

Mississippi Section Report for January 2007

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Thanks to the Jackson ARC for hosting another great Capital City Hamfest at the Trade Mart in Jackson. Chairman W5LEW reports an attendance of 1,172. Lew gratefully acknowledges the assistance of Committee Chairmen KA5TJW, KC5FAD, AK5J, KE5IMJ, AB5WF, K5TMA, AD5XR, KE5JYE, K5BLL, KD5JPB, and K5RWB plus 21 other JARC members and wives, who put in many hours to make the Hamfest a success. The grand prize winner was KA5DOW of Slidell.

PIC K5RWB ensured that the Hamfest got good TV coverage thanks to WLBT and WAPT. KM5GE notes that if you missed the WLBT segment on the air, you can view it by going to www.wlbt.com. Click on News, then Look Around Mississippi. Scroll down the page and click on Ham Radios. Your media viewer should start playing right away.

The highlight of the Hamfest was the presentation by Director WD4Q of the '2006 Delta Division Ham of the Year' to W4WLF, Gulf Coast DEC, for his unselfish and sustained efforts during Hurricane Katrina. Also thanks to NN1N, who visited us from ARRL Headquarters and answered a bunch of questions, checked a lot of QSLs, and provided an excellent 'State of the ARRL' presentation at the ARRL Forum.

The next Mississippi QSO Party is February 24 starting at 9 AM and running to 9 PM on Saturday Night. Complete rules are on the Section Web Site at www.arrrlmiss.org and on page 101 of the February QST. Several Clubs and VE Test Teams are going to set up a QSO Party Station and conduct a 'paper work' VE Test Session at the same time since this will for many be the first opportunity for no-code Techs to 'upgrade.' This should be a busy Saturday. Hopefully many of these Techs will take the opportunity to get on the air and make a few contacts in the QSO Party with a station and control operator available to them.

W5THT reports that he now has an erp of 2.48 watts on 600 Meters having made 11 QSOs and receiving one SWL report from Mexico. Pat is building a new amplifier and hopes to have the maximum 20-watt erp limit on line very shortly.

The Jackson ARC again provided communications for the Mississippi Marathon which is held annually on the Natchez Trace. Participants were AB5WF, KD5WEA, K5BLL, AD5PV, K5CID, KE5IMJ, KE5JKO, KD5KWS, AD5XR, and KE5JYE. This was the first communications exercise for half of the crew.

Mississippi was well represented in the January North American CW QSO Party by N4OGW, WQ5L, W5MPC, W5KK, and AG5Q who entered as Team Mississippi. National results will be available later in the year.

Speaking of contests, W8FR has been sponsoring the ARRL DX Contest 160 Meter CW and Phone Plaques for over 20 Years. Thanks, Fred!

Welcome to new Mississippi hams: KE5LWX, Linda – Belmont; KE5LWY, Terry – Belmont; KE5LWZ, James – Iuka; KE5LXA, James – Iuka; KE5LXT, Cheryl – Poplarville; KE5MAP, Tommie – Burnsville; KE5MAQ, Mildred – Burnsville; KE5MAS, Douglas – Booneville; KE5MAT, Brandon – Booneville; KE5MAU, Richard – Tupelo; KE5MAV, Jonathan – Iuka; KE5MDD, Troy – Kosciusko; KE5MDE, Isaac – Kosciusko; KE5MDF, Ronald – Kosciusko, KE5MDG, Jerry – Starkville; KE5MFN, Jessie – Mississippi State; KE5MFO, Allen – Philadelphia; KE5MIR, Peggy – Coffeeville; KE5MIS - Joseph, Coffeeville; and KE5MIT, Charles - Alligator.

In addition, welcome to W5GEJ as EC for Madison County and N5XXX as EC for Rankin County.

