

Mississippi Section Report for December 2014

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The Mississippi Section held its annual New Years Eve Party on December 31 with 48 folks managing to stay awake until the magic hour. This was an opportunity for Mississippi Hams to wish each other a Happy New Year and for W5XX and N5DU to pass along information on Ham Radio happenings in Mississippi during 2014. These topics included Major Events, EMCOMM Responses, support for Public Service events, Awards and Congratulations, Silent Keys, and some statistics on Ham Radio in Mississippi during 2014. Much of this information came from the Monthly Section Reports, and if you want a copy of the information script, send a request to w5xx@vicksburg.com

For those Mississippi hams, who have cabin fever or are tired of the rain and cold, the next upcoming event on the Mississippi Ham Calendar is the Capital City Hamfest on January 23-24 at the Trade Mart in Jackson. Our ARRL guest will be Rick Roderick, ARRL Vice-President. 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. VE Exams will start at 8 AM on Saturday followed by a presentation by K5UR 10 AM, and the ARRL Convention Forum at 11AM. Several other forums are scheduled for the afternoon.

South Mississippi received an unwanted early Christmas present when a tornado moved through Marion, Lamar, and Jones Counties. MEMA reported five fatalities and 241 homes and 53 business damaged or destroyed primarily in the Columbia area. DEC AG5Z reports that the Hattiesburg Area Emergency Net (HAEN) activated with K5TLL, AE5QX, AG5Z, K5ASL, NJ1Z, N6OJN, KE5JPH, KF5CE, N5MZ, N5APM, and N5CW monitoring to report severe weather. N5MZ passed damage reports to NWS-Jackson. A second tornado outbreak occurred on January 3rd with four tornadoes moving through Covington, Jasper, and Lauderdale Counties. MEMA reports there were no fatalities but 32 homes were damaged or destroyed. AG5Z reports that the HAEN was again active with N5ARM, N5CW, KD5XG, K5TLL, KE5QVZ, NJ1Z, and KK4TXB Monitoring. WB5BNV reports that the Skywarn Digital net was active with WB5AKR, KF5MWE, KD5XG, KC5IIW, and WD5AES Checking in. Fred reports that a tornado passed within a quarter mile of his house. Additionally, the Central Mississippi Skywarn Net was also active, but those stations monitoring were not reported.

DEC/EC N9OKV reports that Harrison County ARES conducted their SET on December 7th. There were 15 participants. Nets were operated on VHF and also message traffic was passed via HF RMS express. Jeff says this training was the most useful they have had in a while. They were able to transfer 25 message in a couple of hours including some NTS and ICS forms. The drill lasted about four hours covering 6 frequencies, and 4 different modes of operation. They also had 4 operators participating from the Gulfport AFRH (Armed Forces Retirement Home). Jeff's conclusion from this exercise is that messages are better passed and more accurate when sent as a typed message. This may slow the traffic by approximately 15 minutes but is much more accurate.

Delta EC K5JAW participated in the QSO-365 Project during 2014 focused toward at least making one QSO a day during the year. Due due to family, travel, equipment problems, and work Jim unfortunately missed 23 days, but managed to make over 1,000 QSOs during the year, worked all seven continents, 49 states (missed North Dakota), 76 DXCC entities, and made PSHR 11 out of 12 months. This sounds like a good project for anyone who needs a little push toward putting in more time on the

air.

AC5E started editing and publishing the Hattiesburg ARC Zero Beat Newsletter in 1989 and missed only one month to date since due to Katrina. Publication now has stopped due to a number of physical problems. Pete's Newsletter was always filled with news, technical info, and tongue in cheek philosophy. Pete thanks for your many years of effort!

