

Mississippi Section Report for February 2007

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Ham Radio has gone through a number of evolutionary changes over the past 50 years all seemingly destined to doom Ham Radio, as we know it. First it was the Novice and Conditional Licenses which would open the HF bands to a hoard of teen-agers. Then SSB came along to replace AM and turn our bands into a "Donald Duck" Zoo. Then the last straw was incentive licensing.

Here we are in the 21st Century. The teen-agers that inundated the bands in the 50's and 60's are our Olde Timers of today. Everybody now realizes that SSB is more effective than AM, and its narrower bandwidth allows more users on the bands. Incentive licensing made some of us strain our brains a little to get our privileges back, but in spite of all of this Ham Radio has survived.

And now we find out that our hard earned CW skills are seemingly worthless as far as licensing is concerned. Is this the final bitter death knell for Ham Radio? Will the "No-Coders" grab their freebie and overrun the HF bands with CB Jargon? Doubtful. Anytime someone feels they are getting something for nothing, the "new" usually wears off fast. But for those that found that CW was truly a barrier to their advancing up the ladder, they will be with us for the long haul. Let's welcome all of these folks to HF and hope that most of these new comers fall into the latter category instead of the former.

The fourth Mississippi QSO Party of recent times is now history. HF conditions were not as good as last year which is to be expected at the bottom of the Sunspot Cycle, in addition, a squall line moved through the state late in the QSO Party which sent most of the mobiles to the barn and fixed stations QRT due to lightning. In spite of all of this, an initial review of logs received indicate that a record number of Mississippi Stations were on the air passing out QSOs for WAS and 5BWAS as well as new counties for the deserving. Thanks to mobiles NO5W, K4ZGB, N5CW, and W5XX, who put a bunch of rare counties on the air. Remember all logs need to be in by the end of March.

What was good during the QSO Party was to hear was all of the /AG's and /AE's on the air just after they had received their new privileges at a VE Session. Thanks to all of the VE Teams who held Saturday Sessions. We'll know by this time next month how many folks actually upgraded.

The Vicksburg ARC again provided communications along the trail for the 10K 'Run Through History' which wound among the monuments in the Vicksburg National Military Park. No major problem incidents occurred; however, VARC Members relayed race progress information to officials in a timely manner. Those participating were N5JGK, K5VXV, KB5WJJ, KD5WYJ, N5KWT, KD5WCN, KC5QZW, KD5ZIP, KJ5RC, N5EZX, and W5XX.

EC K5DSG reports that with the assistance of the Lafayette County EMA Director the ARES group now has an operational communications trailer which has been used in two search and

rescue missions. In addition, Tippah County EC N5TBB has started training classes for ARES Members on how to assemble various station configurations and how to pass traffic.

AC5Y reports that 50 plus were in attendance at the NWS Storm Spotter Training sponsored by the Crystal Springs ARC. Good Show!

The MDXA is sponsoring classes in a big way. Pres N5FG reports that KA5VFU's Tech Class graduated 15 (see end of list below). In addition KE5HKV has a Technician Class in progress in Wiggins, and AE5DX is conducting an Extra Class in Gulfport.

KD5VMV, Deputy Director of DeSoto County Emergency Services, reports that DeSoto County received a Department of Homeland Security Citizens Corps Grant last Fall to construct a Mobile Communications Center and four portable "go-kits." The RACES/ARES Group recently had a workday to fabricate the go-kit coax sections and power cords. The four go-kits were then assembled and put in Pelican Cases. Each go-kit consists of a HF/VHF/UHF radio, 2M/440 radio, coax, and antennas. Those helping with effort were N5PYQ, KE5BXL, W5LJD, W5KK, KB0ZTX, KD5ARO, N5UOV, K5OMC, KD5CKP, KE5AKT, KD5SM, and KD5VMV. DeSoto County is ready to deploy!

