

Mississippi Section Report for February 2010

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The Eighth Mississippi QSO Party is now history. Olde Man Weather finally gave us a break. No snow in the north or tornadoes in the South. QRN was not a widespread problem this year. In addition, with Solar Cycle 24 finally on the upswing, 80, 40 and 20 sounded more 'normal' and there was also some activity on 15.

An early inspection of logs from out of state received thus far indicates that there were plenty of Mississippi stations on the air. Mississippi has come from nowhere to having a first rate QSO Party! Thanks to NO5W, K4ZGB, W3DYA, and N5CW for going mobile and putting a bunch of rare counties on the air. Also thanks to the Chickasaw ARA that put on a portable operation from Moon Landing Park on the banks of the mighty Mississippi in very rare Tunica County (only one ham listed on QRZ), and to AA0KW operating portable from Calhoun County. A first listing of the high scores (unchecked) may be available by next month's Section Newsletter. All logs are due to W5XX by March 31.

Lafayette County EC W5MPC reports that the Ole Miss ARC provided communication for the Oxford Run for Hope Half marathon and 5K Race. Those participating were KE5JQZ, N5RB, KE5TMY, WB5VYH, and W5MPC. After the Run the group conducted a VE Test Session and operated W5UMS during the Mississippi QSO Party. Busy Day!

Also in the public service arena, the Vicksburg ARC provided communications for the Annual Run through History at the Vicksburg National Military Park. VARC Members provided info to the judges on progress of the 800 runner/walkers and any other problem areas that developed. None were reported. Those participating were K5NRK, N5JGK, KD5WCN (plus XYL), N5KWT (plus XYL), KD5CQX, KC5DNY, and W5XX. After the Run Through History, several VARC Members climbed the hill to the Culkin Water Tower to dismantle the ailing Club 147.27 machine which is on the way to the shop.

As a winter storm approached the Meridian area the Lauderdale EMA requested that ARES activate the local emergency net. The ham station at the EOC was manned by W5RB, KC5NMB, and W5TNW on February 11 from 1920 until 2300 when LEMA secured. AE5FE and KA5PSG continued ARES net operation until 0300. LEMA reactivated at 0615. W5RB manned the ham station until 1150 when LEMA secured. No hazardous conditions were reported during the ARES net operation.

Later in the month, with Spring finally trying to arrive, the Tishomingo County ARC again scaled Mount Woodall to operate the ARRL SSB DX Contest. With good weather and improving band conditions, a good time was had by all. Those on this DXpedition were KJ4ISD, KU4WW, KA5GNM, KD5YP, N5ML, WX5N, WB5VGV, KE5LWY, and N5FQF.

The Pearl River County ARC Newsletter reports that their recent SkyWarn Class had a record attendance of some 40 participants from Pearl River, Stone, Hancock, and Harrison Counties. Frank Revitte of NWS-Slidell taught the class.

Welcome to the following new Mississippi Hams: KF5ETN, Frank – Enterprise; KF5ETO, Aaron – Forest; KF5ETP, Wille – Philadelphia; KF5ETQ, Billy – Meridian; KF5EVN, Michael – Ridgeland; KF5EVO – Linda, Ridgeland; KF5EVP, Seth – Tillatoba; KF5EVR, Gregory – Columbus; KF5EVS, Juarez – Pelahatchie; KF5EVT, Frederick – Nesbit; KF5EXQ, Bryan – Kiln; KF5EXT, Mark – Southaven; KF5EXV, Amy – Southaven; KF5EXW, Levi – Terry; KF5EYI, Jacqueline – Saucier; KF5EYJ, Kathy – Biloxi; KF5EYK, Ana – Ocean Springs; KF5EYL, David – Biloxi; KF5EYM, Colleen – Diamondhead; KF5EYN, Jacquelynn – McHenry; KF5EYO, Nyron – Long Beach; KF5EZT, David – Pearl; KF5EZU, Kimberly – Brandon; KF5EZV, Roger – Richland; KF5EZW, Debra – Pearl; KF5EZX, James – Brandon; KF5EZY, Daniel – Pearl; KF5EZZ, Martin – Brandon; KF5FAF, Hugh – Senatobia; KF5FAK, Joesph – Laurel; KF5FAL, Claude – Laurel; KF5FBV, Stefan – Starkville; KF5FBW, James – Mississippi State; KF5FBX, Mississippi State; KF5FBY, Jonathan – Starkville; and KF5FBZ, Ram – Starkville. Thanks to the instructors and VE Teams who keep new hams coming into our ranks.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members: W5CYF – Brandon; K5DMC – Kiln; KC5DPJ – Pope; KF5EQC – Olive Branch; KF5EQD – Olive Branch; WA4ETE – Olive Branch; KF5EYL – Biloxi; KF5EZV – Richland; K5FGH – Vardaman; N5HBB – Clinton; KC0IKK – University; KE5LQB – Mize; KD5MLU – Kosciusko; N5MZX – Byram; K5PTM – Oxford; KA5TPJ – Starkville; W5TNW – Meridian; KC5UDM – Oxford; WB5VJT – Kiln; and KE5VOP – Monticello. Mississippi ARRL Membership now stands at 1,064.

