

Mississippi Section Report for July 2012

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Jackson ARC President WS7EOC reports that JARC provided communications support for the First Annual Governor Phil Bryant's 5K Run for Health in downtown Jackson. The course route went through the downtown area, starting and ending at the Governor's Mansion. Besides the 5K run, there was also a 1K fun run for the kids. The Governor and First Lady both participated in the event, with the Governor also running in the fun run. JARC Members were stationed at turning points and watering areas along the route. The event drew more participants than expected, having well over 800 runners. Monies from the event will benefit the Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital in Jackson. Members participating in the event included WS7EOC, N5KLT, K5TDD, N5VEI, K5GCY, AE5SK, K5RWB, K1JHS, K5BLL, K5XU, K5KKD, K1REZ, and W5JMJ. KE5MDF from Kosciusko also helped with the communications support. N5VEI and K5TDD were the NCS.

Each year during the summer the U.S. Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station in Vicksburg sponsors the Gains in Education of Mathematics and Science (GEMS) Seminar for high school students covering a number of advanced technical topics. This year's session featured a balloon launch from WES with an APRS (2M) and beacon (440) payload. In spite of a few technical difficulties the balloon was successfully launched and was recovered in a forest northwest of Newellton, LA. Those on the recovery team were K5NRK, KD5WCR, and W5XX. N5JGK and KF5NMD provided ground support from WES.

The ARRL Day in the Park and MFJ 40 th Anniversary Celebration are fast approaching (October 5-6). Complete details are on www.mfjenterprises.com. MFJ says motels are filling up fast due to competition with other activities on the MSU Campus. Make your reservations as soon as possible if you plan to spend Friday Night.

The results of the 2012 Mississippi QSO Party have been completed and should be posted on the Section Website very shortly.

In late July as the peak hurricane season approached W5XX sent out a request to the 600 hams in Mississippi, who are signed up on the SM Remailer, regarding possible EMCOMM deployment. Thanks to the following who responded: WB8BIE, WB8BZH, KA4CSG, K5GVR, KA5KTU, KF5MCB, KA5VFU, K5VD, N5VSB, and KE5WJN. Anymore?

Thanks to N5UDK and the Stone County EOC Host Facility for offering the "Getting Started With Winlink 2000" class in Wiggins. As a result of the class several new Winlink hams are on the air. Those attending were KE5WJN, N9OKV, K5KMU, W5EG, W5ILR, KF5BA, KB9ZR, WZ5Y, WB5BNV, and W5XX.

State RACES Officer WS7EOC reports that KM5EMA at MEMA has received received new equipment. The main components are a TenTec Jupiter HF transceiver complete with a combination power supply/speaker, an LDG AT-1000PROII Autotuner, a Kenwood TS-480HX, and a Astron 50 amp power supply for the 200 watt Kenwood. The goal is to bring the State EOC up to date with modern electronics, replacing the 20 plus year old equipment that is failing. Jim plans to do more upgrades in

the future. Stay tuned.

The Tishomingo ARC again made the trek to the Jacinto Festival to sell their infamous slug burgers from their EMCOMM Trailer. This is their major money raiser for new club equipment. Those participating were KF5FXR, KF5FXS, WX5N, and XYL Joane.

Northeast Mississippi DEC WB5CON reports that a strong wind event took down many trees in Corinth and the eastern part of Alcorn County. Prentiss and Tishomingo Counties were also affected. Alcorn County ARES lost their 150 foot tower when a tree fell across guy wires. The tower is on property owned by the Mormon LDS Church, so Fred is contacting their property manager to see how they want to handle the cleanup. If the club will not have property access or there are liability concerns, the club may have to hire a cleanup crew. The tower stood there for over 30 years. Fortunately, the club repeater had been moved several years ago to a nearby 200 foot tower. The only service on the tower was a remote 2 meter receiver for the K5WHB repeater.

Harrison County ARES was featured in the August Issue of Southern Mississippi Living Magazine featuring EC N9OKV, KB9ZR, and KF5BA. The article detailed how Ham Radio would respond to an emergency communications event such as a hurricane. The article can be read on www.smliving.net and then clicking on "Read Online."

WB8BZH, Emergency Director, notes that the Salvation Army Disaster Services Center in Jackson is now fully operational. Tours are invited. Contact Bill at Bill_Feist@USS.SalvationArmy.org.