Welcome to new Mississippi Hams: KE5MFT, Lawrence – Lumberton; KE5MFV, Robert – Byhalia; KE5MFW, Rachael – Byhalia; KE5MIV, James – Pascagoula; KE5MLC, David – Hattiesburg; KE5MLD, Jacob – Brandon; KE5MLE, Carson – Ridgeland; KE5MLF, Greg – Clinton; KE5MLG, Gregory – Pelahatchie; KE5MLH, Heidi – Carriere; KE5MLI, Joseph – Philadelphia; KE5MLJ, Edward – Carriere; KE5MLK, Frank – Myrtle; KE5MLM, David – Clinton; KE5MLM, Danny – Taylorsville; KE5MLO, Waldemar – Inverness; KE5MMR, Kevin – Ponotoc; KE5MMS, Joshua – Ponotoc; KE5MOR, Luther – Booneville; KE5MOS, Benny – Booneville; KE5MOT, Everett – Baldwin; KE5MOY, William – Gulfport; KE5MOZ, Christopher – Vancleave; KE5MQL, Donald – Iuka; KE5MQN, Jordan - Iuka; KE5MQS, Christopher – Byram; KE5MVM. Thomas – Gulfport; KE5MVN, Jana – Gulfport; KE5MVO, Pierre – Gulfport; KE5MVP, Anthony – Gulfport; KE5MVQ, Johnnie – Gulfport; KE5MVR, Karen - Gulfport; KE5MVS, Joseph – Saucier; KE5MVT, Rebecca – Gulfport; KE5MVU, Cillo – Lucedale; KE5MVV, Stephen – Gulfport; KE5MVW, Michael – Gulfport; KE5MVX, Peggy – Gulfport; KE5MVY, Raymond – Gulfport; KE5MVZ, Gene – Gulfport; and KE5MWA, Justin – Gulfport.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KE5AJI – Petal; KE5GUK – Tupelo; KE5HJN – Tupelo; KE5HJP – Dumas; KB5PMN – Magee; KA5PSG – Meridian; N5SPE – Brandon; WB5TTM – New Albany; N3TZJ – Jackson; and WB5VOQ – Corinth.

Welcome to new ARRL members: KE5AQU – Columbus; KE5BRF – Jackson; KE5BRG – Jackson; KB5DRD – Nettleton; KD5GGJ – Lena; KT5GS – Long Beach; KC0IKK – University; KE5HJN – Tupelo; KD5JXL – Tupelo; KE5LRA – Lucedale; KE5MFV – Byhalia; KE5MFW – Byhalia; KE5MLD – Brandon; KE5MLL – Richland; KE5MOY – Gulfport; KE5MOZ – Vancleave; KD5MYW – Saucier; W0NNN – Jayess; N5ODV – Little Rock; KB5RFJ – Perkinston; KD5SBC – Falkner; KD5TUB – Diamondhead; N3TZJ – Jackson; KA5WGF – Hernando; N5YKB – Stringer; KB0YTW – Starkville; and N5ZX – Jackson.

Also Welcome to N5LJC as EC for Marion County.

Regret to report the passing of KK5ED of Jackson.

PIC Report: N5TBB

Club Newsletters/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Jackson ARC (K5VU), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), and Vicksburg ARC (W5WAF).

DEC/EC Report: K5CBS (Stone), WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), KD5CQT (Jackson), K5DSG (Lafayette), KC5EAK (Pearl River), WB5GUD (Newton), KD5GWM (Lauderdale/Clarke), N5TBB (Tippah), and N5ZNT (SW MS/Lincoln).

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

DRN5 62/Miss 100% Rep by N5FP, W5MLO, KB5DZJ, WA5FB, WB5ZED, W5XX (WB5ZED)

MS Section Phone Net 28/2810/42 (K5NRK)

MS Section Traffic Net 28/141/8 (KB5W)

Magnolia Section Net 28/1017/16 (AD5J)

Jackson County EN 28/503/6 (KD5CQT)

MS Section Slow Net 20/53/1 (W3TWD)

Hattiesburg AEN 5/118/0 (N5MZ)

MDXA 4/63/0 (N5FG)

MCARA CARES 4/47/0 (KA2KMU)

NE MS ARES 4/65/0 (W5LMW)

Newton County ARES 4/36/0 (WB5GUD)

Meridian Area EN 4/53/0 (KD5GWM)

Jackson ARC EN 4/70/1 (AB5WF)

MS-LA EN 4/35/0 (K5NRK)

Lowndes Co ARC Net 4/82/0 (AD5DO)

Monroe ARC 4/52/0 (AD5DO)

Metro Jackson ARES 4/70/0 (AB5WF)

MS Baptist Hams Net 3/32/1 (WF5F)

Pearl River ARES 3/28/1 (KC5EAK)

PSHR: WB5ZED 150, W5XX 112, AB5WF 92

Traffic: WB5ZED 3063 (BPL), AB5WF 17, W5XX 6

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

