

# Mississippi Section Report for July 2014

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Examination of the 120 logs received for the Eleventh Mississippi QSO Party indicate that we had pretty good propagation with mobiles being able to work Europe on 15 as late as 5PM! Conditions were so good to Europe that OM2VL made 91 Mississippi QSOs in 45 counties from the Slovak Republic. The top stateside score came from W4II in Alabama with 157 QSOs in 60 counties. The logs indicate that 100 Mississippi Stations were on the air in 73 of the 82 counties.

Special thanks to the mobiles and portables, who put a lot of counties on the air that would otherwise not have been available. A pat on the back for W3DYA/M, K4ZGB/M, N5NA/M, NO5W/M, N5UOV/M, W5KDM/M, W5OBM/P, W5GWD/P, W5NEM/P, and W5TCR/P. These stations collectively put 57 counties on the air making over three thousand QSOs. Thanks to N5NA for coordinating mobile routes and portable locations with his website.

Also thanks to the 599 DX Association, NA5DX, the Jackson County ARC, the Jackson ARC, the Hattiesburg ARC, the Northeast Radio Amateurs, the University of Mississippi ARC, the Magnolia DX Association, and the Chickasaw ARA for sponsoring plaques, although there were not entries in all of the nine categories. Those stations winning plaques were:

High Score Mississippi Station (single op) – N5BO  
High Score Mississippi Station (unlimited ops/xmtrs) – 599 DX Assc. (W5UE, K2FF, AG5CC ops)  
High Score Mississippi Portable (unlimited ops/xmtrs) – Olive Branch ARC – W5OBM  
High Score Mississippi Mobile (no driver) - N5NA  
High Score Mississippi Club – 599 DX Association  
High Score Out of State Station – W4II

The top ten Mississippi Stations (single op) were N5BO, WQ5L, AG5Z, NA5DX, NM5Z, K5DWI, WB5ASP, N5CW, KF5BA, and KC5EGR.

Results will be sent out by email to those who provided an email address, or I can locate an address (save that postage!). Those eligible for plaques and certificates will received them somewhat later by snail mail. Remember next year the QSO Party will be held the first full weekend of April. Put April 4-5, 2015 on your long range calendar!

Congratulations to N5MZ who was selected jointly with NR8I for the 2014 Herb S. Brier ARRL Instructor of the Year Award during the July 21-22 ARRL Board Meeting in Hartford. Brad was commended in the Meeting Minutes for having taught sixteen Amateur Radio classes resulting in over 100 students obtaining their licenses, mentoring students after they obtained their licenses, assisting them in securing their first radio, and encouraging students to participate in public service communications activities as well as regular Ham activities. This is a signal honor for Mississippi. Congratulations Brad!

The Annual Section Simulated Emergency test (SET) was held on Saturday August 9. The Mississippi ARES Emergency Net held four sessions on 40/75 to test propagation during the day and passed formal practice traffic. We were joined this year by the Mississippi P2P Email Net which was

on the air from 9 AM to 9 PM. Thanks to K1REZ for organizing the digital net operation. In addition several ECs organized County SETs. More info when the comments are in.

EC WX5N reports that the Tishomingo County ARC deployed to the Jacinto Festival in Alcorn County. With candidates speaking, Native Indians dancing, arts and crafts, slug burgers, Ham Radio, and cool weather, it was just a great day. The Club sold slug burgers as a fundraiser for the Club and also had their EMCMM Trailer on display for people to tour. KF5FXS manned the HF radio and made contacts on 20 meters.

KD5CKP advises that the Olive Branch ARC sponsored a "Practical Robotics" class for youngsters at Horn Lake's M. R. Dye Library. The class was based on the Arduino Microcontroller Platform [arduino.cc](http://arduino.cc). The children built and programmed a basic robotic mobile platform. All went home very happy and enthusiastic. Several returned for the follow-up Technician Class currently taking place at the same location.