KD5IWH reports from Olive Branch that a new repeater has been installed on the water tower at Craft Road and Highway 78. This new repeater will considerably improve the emergency preparedness capability of the Olive Branch ARC. The repeater is expected to have an 80 to 100 mile working range and has EchoLink installed as well as a backup power supply.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in July: KF5QZP, Tyler – Brandon; KF5RAS, Nathan – Bogue Chitto; KF5RBP, Germaine – Brandon; KF5RBU, Frank – Cleveland; KF5RCF, Thomas – Bay Saint Louis; KF5RDR, Dan – Byhalia; KF5RFA, Roger – Brandon; KF5RFB, Mark – Madison; KF5RFC, Paul – Pearl; KF5RGQ, Douglas – Fulton; and KF5RGR, John – Tupelo.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in July: WD5CMD – Ocean Springs; KF5ISR – Clinton; KE5RAW – Madison; KF5RDR - Byhalia; KF5RFC – Pearl; KE5RUD – Clinton; and K5ZLZ – Forest. As of July 30 Mississippi has 1,112 ARRL Members, down 7 from last month. Unfortunately, we have had a number of Silent Keys over the past three months that are now just being subtracted from the Section membership.

And last, but not least, welcome to KA5MAN as AEC for Lowndes County.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KF5EVI – Raleigh; KF5LWS – Ocean Springs; KF5NBS – Smithville; KF5NGX – New Albany; N5NNN – Prentiss; KF5OHD – Corinth; KF5OYO – Biloxi; KF5QEO – Brookhaven; KF5QLL – Philadelphia; and KF5QXU – Brandon.

Also congratulation to W5TFW who just received his WPX Certificate.

DEC/EC Monthly Reports: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), AE5FE (Lauderdale/Clarke), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), WV1Q (Jasper), and KE5WJN (Pearl River).

Club Newsletter/Reports (Editor): Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), and the Northeast Mississippi ARA (KE5SSB).

Regret to report the passing of W5RRE of Vicksburg and KD5CJR of Saltillo.

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

Magnolia Section Net 31/1025/2 (K5DSG)

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

MSPN 31/2193/14 (K5NRK)

MS Slow Net 22/39/0 (W3TWD)

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

Booneville and Prentiss County Net 4/55/2 (WX5N)

Capital Area Em Net 5/88/0 (K5XU)

Delta ARES Simplex Net 5/27/0 (K5JAW)

Grenada/Yalobusha ARES Net 4/20/0 (AD5IT)

Hattiesburg AEN 4/87/0 (K5MIQ)

Itawamba County ARES Net 3/41/0 (KB5NMB)

Jackson ARC Em Net 5/48/0 (N5DU)

Jackson County Em Net 26/446/0 (K5MOZ)

Madison County ARES Net X/XX/X (W5UQT)

Magnolia DX Assn Net 5/79/0 (K5OAZ)

Meridian Area EM Net 5/50/0 (AE5FE)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 5/54/0 (K5GCY)

MS Coast ARA Net 5/59/0 (K5KMU)

MS Coast Tech Net 5/39/0 (K5KMU)

Miss/Lou Em Net 5/47/0 (K5NRK)

NE MS Skywarn Net 4/53/0 (W5LMW)

Olive Branch ARC Net 7/29/3 (KD5CKP)

Panola County ARES Net 2/16/0 (KC5DPJ)

Pearl River ARES Net 5/61/0 (KE5WJN)

Rankin County ARES 4/51/0 (KE5EZT)

SCMSG Info Net 3/16/0 (AE5JG) (Southern Coast Medical Support Group)

Scott County ARES Net 5/55/0 (K1REZ/W5JMJ)

South Central Skywarn and Jasper County ARES 5/35/0 (WV1Q)

Southern MS Friendship Net 9/33/0 (WB5OHN)

Southern MS YL Net 3/19/0 (K5IJ)

Stone County ARES Net 5/68/0 (N5UDK)

Tishomingo ARC Net 5/59/0 (WX5N)

UMARC Net 5/45/0 (K5LMB)

Public Service Honor Roll: W5XX 108; we need more folks reporting their PSHR info.

Compilation of Net statistics provided by KB5RCJ.