Welcome to KC5IMN as DEC for West Central Mississippi.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in December: KG5FCN, Donald - Gulfport; KG5FEG, Pao - Brandon; KG5FEH, Hui - Madison; KG5FEX, William - Meridian; and KG5FIC, Micah - Tylertown.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in December: KD5BJT, Wilburn - Philadelphia; KF5BTH, Raborn - Como; KE5DHC, Janet - Florence; KG5EJC, Gregory - Union; KG5FEX, William - Meridian; K5FSP, Henry - Columbia; WA4GKX, Joe - Iuka; K4GPZ, Carl - Southaven; K4IGS, James - Lucedale; KE5KBF, Tom - Marks; WA5LCK, Rowland - Tupelo; KC5LXY, Timothy - Ridgeland; KA5NOM, Taylor - Como; WB5NUW, Robert - New Albany; W5TOD, Todd - Southaven; KF5VPC, Victor - Star; and KE5WFG, Davis - Laurel. As of December 31 ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 1,144 up 4 from last month. Thanks to all who promote ARRL Membership!

Congratulations to to the following on their upgrades: KG5ABS, Sharon - Columbus, KG5EYX, Jerry - Lake Comorant; and KF5SQC, Charles - Pass Christian.

And congratulations to the new officers of the Southern Mississippi YLs: KB5CSQ, President; KF5KDL, VP, AA5YL Secretary, and KA5EPR Treasurer.

And last, but not least, congratulations to K5SCW, who completed on-line courses ARRL EC-001, Introduction to Emergency Communications, and ARRL EC-016, Public Service and Emergency Communications Management for Radio Amateurs. Shawn is now starting to satisfy the requirements to qualify as an ARRL Emergency Communications Field Instructor.

DEC/EC Monthly Reports for September 2014: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), KF5EZT (Rankin), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), N9OKV (Gulf Coast/Harrison), WA5TEF (Lee), KE5WJN (Pearl River), AG5Z (SE MS)

Club Newsletter/Reports (Editor): Mississippi Coast ARA (KC5KMU), and Meridian ARC (W5MAV).

Regret to report the passing of KD5NSO of Tupelo.

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

Magnolia Section Net 31/1119/13 (K5DSG)

MS Baptist Hams Net 3/13/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 32/2310/11 (K5NRK)

MS Slow Net 23/46/0 (W3TWD)

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

Booneville and Prentiss County Net 5/47/0 (WX5N)
Capital Area Em Net 4/51/0 (K5XU)
Chickasaw ARA Net 5/97/0 (N5PYQ)
Delta ARES Simplex Net 4/24/0 (K5JAW)
Hattiesburg ARC Emergency 2M Net 4/72/0 (K5TLL)
Hattiesburg ARC 10M Simplex Net 4/30/0 (K5TLL)
Itawamba County ARES 4/50/1 (WX5SE)
Jackson ARC EN 5/49/0 (N5DU)
Jackson County Em Net 27/582/1 (K5MOZ)
Lowndes County ARC Net 5/54/0 (AD5DO)
MDXA Net 5/40/0 (W5DAW)
Metro Jackson ARES Net 2/20/0 (W5PKN)
MS Coast Em Services, WX, Training, and Tech Net 5/63/SET (N5AHM)
Miss/Lou Em Net 4/22/0 (K5NRK)
MS Preparedness Project EN 2/18/0 (KF5RFB)
Northeast MS Skywarn Net 5/54/0 (WA5TEF)
Olive Branch ARC Tech and Info Net 16/141/3 (KD5CKP)
Pearl River ARES Net 5/67/0 (KE5WJN)
Pearl River ARC Net 4/78/0 (K5RDA)
Petal Amateur Wireless Society Net 4/17/0 (NG5C)
Rankin County ARES 3/43/0 (KE5EZT)
Scott County ARES 5/51/0 (KC5IIW)
Southern Mississippi YL Net 3/31/0 (KB5CSQ)
Stateline ARES Net 4/47/1 (WX5SE)
Stone County ARES Net 5/60/0 (N5UDK)
Tishomingo ARC Net 5/52/0 (WX5N)
UMARC UHF Net 4/15/0 (K5LMB)
UMARC VHF Net 4/25/0 (K5LMB)
Yazoo County ARES Net 5/29/0 (KF5DJS)

PSHR - W5XX 82, KA5DON, 81 and K5JAW 74.

Traffic: KA5DON 31 and W5XX 12.

Compilation of Net statistics provided by KB5RCJ.