

Mississippi Section Report for December 2013

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Severe weather moved into Mississippi on December 21 resulting in 5 tornadoes and damage in Adams, Bolivar Clarke, Coahoma, DeSoto, Jasper, Lafayette, Marshall, Panola, Perry, Quitman, Tate, Tishomingo, Tunica, and Union Counties. Emergency Coordinators and Net Managers report ARES/Skywarn activations by the Delta ARES (K5JAW), Scott County Skywarn (KF5VVU), Central Mississippi Skywarn (KE5PYM), and Prentiss/Tishomingo ARES (WX5N). Also K1REZ reports that the Mississippi Digital Skywarn Net activated for the first time on 3580. Reports from the EC/NM indicate multiple reports were passed the MEMA, NWS-Jackson, NWS-Memphis, and several county EOCs.

Thanks to the Pearl River ARC for hosting another great Poplarville Hamfest. The special guest was K7JA, noted DXer and Contester, but more 'famous' for his appearance on the Jay Leno Show where he and his assistant beat out a world champion texter by sending a message using 'antiquated' Morse Code. Chip hosted a CW receiving contest during the Hamfest that was won by WQ5L with solid copy at 35 WPM!

The Northeast Mississippi ARA once again had a very successful Christmas Project supporting a family with three boys. A Christmas Dinner and Gift Time was held at the EOC on the second Tuesday of December followed by a visit to the family's home on by Santa on Christmas Eve. The team effort in conducting this annual project brought the experience to a new level of holiday spirit among the club members. This project always helps NEMRA Members appreciate the true meaning of Christmas and brings the Club together in a positive spirit that lasts through the whole next year.

Forty plus Hams enjoyed an On-the-Air New Years Eve Party on 3862 beginning at 11 PM on December 31. NCS W5XX summarized the year's Mississippi Section activities which turned out to be much more information than could be fit into an hour's net session. These topics covered major events, EMCOMM activities, public service, awards, statistics on new hams and upgrades in Mississippi, and silent keys. A complete copy of the W5XX Summary is available from w5xx@vicksburg.com.

The ARRL Centennial QSO Party started on January 1. This is both an opportunity to work a lot of people during the entire year and to work W1AW portable in all 50 states and earn the W1AW WAS Award. Complete details are on the ARRL Web Site. Mississippi's weeks will start April 16 and November 12. If you are interested in operating your station as W1AW/5 contact N4OGW at rt_clay@bellsouth.net.

The next upcoming event on the Mississippi Ham Calendar is the Capital City Hamfest on January 24-

25 at the Trade Mart in Jackson. Our guest from ARRL Headquarters will be Mike Corey, KI1U, who is the ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager and formerly W5MPC from Oxford. An additional Trade Mart Bay will be open again this year to ensure that enough Flea Market tables are available. The festivities will start at 5 PM on Friday Night when the Flea Market opens. Also on Friday Night the 599 DX Association will conduct the 'DX College.' VE Exams will start at 8 AM on Saturday followed by an EMCOMM Presentation by KI1U at 10, and the ARRL Convention Forum at 11. At Noon the Salvation Army will conduct a forum followed by parallel presentations on Go-Kit and NTS Messages 1 PM.

AD5DO reports from Columbus in the December Lowndes County ARC Newsletter that following several Fox Hunts the team first place award goes to AE5EV and K5YXA with second place going to WE5BEE and W5VOL. The individual first place award goes to AE5EV and second place to WE5BEE. She would be a serious first place contender if she were old enough to have a drivers license! The Newsletter also reports that KA5MAN served as instructor for the the Club's QRP Group which had two kit building sessions and a Morse Code training Class that lasted several weeks. Also W5FCG and KE5LUP headed up the Club's D Star Project which is now on the air as KC5ULN on 440 MHZ. And lastly from Columbus, the Club now owns the 85 ft. tower which stands behind their Club House after negotiations with the former owner.

Field Day Chairman AE5RI notes in further examination of the 2013 FD Results in QST that MDXA/GSDXA was first in Mississippi and the Delta Division in Category 3A as well as being second overall in the section, 12 th in North America in Category 3A, 5 th overall in the Delta Division, and 66 th overall in the country.

From below the AM Broadcast Band WD2XSH/6 (aka W5THT) reports he now has over 200 CW contacts and 12,266 hours logged in the 630 Meter Experiment. Further, Pat has received test signals from an experimental station on 74.321 KHz in the Northeast. His plan for 2014 is to stop beaconing on 630 Meters and look for QSOs. Further he is collecting equipment to start moon bounce experiments. Pat also notes he has 302 DXCC countries confirmed. Congratulations!

K4FMH started the MS-MESH Group on Yahoo about a year ago and now has 14 members. Anyone interested in HSMM-MESH/aka Broadband Hamnet check the link at <http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/MS-HSMM-MESH>

Volunteer Instructors continue to conduct classes for new hams. Those reported this month are a class taught by the Lauderdale County ARES (AE5FE and WB5BNV) at the East Mississippi State Hospital resulting in seven new Technicians and a class taught by AG5Z in Columbia resulting in four Technicians, one General, and one Extra. Larry says we should hear some more activity out of Marion County in the near future.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in September: KF5ZJH, Roger – Horn Lake; KF5ZJI, Susan – Horn Lake; KF5ZJJ, Marie – Southaven; KF5ZLA, Adam – Madison; KF5ZLF, Bradley – Moss Point; KF5ZLG, David – Lucedale; KF5ZLL, Justin – Biloxi; KF5ZLM, Brandon – Picayune; KF5ZLS, John – Picayune; KF5ZMU, Timothy – Petal; KF5ZMV, Walter – Greenwood; KF5ZMW, Robert – Tupelo; KF5ZNE, Giovanni - Sumner; KF5ZQM, Dewey – McNeill; and KF5ZRA, Sonya – Jackson. Thanks for the assistance from the instructors, mentors, and VE Teams, who conducted the exams.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in September: KF5AMH – Biloxi; NS5B –

