

Mississippi Section Report for July 2006

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The Jackson ARC will host the 2006 ARRL Day in the Park on September 30 at Shiloh Park in Brandon. Festivities will start at 8 AM. Lunch will be available at a nominal cost. Tailgating will be allowed. Talk-In will be on 146.76. Directions to Shiloh Park are available on the web at www.msham.org/dayinpark.html compliments of KC5LK. Preliminary plans are in motion to arrange a visit to the new MEMA EOC at Whitfield and the National Weather Service at Thompson Field. More details to follow. The Chairman for the Day in the Park is Ron Brown, AB5WF, at 601-278-5968 or ab5wf@arrl.net.

Hurricane Season is here again. Remember if net activation is required on the Central or West Gulf Coast, tactical traffic will be handled on 3890/7275 (Delta Division MOU) or 3873/7285 (LA/MS/STX MOU). In addition the Magnolia Section Net (AD5J Manager) and Mississippi Section Phone Net (K5NRK Manager) will cooperatively activate an emergency net on 3862 on a 24/7 basis, as necessary, to handle statewide tactical and health/welfare traffic. KB5W, RN5 Manager, will activate a 24/7 Guard Net on 3711/7111 providing a direct connection to NTS.

Speaking of emergency preparedness, county EOCs are invited to check into the MSPN on the first Thursday night of each month on 3862 at 6:15 PM. This is an excellent opportunity for ARES Members to become familiar with station equipment and to learn net procedures as well as to make sure the station equipment is working properly. Several after action suggestions have indicated that served agency EOCs may also be interested in checking in.

KD5VDV reports from the DeSoto County EOC that a grant has been awarded to purchase an EmComm Trailer with equipment for two operating positions and 4 'go-kits' for RACES/ARES use. In addition, KB5JN reports that the Mississippi Baptist Disaster Team has acquired a trailer for EmComm deployment. HF/VHF equipment is in hand and the trailer is scheduled to be outfitted in late August. And lastly, if you haven't visited the Newton County EmComm Trailer, the next time you are near Decatur check with EMA Director K5XC to see if he has time to give you a tour.

Congratulations to KD5ZSM of Ocean Springs winner of the 2006 Clyde Hurlbert ARRL Mississippi Scholarship. This scholarship in the amount of \$500 is awarded annually to a Mississippi student, who has a ham license (any class) and is pursuing a curriculum in a baccalaureate or higher course of study in electronics, communications, or a related field. Further, the student must (or will) attend a Mississippi school of higher learning. An eligible student can be no more than 30 years of age. The deadline for the next submission is February 1, 2007. Contact Mary Hobart, K1MMH, at k1mmh@arrl.org for more information.

Mississippi had a record number of new hams in July reflecting on several classes being offered across the state. Welcome to new Mississippi hams: KE5IUF, Demetris – Richton; KE5IUG, Reo – Purvis; KE5IUH, Kenneth – Purvis; KE5IUI, Paul – Hattiesburg; KE5IUJ, Walter – Collins; KE5IXN, Andrew – Gulfport; KE5IYX, Mary Anne – Purvis; KE5IYY, Charles – Brookhaven; KE5IYZ, Brown – Flora; KE5IZA, Rebecca – Jackson; KE5IZB, Christy – Magee; KE5IZC, Hugh – Crystal Springs; KE5IZD, Christopher – Brookhaven; KE5IZE, Dennis – Crystal Springs; KE5IZF, Lee – Mount Olive; KE5IZG, Alisa – Brookhaven; KE5IZH, Jonathan – Pearl; KE5IZI, Rodney – Quitman; KE5IZJ, Ken – Brandon; KE5IZK, Charles – Yazoo City; KE5IZL, Gerald – Courtland; KE5IZM, Scott – Tylertown; KE5IZN, Timothy – Clinton; KE5IZO, Brian – Brandon; KE5IZP, Daniel – Wesson; KE5IZQ, Michael – Brandon; KE5IZR, James – Brookhaven; KE5IZS, Fred – Ridgeland; KE5IZT, Charles – Pearl; KE5IZU, Loren – Brandon; KE5IZV, Alvin – Morton; KE5IZW, Keith – Brandon; KE5IZX, James – Brandon; KE5IZY, Mack – Hattiesburg; KE5IZZ, Edmon – Kiln; KE5JAA, Don – Pearl; KE5JGR, Brian – Ponotoc; KE5JGU, Thomas – Amory; KE5JHK, Jon – Vicksburg; KE5JHL, Andrew – Vicksburg; KE5JIO, Christopher – Nicholson; KE5JIX, Foster – Nesbit; KE5JIY, Robert – Macon; KE5JIZ, Curtis – Houston; KE5JJA, Jena – Hattiesburg; KE5JJB, James – Purvis; KE5JJC, Robert – Petal; KE5JJD, Danny – Poplarville; KE5JJE,

