

## Mississippi Section Report for February 2009

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The Mississippi QSO Party is going to get a bad reputation for causing lousy weather. Three years ago it was 8 inches of rain; two years ago it was a steady 30 mph wind with gusts to 50 mph. Now in 2009 we started with tornadoes in South Mississippi and ended up with snow in the North. What next? Regardless of the weather it was a great QSO Party. Thanks to NN9K, K4ZGB, and W3DYA for putting on mobile operations and KC5OXI and WQ5L for their portable operations. In addition, there were many, many Mississippi Stations on the air, especially KE5's.

Considering all of the lightning static on 80 and 20 on the Friday Night before the QSO Party, conditions were great, although at this part of the sunspot cycle most of the activity was on 80, 40, and 20. As of early March 70 logs have already been received (65 total last year). Maybe this has something to do with the ARRL 'Year of the QSO Party.' With any luck I can probably have a list of the top ten in and out of state by the April Section Newsletter.

Good News! The Rose Hill Packet Digi is back on the air. Thanks to the statesmanship and technical expertise of WB5BNV (now W5VZK), KB5ASR, and K5XU the digi is working well at the 750 ft level on the tower with 25 watts out on 145.010 simplex 1200 baud. K5JXL indicates that this will provide packet service all most at will between Jackson, Meridian and the Gulf Coast.

DEC/EC WB5CON reports that the HF/VHF/UHF installation at the Magnolia Regional Health Center in Corinth is now complete. Further, EC W5LMW reports that there is now a permanent station installed at Baptist Memorial Hospital Union County in Ponotoc thanks to a grant from the Mississippi Hospital Association. The equipment includes a Kenwood TS 480HX for HF, a TM 271a, and a pair of Kenwood HTs for VHF.

EC KD5GWM notes that things have been busy in Meridian this month. The Lauderdale/Clarke ARES helped Rush Hospital communicate with other hospitals in the group during a mock airplane crash exercise. The drill was evaluated as being very successful. Donna further reports that ARES has 11

new members in the Meridian Area mostly as a result of the just completed Technician Class at Rush Hospital. All of the new Techs have completed FEMA IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800 plus some gained on the air experience when Skywarn responded to a local storm event. Further, AE5FE, W5RB, KD5GWM, W5CPO, and KE5YWW all recertified in CPR and First Aid. Another Tech Class has just been started by AE5FE.

The Stone County ARES Group sponsored a General Class study group during the months of January and February and concluded with a VE session on February 19th. Three Technicians upgraded to General and two candidates passed their Technician exam. EC N5UDK expects more upgrades this month from others in the group.

The Vicksburg ARC again assisted with the 'Run Through History' which attracted some 1,000 plus runners and walkers. This event is held each year in the Vicksburg Military Park on the first Saturday of March and is the largest event of this type in the State. There were a number of personnel and logistical problems that arose which VARC Members were able to help with. Those participating were K5NRK, KC5DNY, W5WAF, N5JGK, N5KWT (plus XYL), KD5WCN (plus XYL), W5XX, KC5QCN, and KC5QZW.

Welcome to the following new Mississippi Hams: KE5YZC, Jackie – Batesville; KE5YZD, Mark – Tupelo; KE5ZCE, Christopher – Moss Point; KE5ZCF, Gary – Saucier; KE5ZDW, Garry – Biloxi; KE5ZGE, John – Ridgeland; KE5ZJX, Janice – Carriere; KE5ZJY, Robert – Wiggins; KE5ZLJ, Rex – Olive Branch; KE5ZLK, Victor – Southaven; KE5ZLL, Ronald – Southaven; KE5ZLM, Tiffany – Batesville; and KE5ZLN, Norma – Southaven.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members: KC5BBY – Brandon; KD5BKU – Bogue Chitto; KD5BPW – Bogue Chitto; K9ECM – Brandon; KD5EDV – Madison; K5FGH – Vardaman; KE5FTU – Wesson; KD5GBQ – Meridian; W5JDH – Gulfport; N5LFA – Potts Camp; WB4PLB – Iuka; KD5RWC – Pascagoula; N5SOX – Clinton; KE5SUN – Wesson; KD5STX – Soso; KE5UBX – Carthage; KM5UH – Columbus; N4UPX – Gulfport; KE5WAC – Crystal Springs; KE5WUN – Batesville; WY5X – Clinton; KD5YDE – Saltillo; KE5YEP – Pearl; KE5YFA – Pearl; KA5YRK – Ridgeland; N5YT – Purvis; KE5YZC – Batesville; KE5ZBT – Union; KE5ZCA – Gulfport; KE5ZCB – Brandon; KE5ZGE – Ridgeland; and KE5ZGF – Byram. The ARRL Membership in Mississippi is now 1,031. GREAT!

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KE5JJC – Petal; KE5JLK – Gautier; KE5NSG – Perkinston; KE5PLL – Perkinston; KE5WSM – Vancleave; KE5WUN – Batesville; KE5YYP – Fulton; and KE5ZGF – Byram. Also congratulations are in order for KM5ON, WB5CON, and W4TX, who all completed FEMA IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800.

Club Newsletters/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), Olive Branch ARC (W4STI), Pearl River County ARC (N5WLW), Northeast Mississippi ARA (KB5NMB), and the Vicksburg ARC (W5WAF).

DEC/EC Reports: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), KD5CQT (Jackson), KC5EAK (Pearl River), WB5GUD (Newton), KD5GWM (Lauderdale/Clarke), KE5KTU (Hinds), W5LMW (Union), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), KB5NMB (Itawamba), N5UDK (Stone), W5VZK (EC MS; formerly WB5BNV); AG5Z (SE MS).

Regret to report the passing of Clint, K5JMD, of Wesson.

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

DRN5 56/Miss 100% Rep by W5XX, W5MLO, WB5ZED, W5CPO, W5OXA, K5BBA, and WA5FB (WB5ZED)

MS Section Phone Net 28/2872/37 (K5NRK)

Magnolia Section Net 28/886/5 (K5DSG)

MTN/OZK 28/195/20 (KB5W)

Jackson Co ARES 28/401/7 (KD5CQT)

MS Slow Net 20/32/0 (W3TWD)

Meridian Area EN 7/95/2 (KD5GWM)

MS Baptists Ham Net 4/31/0 (WF5F)

MS-LA EN 4/22/0 (K5NRK)

Capital Area EN 4/71/0 (K5XU)

Alcorn Co ARES 4/47/0 (WB5CON)

MCARA Net 4/36/0 (KA2KMU)

Tishomingo County ARES Net 4/127/38 (WX5N)

Booneville and Prentiss Co ARES 4/63/3 (WX5N)

Stone Co ARES Net 4/78/1 (N5UDK)

Newton County ARES 4/21/0 (WB5GUD)

MDXA 4/97/0 (N5FG)

JARC EN 4/46/0 (N5DU)

Itawamba Co ARES 4/43/2 (KB5NMB)

South MS YL Net 4/70/0 (KB5CSQ)

Pearl River ARES 4/44/7 (KC5EAK)

Metro Jackson ARES 4/56/1 (KE5KTU)

HAEN X/XX/X (K5MIQ)

PSHR: October - WB5ZED 150, W5XX 75.

Traffic: WB5ZED 1,170 (BPL), W5XX 4.

Compilation of Net and Traffic Statistics provided by KB5RCJ