

Mississippi Section Report for July 2007

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We are just a few days away from 'Heading to Huntsville' for the 2007 ARRL National Convention and Huntsville Hamfest on August 17 and 18 at the Von Braun Center. This year's activities will include the ARRL Expo 2007 giving you a chance to buttonhole League Officials and Headquarters Staff. In addition, there will be numerous presentations and the huge ARRL Bookstore. See www.hamfest.org and www.arrl.org/expo for more information. During the two days prior to the Convention and Hamfest, the Global Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Conference will be held in the Embassy Suites Hotel adjacent to the Von Braun Center. See <http://www.arrl-al.org/GAREC07.htm> for details; however, be aware that the cutoff for registration was August 1st as noted in the July QST.

After resting up for a few days from the events in Huntsville, it will be time to 'Head to Starkville' on September 7 and 8 for the 'ARRL Day in the Park' hosted by MFJ as part of their 35th Anniversary Celebration. Martin and the Crew at MFJ are going all out to provide you with an exciting weekend featuring factory tours and tailgating (Saturday) as well as plenty of door prizes and freebies plus no admission fee and free food. VE Exams will be given on Saturday and Special Event Station K5MFJ will be on the air during the weekend. For more information see www.mfjenterprises.com/dayinthepark2007.php or email to mfcustserv@mfjenterprises.com. See you in Starkville!

The Mississippi Baptist Hams Fellowship again held one hour 'Introduction to Ham Radio Sessions' for campers at the Central Hills Baptist Assembly near Kosciusko. These sessions included topics such as radio and sound waves, the history of radio communications, Ham Radio emergency response, building a ham station, and learning Morse Code. Fellowship President KB5JN estimates that over the past five years some 2500 campers have had their first exposure to ham radio through these sessions. Those serving as counselors/instructors this year were WB5VYH, W5XX, KB5JN, KE5IMJ, WA5VFP, and N5DUZ.

Lafayette County EC W5MPC reports that Lafayette and Panola Counties received a substantial joint grant that will provide both counties with 2 HF stations (one base and one mobile), a new two meter repeater with all the bells and whistles, 2 VHF/UHF stations (one base and one mobile), an APRS digipeater, 5 ARES field packs that contain dual band hand helds and GPS, and a library of books pertaining to emergency communications from the ARRL, along with coax and accessories. Additionally, local emergency management will provide computers for use by ARES.

In other ARES News, KM4MW reports that the Itawamba County EMA is moving into new quarters along with KE5LUX, the Ham Station at the EOC. In Prentiss County, EC WX5N reports that VHF Equipment has been installed at the County Justice Center with HF capability to follow. And, lastly, the Meridian ARC headed up by W5ED has a major effort underway to put up a tower at the new Lauderdale EOC.

600-Meter experimenter W5THT reports that he continues to improve his antenna system and has been heard in New England. Pat's beacon is on 506.1 KHz from 0100 to 0500Z subject to lightening. Pat has several handouts on his station that can be requested from pehamel@cablone.net. More info on the 600-Meter national experiments can be found at www.500kc.com

Looking for a club program? You might check www.amateurlogic.tv, which features some 14 episodes that are mostly oriented toward Ham Radio and are produced right here in Mississippi. The latest episode features the Jackson ARC Field Day operation on the Reservoir. You can also view these episodes online at YouTube and Goggle Video. Just search for AmateurLogic. High speed Internet access is necessary. For more info contact george@amateurlogic.tv.

Did you miss Bill Cross' comments and Riley's 'lighten up speech' during the FCC Forum at Dayton? Check <http://www.therainreport.com/rainreport.shtml>.

Welcome to new Mississippi hams: KE5OVP, Victoria – Amory; KE5OVU, Phyllis – Waynesboro; KE5OVV, John – Laurel; KE5OVW, Patsy – Laurel; KE5OVX, David – Laurel; KE5OVY, Joseph – Laurel; KE5OWY, William – Madison; KE5OYF, Brandon – Booneville; KE5PAX, Matthew – Sumner; KE5PCH, Timothy – Meridian; KE5PGY, William – Houston; KE5PGZ, Arthur – Houston; KE5PHA, David – Houston; KE5PHB, Victoria – Vardaman; KE5PKH, Frances – Laurel; KE5PKI, Zelfia – Shubuta; KE5PKK, Susan-Heidelberg; KE5PKL, Minnie – Sandersville; KE5PKM, Cynthia – Laurel; KE5PKN, Daniel – Laurel; KE5PKO, Lonnie – Laurel; KE5PKP, Charles – Richton; KE5PKQ, Deborah – Richton; KE5PKR, Donna – Laurel; KE5PKS, Shirley – Laurel; KE5PKX, John – French Camp; KE5PKY, Walter – Shubuta; KE5PKU, Kenneth – Taylorsville; KE5PKY, Johnny – Kosciusko; KE5PLL, Judy – Perkinston; KE5PLM, Jack – Gulfport; KE5PMU, Theresa – Vancleave; KE5PMV, Aaron – Wiggins; KE5PMW, Donald – Waveland; KE5PPU, Jimmy- Abbeville; KE5PRK, Matthew – Ponotoc; KE5PRL, Patrick – Oxford; KE5PTF, Steven – Kiln; KE5PTI, Cecilia – Kiln; and KE5PTO, Dave – Waveland.

