

Mississippi Section Report for July 2011

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Hurricane Season is here again! Disturbances are forming in the Atlantic and turning into tropical waves as they move through the Caribbean Islands. This is a good time to review the Mississippi Emergency Operations Plan which can be downloaded from the Section Website at www.arrlmiss.org. Nothing is more frustrating to EMCOMM operators or disruptive to a emergency net than to have some well meaning ham show up during a storm event, who doesn't have a clue as to the difference between a tactical and H/W Net or can't put a message into ARRL Format. Be prepared!

Thanks to those of you who have volunteered to deploy due to a storm event or for duty as an NCS or traffic liaison for the Delta ARES Emergency Net on 3890 or the Joint Magnolia/MSPN Nets on 3862, as the need arises.

Fortunately, the high pressure system that is centered over the Central United States is currently strong enough to deflect or shear tropical systems headed for the Mississippi Coast, but the payback is many days with 100 plus temperatures. Can we go three years in a row without a hurricane? Keep your fingers crossed!

EC WX5N reports that following a successful Field Day weekend on June 25 and 26, The Tishomingo County ARC went to Jacinto on July 4 for the annual Jacinto Festival. This was the third year for the TCARC to sell Slug Burgers at the event. This is the club's largest fund raiser of the year, and it paid off this time. With a large crowd on hand TCARC sold out of burgers and people were wanting more. It was hot, but the club members hung in there for the duration. Members present were WX5N, KU4WW, KF5FXR, KF5FXS, KE5LWY and KF5HZO. A special thank you goes out to Angie, KF5FXR's better half (and KF5FXS's mom), and Joan (WX5N's better half) for their much appreciated help. The next club event for 2011 will be the Annual ARRL Day In The Park on October 1 hosted by the TCARC and held at the world famous Mineral Springs Park in Iuka, Mississippi.

DEC/EC KE5KTU advises that the Hinds County ARES Group met in Clinton and decided to start holding meetings once a quarter. They also established a EMCOMM notification tree. At the next meeting they will cover Winlink Training including setting up a station. Contact ke5ktu@arrl.net for the location and date of the meeting. Hinds County will have a SET this year, probably in October.

EC WV1Q reports that the Jasper County ARES Group and South Central Skywarn have combined Nets to increase coverage area and net participation. The Net will now be held on Mondays at 7:30pm on the 147.030 & 146.985 repeaters.

K5DMC has taken over as Manager of the Mississippi/Arkansas CW Traffic Net which meets on 3570 at 6:45 local everyday. This is not a high speed net, so check in and build up your CW. Better still bring some traffic.

You think QRN is tough on 80/160 during the Summer, think a little lower in frequency. From below the Broadcast Band, WD2XSH/6 (aka W5THT) reports during a CW QSO with WD2XSH/7 (W5JKV) in Louisiana, W5JKV was heard by SWL VK1SV (Australia). Further, during a later QSO, both stations were heard in Alaska.

The Northeast Mississippi Radio Amateurs Newsletter reports that they now have an EMCOMM trailer. Club representatives will visit the Tishomingo County Club to get some tips on how to set up the trailer for the most efficient operating conditions.

EC KD5VMV relays that the DeSoto County Emergency Services taught a Community Emergency Response Team Course this past weekend for the United Methodist Church Disaster Response organization. The CERT course teaches members of the general public how to prepare for disasters and then assist the professional rescuer in the post disaster environment. The course includes: Disaster Preparedness, Disaster Fire Suppression, Disaster Medical Operations (First Aid), Light Search and Rescue Operations, and Disaster Psychology. Those teaching the course were KE5WKF, N5UOV, and KD5VMV.

