

## Mississippi Section Report for December 2009

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The next item on your Ham Agenda is the Capital City Hamfest on January 29-30 at the Trade Mart in Jackson. This will also be the Delta Division Convention with W1AW/5 operating from the Hamfest site. Our guest from Headquarters will be W1AGP, who is the ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager. The festivities will start at 5 PM on Friday Night and conclude with the main prize drawings at 4 PM on Saturday. A Wouff Hong Ceremony is scheduled for shortly after the close of the Hamfest on Friday Evening. Bad operators come at your own risk! For more information see <http://www.msham.org/hamfest.php> or email to [hamfest@msham.org](mailto:hamfest@msham.org). See you there!

And on your long range calendar the Sixth Mississippi QSO Party will be February 27 from 9 AM until 9 PM local time. Complete rules are on the Section Website at [www.arrlmiss.org](http://www.arrlmiss.org).

W5MLO hosted the 12 th Annual Mississippi Section New Year's Eve Party on 3862. In spite of some 'summer' type static and low signal strengths, the 35 participants had an opportunity to wish each other the best in 2010. W5XX provided an overview of events in the Mississippi Section for 2009 followed by some W5MLO Cajun Humor.

Lauderdale/Clarke EC AE5FE reports that on December 23, Lauderdale Emergency Management Agency (LEMA) Director David Sharp issued a text message to LEMA, SAR, and ARES volunteers requesting Ham Radio Operators be available for impending severe weather expected after 0900 the next day. KD5GWM, W5RB manned EOC at LEMA from 0920 to the end of the weather event and secured at 1730. W5ED, AE5FE, W5MLO, K5DAD, KE5YEM, and KB5SZJ provided Storm Spotting information for Lauderdale County. K5CQJ in Heidelberg provided feeder info based on WX in the Jasper County area.

There are currently 22 active ARRL Affiliated Clubs in Mississippi. K2FF notes that the Hattiesburg ARC celebrated its 60th Birthday of affiliation on December 14. Congratulations! Only the Jackson ARC (62 years) and the Meridian ARC (61 years) have been affiliated longer. The Tupelo ARC has the fourth longest affiliation with 53 years. Speaking of club affiliations, DEC WB5CON presented the Alcorn County ARES with their 25 th year of affiliation certificate. The photo of the event is on the Section Website.

If you want to look at the current record of your club in the ARRL Data Base, go to the ARRL Web Site at [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org), and type in 'Big Club List' in the search engine in the upper left hand corner of the home page. A few active clubs are on the inactive list because the club record has not been updated in the last two years.

PIC N5WLW was recently interviewed by the Picayune Item which resulted in an informative article in the December 23 edition. Particularly noteworthy in the article was that through efforts of the Pearl River ARC and local agencies, Ham Stations have been installed at two hospitals, two EOCs, one shelter, and several fire stations.

Net Manager K5DMC reminds us that the Mississippi Digital Net meets on 3598 on Tuesday at 5 PM

and Thursday at 9 AM. Jerry is trying to build up the Net in preparation for the next hurricane season.

NCS KB5YEE reports a QNI of 161 during the MSPN January EOC Checkin Session on January 7. With excellent band conditions, John's QNI surpasses WJ5K's record QNI of 150 from back about ten years ago. Good Show, John!

Congratulations to the 2010 officers of the Jackson County ARC: President – N2PKW, VP – K5MOZ, Secretary – KF5AMI, Treasurer – K5CQT, and Past President – KC5LCW. Also to the new officers of the Meridian ARC: President - KD5GBQ, VP - KB5SZJ, Secretary – KB5ASR, and Treasurer – KD5JYJ.

Also congratulations to KE5WUN and KE5WJN, who both completed ARRL ECC-001.

Welcome to KC5DPJ as Asst. EC for operations for Panola County ARES and KF5CSA as Asst. EC for Liaison. EC KE5WUN reports that the group now has the call of KF5EJL.

Also welcome to new Mississippi hams: KF5EFK, David – Oxford; KF5EGO, Deborah – Bay Saint Louis; KF5EHJ, Charles – Jackson; KF5EHK, Aric – Jackson; KF5EHL, Jared – Madison; KF5EHM, Jarrod – Brandon; KF5EHW, Gerald – New Albany; KF5EJF, Kent – Oxford; KF5EJG, Jane – Oxford; and KF5EJI, Eugene – Oxford. Thanks to all of the instructors and VE Teams that keep new hams coming into the ranks!

In addition, welcome to new ARRL Members: KF5BYH – Ocean Springs; AC5CH – Florence; KE5DHC – Florence; KF5EAO – Webb; KE5EFB – Corinth; K5EJY – Magee; K7LRB – Laurel; KD5MC – Southaven; KD5MUO – Florence; WA5OPT – Nicholson; W5QXL – Grenada; KE5SWS – McHenry; KM5UO – New Albany; K9WMD – Columbus; and KB5ZKU – Mize. ARRL Membership in Mississippi is now 1,054. Keep working!

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KF5AGU – Fulton; KF5ATV – Myrtle; KF5CJN – D'Iberville; KF5EEK – Leakesville; KE5UGA – New Albany; and N5SOC – Clinton.

DEC/EC Monthly Reports: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), AE5FE (Lauderdale/Clarke), WB5GUD (Newton), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), KE5WJN (Pearl River), and KE5WUN (Panola).

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

Regret to report the passing of WD5HLD of Basic City and KA5CSU of Pearl.

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

MSPN 32/2530/34 (K5NRK)

Magnolia Section Net 31/763/7 (K5DSG)

MTN/OZK 31/172/18 (K4VIZ)

Jackson Co ARES Net 31/538/4 (K5MOZ)

MS Slow Net 23/38/0 (W3TWD)

Southern MS Friendship Net 23/217/0 (WB5OHN)

West Coastal MS 2M Net 8/68/0 (K5DMC)

Meridian Area EN 6/59/0 (AE5FE)

Tishomingo ARC 5/147/10 (WX5N)

Magnolia DX Assn 5/89/0 (AE5JG)

SCMSRG Info Net 5/48/0 (AE5JG) (Southern Coast Medical Support Group)

South MS YL Net 5/62/0 (KB5CSQ)

Booneville and Prentiss County 5/72/3 (WX5N)

Itawamba County ARES 5/47/3 (KB5NMB)

Pearl River County ARES 4/50/0 (KE5WJN)

MCARA 4/52/0 (K5KMU)

Newton County ARES 4/24/0 (WB5GUD)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/17/0 (WF5F)

Miss/Lou Em Net 4/26/0 (K5NRK)

Stone County ARES 4/56/0 (KC5VCB)

Capital Area Em Net 4/68/0 (K5XU)

UM ARC Net 4/33/1 (K5LMB)

Hattiesburg AEN 4/118/0 (K5MIQ)

Alcorn County ARES 2/16/0 (WB5CON)

PSHR: W5XX 74

Compilation of Net and PSHR statistics provided by KB5RCJ.

