5lew@arrl.net](mailto:w5lew@arrl.net).

And on your long-range calendar make a note that the fourth Mississippi QSO party will be held on Saturday February 24 from 9 AM to 9 PM local time. Hams from all over will be looking for that rare Mississippi County or just a QSL to complete WAS. Make your plans to put in a few hours to make someone happy or renew acquaintances with old friends. Complete rules are on the Section Web Site.

The MSPN had another great New Year's Eve Party with Cajun Sage W5MLO as the MC. Some 75 plus checkins enjoyed some Cajun Humor as well as a summary of the year's activities in the Mississippi Section by W5XX.

The Spark Gap (Meridian ARC) reports renewed interest in a Mississippi Packet Network operating on 145.01 simplex. There are now stations on the air in Jackson, Star, Newton, Meridian, Soso, Ellisville, Hattiesburg, Oak Grove, Lumberton, and Picayune. Good band conditions recently have allowed connection to stations in Arkansas and Louisiana. The goal is to develop a reliable packet network from the EOC's on the coast to the MEMA EOC in Jackson. A by-product of a good packet network will be local weather reports during weather emergencies.

In May Candice, KD5VDV, of Wiggins, was selected to attend the ARRL 2006 Teachers Institute on Wireless Technology in Roseville, California, on June 19-23. Candice teaches at Stone County Middle School and is the daughter of WZ5Y. She was the first teacher from Mississippi ever selected for the ARRL Teachers Institute. Check out Candice at work on page 44 of the February 2007 QST!

New officers of the Meridian ARC are KE5FHV, President; KD5GBQ, VP; KB5ASR, Secretary; and KD5JYJ, Treasurer. Further, the Meridian Club has finally attained their goal of being a 501(c)(3) Federally recognized tax exempt organization. This allows individuals or business to donate money, goods, and services to the club and to claim donations on their tax return. It also potentially qualifies the Club to qualify for grants. Many thanks to AK5J, our ARRL Volunteer Counsel, in making a major contribution towards realizing the Club goal.

As most are aware the ARRL Net Directory has not been printed since the 2001-2002 Edition. KB5W points out, however, that nets can be located on the ARRL Web Site by state, section, wide area coverage, local nets, etc. at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/nets/client/netsearch.html>

Applications for the ARRL Mississippi Scholarship are due to Mary Hobart, K1MMH, at ARRL Headquarters no later than February 1, 2007. Complete information is on the Section Website under 'What's Up.'

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KE5IAU – Ocean Springs; KE5IDI - Columbus; KD6PJW – Poplarville; KD5SBC – Falkner.

Also congratulations are in order for the University of Mississippi ARC, who had their application for ARRL Affiliation approved by the ARRL Executive Committee.

Welcome to new Mississippi Hams: KE5LQN, Kenneth, French Camp; KE5LQO, Larry – Kosciusko; KE5LRS, Brian – Lucedale; KE5LRP, Jeffrey – Morton; KE5LRR, Hugh – Richland; KE5LRS, Jessie – Jackson; KE5LTH, Cecilia – Collinsville; KE5LUJ, Pete – Vicksburg; KE5LUP, David – Columbus; and KE5LVD, Winnie – Liberty.

In addition, welcome to new ARRL Members: KD5IFA – Liberty; KE5DHC – Florence; K5IBM – Newhebron; KE5KVM – New Site; KE5LLL – Houston; KE5LQO – Kosciusko; KC5ZJI – Madison.

Newsletter/Club Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Lowndes Co ARC (AC5DO), Magnolia DX Assc. (K5DL), Meridian ARC (W5RB), Univ. of MS ARC (W5MPC)

DEC/EC Monthly Reports: K5CBS (Stone), WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), KD5CQT (Jackson), KC5EAK (Pearl River), KD5GWM (Lauderdale/Clarke), K5WSY (Tishomingo).

PIC Report: N5TBB

Net Reports: Session/QNI/QTC (Net Manager)

DRN5 62/MS 100% rep by N5FP, W5OXA, KB5DZJ, WB5ZED, W5MLO, WA5FB (WB5ZED)

MSPN 31/2576/54 (K5NRK)

MS TFC Net 31/132/11 (KB5W)

Magnolia Section Net 31/1034/5 (AD5J)

Jackson Co ARES 31/437/7 (KD5CQT)

MS Slow Net 21/68/1 (W3TWD)

MS Baptist Hams Net 5/48/0 (WF5F)

MLEN 5/43/0 (K5NRK)

Hattiesburg AEN 5/111/0 (N5MZ)

Newton County ARES 4/34/0 (WB5GUD)

Meridian Area EN 4/49/0 (KD5GWM)

JARC EN 4/49/2 (AB5WF)

Monroe Co ARC Net 4/44/0 (AD5DO)

NE MS ARES 4/67/0 (W5LMW)

Lowndes Co ARC Net 4/35/0 (AD5DO)

Itawamba Co ARES Net 4/39/0 (KB5NMB)

Stone County ARES 4/20/0 (N5UDK)

PSHR (minimum 70): WB5ZED 150, N5FP 110, KD5FUY 78, W5XX 75

Traffic: WB5ZED 2557 (BPL), N5FP 40, WA5FB 32, W5XX 8, KD5FUY 4

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