DEC/EC WB5CON advises that Alcorn County ARES provided a Technician Class and testing session for the Mississippi State Guard. As it turns out, a group from the Mississippi Army National Guard was also in the class, plus a few civilian walk-ins. The ARES Group tested 22 people and 7 passed. Not a great percentage, but a number of folks walked in cold with no preparation. One 13 year old boy got his Tech. His Mom got her Tech the previous month. He has a 9 year old brother that has tried but hasn't passed yet. The 13 year old is having a ball on the local repeaters with his new handheld. The Class was taught by WB5DO, KA5SIS, and KJ4IHT. WB5CON assisted with the VE Test Session. Fred also reports that Alcorn County ARES operated from the County EMA Command Post trailer which was kindly loaned by the County. Next year may they may be operating from the new EOC.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in July: KF5LSJ, Jesse – Wesson; KF5LSQ, Elizabeth – Meridian; KF5LTO, Charles – Bay Saint Louis; KF5LTP, Andrew – Long Beach; KF5LUB, Claude – Florence; KF5LWR, Adam - Moss Point; KF5LWS, Peter – Ocean Springs; KF5LWT, Dean – Moss Point; KF5MAG, Michael – Lumberton; KF5MBZ, Diana – Golden; KF5MCA, Don – Southaven; KF5MCB, Pervie – Calhoun City; KF5MCC, Roy – Tupelo; KF5MCD, Robert – Rienzi; KF5MCE – Daniel, New Albany; and KF5MCF, Aaron – Corinth.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in July: WB5AKR – Meridian; KE5AMF – Ovet; AE5DW – Picayune; KE5EPL – Greenville; KF5EZT – Brandon; KX5L – Saltillo; KF5LJF – Tupelo; KF5LOC – Olive Branch; KF5LWS – Ocean Springs; KE5MXY – Olive Branch; KE5NND – Sallis; N6OJN – Purvis; KD5PRX – Olive Branch; W5SGO – Long Beach; KA5TQY – Greenwood; W5UAW – Starkville; KE5UD – Ocean Springs; W5UQT – Ridgeland; and KE5VMV – Biloxi; KE5VNO – Brookhaven. The Mississippi ARRL Membership is now 1083 up 9 from last month. Our record is 1088. Keep pushing!

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KF5KTB – Starkville; KF5LGE – Meridian, KF5LJJ – Ocean Springs; KF5LOC – Olive Branch; KC5QZW – Vicksburg; and KE5VNO – Brookhaven. And KK4CVA from Alabama visited the W5YI Team in Meridian and passed his Extra.

Also congratulations to K1REZ, Scott County EC and WX5H, who both completed ARRL EC-001 - Introduction to Emergency Communications. Both are now starting on the advance course EC-016 – Public Service and Communications Management for Radio Amateurs.” And in more EMCOMM news, welcome to W5UQT as EC for Madison County and W5PRL as OES.

Additional congrats to N5ORT who received 6 Meter QSLs from PJ2/K8LEE and PJ6D to make DXCC on 6. This was the 10th DXCC band for Orin giving him 10BDXCC! Rumor has it that W5XX is just waiting for a couple of more QSLs to join the club.

Club Newsletters/Reports: Chickasaw ARA (KE5RHM), Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), Northeast Mississippi ARA (KE5SSB), and the Tishomingo County ARC (KU4WW).

DEC/EC Reports: AE5FE (Lauderdale/Clarke), K5FV (Rankin), KE5KTU (Hinds), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), WV1Q (Jasper), W5UQT (Madison), KE5WJN (Pearl River).

Regret to report the passing of K5VAK of Kosciusko.

HF Net Reports - sessions/QNI/QTC (Net Manager)

Magnolia Section Net 31/1068/6 (K5DSG)

MS Baptist Hams Net 5/24/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 31/2328/34 (K5NRK)

MS Slow Net 21/64/1 (W3TWD)

MTN/OZK 15/47/2 (K5DMC)

VHF Net Reports - sessions/QNI/QTC (Net Manager)

Booneville and Prentiss County ARES 4/49/0 (WX5N)

Capital Area Em Net 5/78/0 (K5XU)

Delta ARES Net 3/11/0 (K5JAW)

Grenada/Yalobusha Counties ARES Net 3/16/0 (AD5IT/KE5MIS); June Report: 4/22/0

Hattiesburg AEN 5/112/0 (K5MIQ)

Itawamba County ARES 4/59/2 (KB5NMB)

Jackson ARC Em Net 4/34/1 (N5DU)

Jackson Co ARES Net 23/303/11 (K5MOZ)

Jasper County ARES and South Central Skywarn 4/38/0 (WV1Q)

Magnolia DX Assn 4/52/0 (K5OAZ)

Meridian Area EN 4/43/0 (AE5FE)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/43/1 (K5GCY)

Mississippi Coast ARA 4/45/0 (K5KMU)

Miss/Lou Em Net 5/26/0 (K5NRK)

NE MS Skywarn 4/51/0 (W5LMW)

Panola County ARES 3/20/0 (KC5DPJ)

Pearl River County ARES 3/31/0 (KE5WJN)

Rankin County ARES Net 4/43/0 (K5FV)

SCMSRG Net 4/50/0 (AE5JG)

South MS YL Net 4/10/0 (K5IJ)

Southern MS Friendship Net 21/178/0 (WB5OHN)

Stone County ARES 4/70/0 (N5UDK)

Tishomingo ARC 4/95/6 (WX5N)

UMARC Net 5/46/0 (K5LMB)

PSHR: W5XX 76

Compilation of Net and PSHR statistics provided by KB5RCJ.

