

Mississippi Section Report for January 2010

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Thanks to the Jackson ARC for hosting the Delta Division Convention and another great Capital City Hamfest. Our guest from ARRL Headquarters was W1AGP, the Media and Public Relations Manager. In addition, Delta Division Director K5MC, Vice Director K5US, Arkansas SM N5XFW, and Louisiana SM K5GLS visited with us. During the ARRL Forum K5MC presented AB5WF with the Delta Division Distinguished Service Award. Congratulations, Ron! In addition, KE5ZBW of Ridgeland was presented with the Breland Scholarship. Daniel is a student at Mississippi College. The Grand Prize Winner was K5QBJ of Morton.

Late (?) Friday Night of the Convention, we had a first for Mississippi - - - a Wouff Hong Ceremony. After careful coordination by Vice-Director K5UZ, a cast of actors was brought in from four states. Unfortunately, none of the actors turned out to be real actors (mostly engineers) nor had they ever seen the script before or had a chance to rehearse. Although the resulting ceremony was slightly rough around the edges, some 40 plus victims were indoctrinated into the Royal Order of the Wouff Hong promising never to be lids again. Nobody is known to have comedown with the flu due to airborne mold spores drifting off of the costumes.

Further, thanks to the help of trustee K1ZZ, JARC operated as W1AW/5 for the duration of the Convention. Station Master N5WDG reports that 230 QSOs were made with many hamfest participants being given the opportunity to operate W1AW. QSLs will be handled by ARRL Headquarters. Further, Chief VE Coordinator K5BLL reports that 26 tests were given during the Saturday Morning Test Session to 24 applicants by 11 VE's resulting in 6 new Technicians, 10 upgrades to General and 1 upgrade to Extra.

Hamfest Chairman K3TZJ would like to express his appreciation to the following folks, who put in many, many hours to make the Hamfest the success it was: K5BFA, K5BLL, K5CID, W5CSI, KD5CZF, N5DU, KD5FUY, KM5GE, W5GEJ, N5GT, KE5JKD, K5HQV, AK5J, W5JDX, KD5JPB, K5KKD, KE5KTU, KC5LK, AE5LO, N5MZX, KD5NHJ, N5OH, W5RUE, K5RWB, KC5STC, KE5SUS, K5TDD, K5TMA, N5VEI, K5VU, KE5WAC, N5WDG, AB5WF, AD5XR, K5XU, NC5Y, KE5YLS, N5ZNO, and XYL's Paula Drake, Annie Spencer, and Marianna White. Thanks, folks!

Don't forget the Mississippi QSO Party on February 27 from 9AM to 9PM local time. Hams from all over will be looking for Mississippi Stations. This is not a contest as such but a chance to catch with old friends, give a deserving County Hunter a rare county, or pass out a QSO to someone who likes to work QSO Parties. Complete rules are on the section Website at www.arrlmiss.org. See you during the QSO Party!

Rankin County EC K5FV reports that on January 9, 2010, arguably the coldest day of the year, the Central Mississippi Amateur Radio Association, along with a lot of help from the Jackson Amateur Radio Club, provided communications for the 2010 MS Blues Marathon. The temperature at the start of the race was near 14 degrees and there was even some light snow falling. The volunteers from both organizations made an otherwise terrible day, very successful. The volunteers were WM5A, K5FV, KM5GE, K5BLL, WB8BZH, KE5WRV, KA5YRK, KE5DHC, KE5YES, K5XU, K5KKD, KE5WAD,

and XYL Debra, K5CID, KD8BMA and XYL Ciciley, N5DU, NC5Y, KE5WAC, W5CSI, and KE5JKD. Many thanks to all who helped out!

From the netherlands below the AM Broadcast Band W5THT relays he has had his beacon on 6,225 hours and has made 154 QSO's when the beacon was off. Best DX is KL7, VE, and Europe. Look between 495 and 515 KHz for stations on CW, QRSS, PSK, WSPR, Jason, and an occasional Hellschriber weather report from WE2XGR/2.

EC KG6LJN notes that the Greene County ARES participated in the 'Greene County Preparedness Conference.' In addition to the ARES Group, there were displays set up by the Fire and Sheriff's Departments, the Greene County EMA, the Camp Shelby MP Detachment, and the Greene County Emergency Communications Team. Over 1,00 visitors viewed the displays.

K5YG reports that the Southern Mississippi Sidewinders on Two (SWOT) Net is meeting on 144.250 every Friday Night at 8 PM CST. Join them!

K5VXV notes that on line multimedia weather briefings are provided twice weekly by NWS-Jackson (Monday and Thursday) at http://www.srh.noaa.gov/jan/?n=multimedia_briefing. Additional briefings are provided when severe weather impacts the forecast area.

EC AE5FE reports that the Lauderdale/Clarke ARES was requested to activate twice in January due to approaching severe weather. In both cases, the storm events had minimal impact on the Meridian area. Thanks to NCS KD5GWM, W5RB, and KA5PSG, the local ARES Emergency Net was activated a total of 36 hours for the two storm events.