Also welcome to new ARRL Members: NG5D – Carriere; KJ4DZ – Southaven; WB2EZL – Meadville; KC5FMN – Union; KF5IZ – Brandon; KE5IZT – Pearl; KC5KHT – Forest; KE5KJQ – Jayess; KE5JOY –

Purvis; KE5LFO – Gulfport; KE4LK – Coldwater; KE5LVD – Liberty; KA5LVU Columbus; W5MLO – Meridian; K5OMC – Lake Cormorant; KD5QQG – Ridgeland; KD5RII – Brookhaven; KD5RIL – Walnut Grove; KD5SBM – Ripley; KA5UKR – Carriere; KC4UYI – Madison; KB5WAL – Belzoni; W5WSG – Hattiesburg; and KD5YP – Tishomingo.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KE5CWI – West Point; KF9ED – Biloxi; KE5IDI – Columbus; WA5KWS – McComb; N5LJC – Columbia; and KA5SIS – Rienzi;

Also congratulations to KB5MDD for working VU7LD in the far off Lakshadweep Islands which put Eddie on the DXCC Honor Roll (17 years to do it), and to W5XX whose VU7LD QSO put him at the top of the Honor Roll (36 Years). DXers have to stay healthy for many years. Further congratulations are in order for KB5CSQ and KA5VFU, whose article on the October 2006 MDXA CQ Worldwide DX Operation from Gulfport was published in the November/December issue of YL-Harmonics.

In addition kudos to the Mid-Mississippi ARC (Kosciusko) for conducting a Technician Class and VE Test Session resulting in five new technicians, one General, and one Extra and to the Ole Miss ARC whose Tech Class/VE Test Session yielded three new Technicians, one General, and one Extra.

EC Annual Reports: WB5CON (Alcorn), KC5EAK (Pearl River), KD5FUO (Lowndes), WB5GUD (Newton), KD5GWM (Lauderdale/Clarke), KB5KXJ (Leake), W5LMW (Union), KB5NMB (Itawamba), N5TBB (Tippah), K5WSY (Tishomingo), KB5ZEA (Attala)

DEC/EC Monthly Reports: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), KD5CQT (Jackson), KC5EAK (Pearl River), WX5N (Prentiss), N5TBB (Tippah), KB5NMB (Itawamba), KC5TYL (Lamar), N5XXX (Rankin), KB5ZEA (Attala)

SET Report: KB0ZTX (Marshall)

Club Newsletter/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Vicksburg ARC (W5WAF), Ole Miss ARC (W5MPC)

PIC Report: N5TBB

Public Service Activity Report: AB5WF

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

DRN5 62/MS 100% Rep by N5FP, W5MLO, W5OXA, KB5DZJ, WA5FB, W5XX (WB5ZED)

MSPN 31/3038/31 (K5NRK)

MS TFC Net 31/178/11 (KB5W) (Record QNI!)

Magnolia Section Net 31/1144/3 (AD5J)

Jackson Co ARES 31/515/6 (KD5CQT)

MS Slow Net 23/78/0 (W3TWD)

Stone County ARES 6/108/0 (K5CBS)

Jackson ARC EN 5/82/8 (AB5WF)

MCARA CARES 5/82/0 (KA2KMU)

Tishomingo County ARES 5/100/0 (K5WSY)

NE MS ARES 5/69/0 (W5LMW)

Lowndes Co ARC Net 5/81/0 (AD5DO)

Meridian Area EN 5/63/0 (KD5GWM)

Pearl River/St. Tammany ARES Net 5/38/0 (KC5EAK)

Miss/Lou WX Net 4/29/0 (K5NRK)

Monroe Co ARC Net 4/53/0 (AD5DO)

Hattiesburg Area EN 4/86/0 (N5MZ)

Itawamba Co ARES 4/40/0 (KB5NMB)

Metro Jackson ARES 4/48/0 (AB5WF)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/27/0 (WF5F)

Newton County ARES 4/41/0 (WB5GUD)

PSHR: WB5ZED 165, AB5WF 129, and W5XX 89.

Traffic: WB5ZED 2844 (BPL), AB5WF 14, W5XX 4.

Compilation of PSHR and Traffic statistics provided by N5FP, Mississippi Section Traffic Manager