Jackson; KF5CFE – Pittsboro; WX5KDM – Shannon; KB5LCL – Brandon; KA9MQI – Perkinston; AF5MU – Collins; KF5OVS – Yazoo City; N5PBX – Jackson; W5PKN – Flora; KF5PQY – Meridian; KA9QZD – Perkinston; KC5TGT – Utica; KE5UGA – New Albany; KF5WTU – Gulfport; KF5YTK – Natchez; KF5YVQ – Natchez; KF5ZLA – Madison; and KF5ZLL – Biloxi. The Mississippi ARRL Membership is now 1,113. Up 5 from last month. Keep Working! Thanks for your continuing membership recruitment efforts.

Gulf Coast DEC K5XXV has retired due to work constraints. N9OKV will take over as DEC for the Coast. Jeff will remain as EC for Harrison County and has appointed AE5RI as Assistant EC for the County. In other ENCOMM news, NE5P has retired as EC for Lamar County. Forrest County N5SP will move over to Lamar County and N5MZ will become the new EC for Forrest County... and last but not least welcome to WX5SE as OES for Itawamba County. Many thanks to all of the retiring appointees for their efforts and thanks to those who have taken on new responsibilities.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KF5TEX, Jeffery – Hattiesburg; KF5OYO, Stephen – Biloxi; and KF5YTK, Robert – Natchez.

Also congratulations to the new officers of the Olive Branch ARC: President - K5OLV, VP – KD5CKP, Secretary – KD5IWH, and Treasurer – KF5OIM; from the Jackson County ARA: N2PKW – President, AF5DP – VP, N9RQX – Secretary, AG5CC – Treasurer, and K5KDO – Past President; from the Hattiesburg ARC: WZ5Y – President, NU5Y – VP, AE5QX – Secretary, W5TUT – Treasurer, and AF5II – Membership Chairman; and from the Lowndes County ARC: KF5EVR – President, KE5LUP – VP, KF5KEQ – Secretary, and AD5DO – Treasurer.

And additional congratulations to AE5JG and AF5AQ, who were jointly awarded Jackson County ARC 'Ham of the Year,' and to AF5DP, AG5CC, KE5QHJ, N5GJ, and WU5D, who all received Certificates of Achievement for their outstanding contributions to the JCARA.

And to AB6Z, who just confirmed his 300 th DXCC Country!

Club Newsletters/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Lowndes County ARC (AD5DO), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), Mississippi Coast ARA (KB9ZR), and the Northeast Mississippi ARA (KB5NMB).

DEC/EC Reports: KF5EZT (Rankin), N5KDA (Adams), K5JAW (Delta), KE5KTU (EC MS/Hinds), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss/Tishomingo), KB5NMB (Itawamba), WV1Q (Jasper), K1REZ (EC MS), WE5TEF (Lee), and KE5WJN (Pearl River).

Regret to report the passing of WB5GUD of Little Rock. Fred was the long time EC of Newton County. Also regret to report the passing of AB5BB of Grenada. Bart was renowned for taking his Technician, General, and Extra all in one sitting!

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

Magnolia Section Net 31/1185/18 (K5DSG)

MS Baptist Hams Net 5/22/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 32/2339/24 (K5NRK)

MS Slow Net 22/49/0 (W3TWD)

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

Booneville and Prentiss County ARES Net 5/50/0 (WX5N)

Capital Area Em Net 5/78/0 (K5XU)

Chickasaw ARA Net 5/92/0 (N5PYQ) 4/69/0 Oct; 4/72/0 Nov

Delta ARES Net 4/17/0 (K5JAW)

HEARS NET 2/11/1 (KF5QLL) November Report

Itawamba County ARES 4/37/1 (KB5NMB)

Jackson ARC Em Net X/XX/X (N5DU)

Jackson County Em Net 27/431/0 (K5MOZ)

Magnolia DX Assn 3/43/0 (K5OAZ)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 5/57/0 (K5GKY)

Miss/Lou Em Net 5/37/0 (K5NRK)

MS Preparedness Project Emergency Net 4/49/0 (WX5H)

Olive Branch Tech and Info Net 10/90/0 (KD5CKP)

Pearl River ARES 4/38/0 (KE5WJN)

Rankin County ARES 4/53/0 (KF5EZT)

Scott County ARES Training Net X/XX/X (KC5IIW)

South MS YL Net 4/23/0 (KB5CSQ)

South Central Skywarn and Jasper County ARES 4/31/0 (WV1Q)

Stateline Skywarn Net 4/31/0 (KB5NMB) One activation as a cold front passed through with possible severe weather. Contact was maintained with MEMA on HF. 12 QNI.

Stone County ARES 5/70/0 (N5UDK)

Tishomingo ARC Net 5/75/0 (WX5N)

UMARC Net 5/24/0 (K5LMB)

Yazoo County ARES Net 5/31/0 (KF5DJS)

Public Service Honor Roll: W5XX 70

Compilation of Net and PSHR statistics provided by KB5RCJ.