Welcome to new Mississippi hams: KF5ELK, Robert – Long Beach; KF5ELL, Kenyon – Ocean Springs; KF5ENZ, Stephen – Petal; KF5EOA, Robert – Petal; KF5EOF, John – Dennis; KF5EOM, Eddie – Grenada; KF5EON, Jessie – Pope; KF5EOO, Cindy – Tillatoba; KF5EOP, Lisa – Grenada; KF5EOQ, Pam – Grenada; KF5EOW, Samuel – Houston; KF5EQC, Jacob – Olive Branch; KF5EQD, Matthew – Olive Branch; KF5EQE, Paul – Byhalia; and AE5PK, Charles – Saltillo (who took all three exams in one sitting and made a 100 on all three!). Thanks to all of the instructors and VE Teams that keep new hams coming into the ranks!

Also welcome to new ARRL Members: WA5BBC – Bay St. Louis; NG5D – Carriere; KB5EDO – Tishomingo; KF5EEK – Leakesville; KF5ELK – Long Beach; K5EME – Hattiesburg; N5IMP – Walls; K5MBI – Oxford; KF5EHJ – Jackson; AE5PK – Saltillo; KE5RJX – Brooklyn; KD5UBE – Jackson; WB5UME – Guntown; KE5WAD – Pearl; and N5ZNL – Jackson. ARRL Membership in Mississippi is now 1,064 (a record). Of the 71 ARRL Sections, Mississippi had the 5 th highest growth rate in 2009! Keep working!

And last, but not least, welcome to W5DYC as EC for Simpson/Smith Counties, N5DTW as Assistant EC for Simpson/Smith Counties, and to KE5WAD as OES in Rankin County.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KF5ADJ, Alex – Olive Branch; KF5APO – Mantachie; KF5BLQ – Hattiesburg; KB5EKW – Beaumont; KF5ENO – Picayune; WB5UME – Guntown; and KD5WIJ – Sallis.

Also congratulations to the new officers of the Pearl River ARC: KE5WJL, President; KB7PGT, VP; and KE5ELS, Treasurer.

DEC/EC Monthly Reports: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), WB5GUD (Newton), AE5FE (Lauderdale/Clarke), K5FV (Rankin), KG6LJN (Greene), K5MOZ (Jackson), and WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo).

EC Annual Report: WB5CON (Alcorn), AE5FE (Lauderdale/Clarke), K5FV (Rankin), WB5GUD (Newton), AD5IT (Grenada), KE5KTU (Hinds), KG6LJN (Greene), KE5MIS (Yalobusha), W5MPC (Lafayette), WX5N (Prentiss/Tishomingo), KB5NMB (Itawamba), KD5VMV (DeSoto), KE5WJN (Pearl River), KB5ZEA (Attala), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

SET Report: AE5FE (Lauderdale/Clark), AD5IT (Grenada), KE5KTU (Hinds), KE5MIS (Yalobusha), WX5N (Prentiss/Tishomingo), and W5XX (MS ARES EM Net).

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

Regret to report the passing of Lee, N5FP, of Fulton. Lee (formerly AD5IS) was MSPN Manager for several years, and Manager of the Delta ARES Emergency Net during Katrina and several other hurricanes, as well as being a great friend to all. RIP OM. Flowers were sent by the MSPN Flower Chairman KB5YEE.

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

MSPN 31/3272/22 (K5NRK)

Magnolia Section Net 31/857/9 (K5DSG)

MTN/OZK 29/162/25 (K4VIZ)

Jackson Co ARES Net 31/588/5 (K4GSG)

MS Slow Net 21/39/0 (W3TWD)

MS Baptist Hams Net 5/38/0 (WF5F)

Southern MS Friendship Net 21/205/0 (WB5OHN)

Meridian Area EN 6/65/0 (AE5FE)

Southern MS SWOT 5/73/0 (K5YG) (Sidewinders on Two)

Hattiesburg AEN 5/126/1 (K5MIQ)

UMARC Net 5/39/0 (K5LMB)

Miss/Lou Em Net 5/25/0 (K5NRK)

Capital Area Em Net 5/101/0 (K5XU)

NE MS ARES 5/68/0 (W5LMW); December 4/76/0

South MS YL Net 4/92/0 (KB5CSQ)

Rankin County ARES 4/31/0 (K5FV)

SCMSG Info Net 4/35/0 (AE5JG) (Southern Coast Medical Support Group)

Tishomingo ARC 4/122/6 (WX5N)

Magnolia DX Assn 4/80/0 (AE5JG)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/47/0 (N5DU)

Newton County ARES 4/24/0 (WB5GUD)

Jackson ARC Em Net 4/46/0 (N5DU)

Stone County ARES 4/78/0 (KC5VCB)

Itawamba County ARES 4/39/1 (KB5NMB)

Booneville and Prentiss County 4/65/3 (WX5N)

Alcorn ARES 2/13/0 (WB5CON)

PSHR: W5XX 72

Compilation of Net and PSHR statistics provided by KB5RCJ.