In addition, welcome to W5ED and KB5ASR as Assistant ECs for Lauderdale/Clark Counties.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KF5BXH – Hattiesburg; KF5BYH – Ocean Springs; KF5CST – Gulfport; KF5CXG – Gulfport; KF5CXI – Diamondhead; KF5CXJ – Bay Saint Louis; KF5CXK – Biloxi; KF5CXL – Ocean Springs; KF5CXM – Saucier; KF5CXN – Gulfport; KF5CZF – Biloxi; KF5DIO – Long Beach; KF5EAO – Webb; KF5EEI – Laurel; KF5EQE – Byhalia; KF5EVQ – Columbus; KE5JGR – Pontotoc; KE5JPQ – Gulfport; KE5MVO – Gulfport; KE5OFR – Gulfport; KE5SWS – McHenry; N5UDM – Gulfport; KE5UGN – Mississippi State; WA4VSF – Gulfport; KF5WBD – Gulfport; KE5WBC – Gulfport; KB5WOT – Gautier; N5YCN – Gulfport; and KB5YMW – Madison.

Also congratulations to WX5N, who was elected as the new President of the Tishomingo ARC, completing the term of KB5ROC (SK).

Club Newsletters/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Jackson ARC (K5VU), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), Pearl River County ARC (N5WLW), Northeast Mississippi ARA (KB5NMB) and the Vicksburg ARC (W5WAF).

Public Service Activity Report: W5MPC

DEC/EC Reports: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), AE5FE (Lauderdale/Clarke), K5FV (Rankin), WB5GUD (Newton), KE5KTU (Hinds), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), and KE5WJN (Pearl River).

OO Report: W5TFW

Regret to report the passing of KC5EXZ of West Point. Denver was a long time regular MSPN checkin from Clay County. RIP OM.

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

MS Section Phone Net 28/2880/50 (K5NRK)

Magnolia Section Net 28/898/6 (K5DSG)

MTN/OZK 28/179/17 (K4VIZ)

MS Slow Net 20/51/0 (W3TWD)

MS Digital Traffic Net 8/12/1 (K5DMC)

MS Baptists Ham Net 4/27/0 (WF5F)

Jackson Co ARES 28/539/3 (K5MOZ)

Southern MS Friendship Net 20/190/0 (WB5OHN)

West Coastal MS Two Mtr Net 8/62/0 (K5DMC)

Meridian Area EN 7/79/2 (AE5FE)

Ole Miss ARC 4/31/0 (K5LMB)

Metro Jackson ARES 4/36/1 (KE5KTU)

MS-LA EN 4/23/2 (K5NRK)

Capital Area EN 4/64/0 (K5XU)

Stone Co ARES Net 4/73/0 (KC5VCB)

Hattiesburg AEN 4/106/0 (K5MIQ)

Tishomingo County ARES Net 4/178/12 (WX5N)

Newton County ARES 4/20/0 (WB5GUD)

Booneville and Prentiss Co ARES 4/65/1 (WX5N)

MDXA 4/61/0 (AE5JG)

MCARA 4/52/0 (K5KMU)

Jackson ARC EN 4/35/0 (N5DU)

Itawamba Co ARES 4/44/2 (KB5NMB)

South MS YL Net 4/57/0 (KB5CSQ)

Southern Coast Med Supply 4/50/0 (AE5JG)

Rankin Co ARES 4/26/0 (K5FV)

Alcorn ARES 4/47/0 (WB5CON)

Lowndes County ARC 4/38/0 (AD5DO)

NE MS ARES X/XX/X (W5LMW)

PSHR: W5XX 81

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