In addition, welcome to KA5ICO as Asst. SM, KM5WN as EC for Hinds County, K0RIS as Technical Specialist, and KD5JHE as Assistant EC for Lafayette County. KA5ICO has retired as DEC – Thanks for your efforts, Bob.

Also welcome to new ARRL Members: WX5AAA – Biloxi; KA9ABZ – Tupelo; K5ALH – Byram; AE5BR – Amory; WD5DCN – Pascagoula; W5DCX – Gulfport; NU5E – Pontotoc; W5HAG – Starkville; KE5IUH – Purvis; KE5EDV – Madison; KE5HJQ – Booneville; KB6HQS – Diamondhead; KD5IVL – Long Beach; KE5JGR – Ponotoc; KG4KLQ – Starkville; KD5KMO – Houston; KE5LLR – Richland; KE5LXT – Poplarville; N5MCM – Ellisville; K5MHB – Oxford; KE5MVR – Gulfport; WB5NUW – New Albany; N5OES – Bay St. Louis; KE5OWY – Madison; KD5RSA – Starkville; KC5TGC – Indianola; WB5TJH – Beaumont; N7TMP-Lauderdale; KB5UDF- Jackson; W5VHE – Biloxi; K5WJV – Petal; N5Y CZ – Natchez; and N5YT – Purvis. Mississippi continues to be the only ARRL Section (out of 71) with a double-digit increase in membership over the past year. Keep up the good work!

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KE5AVI – Columbus; KE5AZT – Brookhaven; KD5CJR – Salltillo; KE5FNA – Greenville; KE5HJQ – Booneville; KD5HVF – Steens; KD5IFA – Liberty; KE5IUH – Purvis; KE5IUJ – Collins; KE5JIO – Nicholson; KE5JPE – Purvis; KC5KLW – Oxford; KE5KTS – Leland; KE5LCN – Oxford; KE5LPZ – Hattiesburg; KE5MDF – Kosciusko; KD5MIS – Purvis; KE5MMR – Pontotoc; KE5MMS – Pontotoc; KE5MVR – Gulfport; KE5NQO – Oxford; KE5OGB – Gulfport; KE5OTJ – Verona; KE5OYE – Corinth; KD5PGA – Starkville; N5SOX – Clinton; KD5TDP – Columbus; KC5TGC – Indianola; KD5VBU – Houston; N5YCK – Kosciusko; and KC5ZMJ – Blue Springs.

Also congratulations are in order for the MDXA, the Ole Miss ARC, and the Jackson ARC, who all were approved as Special Service Clubs. In addition, congratulations to W5MPC, who has been appointed as a WAS/VUCC QSL Checker, to Union County EC W5LMW, who completed IS 100/200/700/800, and to KE5PTL, who completed ARRL ECC-001. And last but not least AD5J completed ECC-001 in July 2005, but the notification got lost in my computer. Sorry about that, Paul.

DEC/EC Monthly Reports: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), KD5CQT (Jackson), KC5EAK (Pearl River), WB5GUD (Newton), KD5GWM (Lauderdale/Clarke), W5MPC (Lafayette), WX5N (Prentiss), N5TBB (Tippah/Benton), KC5TYL (Lamar), AB5WF (West Central MS), K5WLP (Sunflower) and K5WSY (Tishomingo).

Club Newsletter/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Jackson ARC (K5VU), Meridian ARC (W5MAV)

PIC Report: N5TBB

Regret to report the passing of N1WB of Tuscaloosa at age 95. Wiley was a retired railroad telegrapher. He was formerly from Hattiesburg and was a regular checkin on the MSPN. Also regret to note the passing

of Jim Butch formerly the Warning Coordination Meteorologist at NWS Jackson. Jim made many visits to clubs over the past 15 years in support of SKYWARN with his unique ability to explain complex meteorology in simple terms. I never failed to learn something new from one of his presentations.

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

DRN5 62/MS 100% Rep by WA5FB, WF5F, WB5ZED and W5XX (WB5ZED)

MSPN 31/2785/20 (K5NRK)

MS TFC Net 31/125/4 (KB5W)

Magnolia Section Net 31/865/6 (AD5J)

Jackson Co ARES 31/498/6 (KD5CQT)

MS Slow Net 22/54/1 (W3TWD)

Stone County ARES 6/152/0 (N5UDK)

Miss/Lou WX Net 5/45/0 (K5NRK)

UMARC 2 Meter Net 5/59/0 (W5MPC)

Monroe Co ARC Net 5/48/0 (AD5DO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 5/31/0 (WF5F)

Hattiesburg Area EN 5/132/0 (N5MZ)

Magnolia DX Assn 5/90/0 (N5FG)

Jackson ARC EN 5/43/0 (AB5WF)

MCARA CARES 5/36/0 (KA2KMU)

Lowndes Co ARC Net 5/51/0 (AD5DO)

Meridian Area EN 5/67/0 (KD5GWM)

Pearl River/St. Tammany ARES Net 5/69/1 (KC5EAK)

Newton County ARES 4/30/0 (WB5GUD)

Metro Jackson ARES 4/41/0 (AB5WF)

South MS YL Net 4/89/0 (KB5CSQ)

Tishomingo County ARES 4/70/0 (K5WSY)

PSHR: WB5ZED 150, AB5WF 89, and W5XX 80.

Traffic: WB5ZED 3437 (BPL) (Wow!)

Compilation of Net, PSHR, and Traffic statistics provided by KB5RCJ.