Robert – Purvis; KE5JFF, Judy – Purvis; KE5JJG, Stephen – Hattiesburg; KE5JJN, Tyler – Natchez; KE5JKC, Andrew – Clinton; KE5JKD, Benjamin – Clinton; and KE5JKE, Kevin – Ridgeland.

That's 56 new hams licensed in Mississippi in one month! Kudos to the 'Elmers' and VE Teams who made all of this happen. Club officers: please scan the list of new hams above and for those hams in your area make sure they get an invitation to your next club meeting and help them get on the air!

Welcome to WB5GUD as EC for Newton County and K5CBS as EC for Stone County. Also welcome to new ARRL Members: KA5BEE – Gloster; KB5EOK – Starkville; KE5IUJ – Collins; KE5JJE – Purvis; KD5OSA – Natchez; WX5P – Fulton; KD5UF – Raymond; KC5VBX – Biloxi; N5VSE – Mathiston; KB5WKO – Poplarville; AC5Y – Crystal Springs; WB4ZHH – Byhalia,

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KA6DLZ – Brandon, KD5KHI – Brandon, and WB5TZN – Belden. Also congratulations to K5FUR, who completed his ARRL EC-001 Emergency Communications Course, and WB5GUD, who completed FEMA Courses IS – 100/200/700.

Regret to report the passing of N5VAP of Senatobia, KI5BS of Waynesboro, KB5II of Jackson, AB5MU of Nettleton, and W5OSL of Jackson.

DEC/EC Monthly Reports: WB5CON (North MS/Alcorn), KD5CQT (Jackson), KC5EAK (Pearl River), WB5GUD (Newton), KD5GWN (Lauderdale/Clarke), N5TBB (Benton/Tippah), W4WLF (Gulf Coast/Harrison), K5WSY (Tishomingo), AG5Z (Forrest)

Club Newsletter/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Sundancer Solar RC (KA5ICO), Tippah ARA (N5TBB), Vicksburg ARC (W5WAF)

PIC Report: N5TBB

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

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

MSPN 31/2393/59 (K5NRK)

MS TFC Net 31/139/3 (KB5W)

Magnolia Section Net 31/945/3 (AD5J)

Jackson Co ARES 31/336/5 (KD5CQT)

MS Slow Net 21/81/1 (W3TWD)

Miss/Lou WX Net 5/59/0 (K5NRK)

Monroe Co ARC Net 5/75/0 (AD5DO)

Hattiesburg Area EN 5/64/0 (N5MZ)

Meridian Area EN 4/52/0 (KD5GWM)

Pearl River/St. Tammany ARES Net 4/25/0 (KD5EAK)

Itawamba Co ARES 4/56/0 (KB5NMB)

Lowndes Co ARC Net 4/51/0 (KM5UH)

MCARA CARES Net 4/29/0 (KA2KMU)

Metro Jackson ARES 3/38/0 (AB5WF)

MS Baptist Hams Net 3/14/0 (WF5F)

Jackson ARC EN 3/46/0 (AB5WF)

PSHR: WB5ZED 150, N5FP 98, KD5FUY 92, W5XX 73.

Traffic: WB5ZED 2176 (BPL), N5FP 28, W5XX 7.

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