Don't forget to start planning to attend the 2014 Mississippi Section ARRL Day in the Park at Grenada Lake on October 4. Check with W5BAM, AD5IT, or W5XX for more info.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in July: KG5DBB, John – Rolling Fork; KG5DBJ, Nathan – McComb; KG5DBY, Lee – West Point; KG5DBZ, Roy – Starkville; KG5DES, Melbron – Canton; KG5DFP, John – Grenada; KG5DFW, Benjamin – Columbus; KG5DGY, James – Laurel; KG5DHB, Bradley – Diamondhead; KG5DHZ, Dennis – Byhalia; and KG5DIF, Katherine – Natchez.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in July: K5BLX, Anthony – Biloxi; KD5BQT, Danny – Smithdale; KC5BYO, Eddie – Mooreville; KG5BYO, Adam – Biloxi; KG5CBC, John – Natchez; KE5CMN, William – Madison; KG5DFP, John – Grenada; KD5HFQ, Charlotte – Smithdale; KA5HRT, Edgar – Laurel; KF5IAY, George – Greenwood; KF5UHX, Alan – Saltillo; KF5UUG, Vernon – Picayune; AD5VS, Dykes – Port Gibson; N5WXW, Vincent – Brandon; and N5YBF, Allen – Soso. As of July 30 ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 1,150 down 1 from last month. Thanks to all who promote ARRL Membership!

Congratulations to to the following on their upgrades: KC5AAW, David – Jackson; KG5AFG, John – Biloxi; KG5AVT, Michelle – Crystal Springs; KG5BBA, Terry – Crystal Springs; WB2JAF, Arthur – Corinth; KB9OAU, James – Walls; KF5QIG, William – Hattiesburg; KD5SBP, Steve – Raymond; KF5VQA, Charles – Lucedale; and KE5ZDW, Garry – Ocean Springs.

Welcome to KF5QXU as OES in Rankin County.

DEC/EC Monthly Reports for July 2014: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), AE5FE (Lauderdale/Clark), KE5KTU, (WC MS/Hinds), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), KB5NMB (Itawamba), N9OKV (Gulf Coast/Harrison), K1REZ (EC MS)(June), WA5TEF (Lee) nd KE5WJN (Pearl River).

Club Newsletter/Reports (Editor): Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Lowndes County ARC (AD5DO), Mississippi Coast ARA (KC5KMU), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), and the Northeast Mississippi ARA (KB5NMB).

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

Magnolia Section Net 31/1052/11 (K5DSG)  
MS Baptist Hams Net 4/23/0 (WF5F)  
MS Digital Nets 75/503/781 (KD5NDU and K1REZ)  
MSPN 31/2101/13 (K5NRK)  
MS Slow Net 23/43/0 (W3TWD)

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

Booneville and Prentiss County Net 5/44/0 (WX5N)  
Capital Area Em Net 4/66/1 (K5XU)  
Chickasaw ARA Net 5/70/0 (N5PYQ) (June Report)  
Delta ARES Simplex Net 3/14/0 (K5JAW)  
Hattiesburg ARC 2M Net 5/113/1 (K5TLL)  
Hattiesburg ARC 10M Net 4/41/0 (K5TLL)  
Itawamba County ARES Net 4/45/1 (KB5NMB)  
Jackson County Em Net 26/460/2 (K5MOZ)  
Lowndes County ARC Net 5/48/0 (AD5DO)  
MDXA Net 5/53/0 (W5DAW)  
Meridian Area EN 5/53/0 (AE5FE)  
Metro Jackson ARES Net 5/49/0 (KE5KTU)  
Miss/Lou Em Net 4/21/0 (K5NRK)  
MSHEARN District 6 Net 5/35/0 (KF5QLL)  
MS Preparedness Project EN 4/41/0 (KF5RFB)  
Neshoba ARC Net 5/23/10 (KF5QLL)  
Northeast MS Skywarn Net 4/41/0 (WA5TEF)  
Olive Branch ARC Tech and Info Net 9/99/1 (KD5CKP)  
Pearl River ARES Net 4/42/0 (KE5WJN)  
Pearl River ARC Net 5/72/0 (K5RDA)  
Petal Amateur Wireless Society 5/36/0 (NG5C)  
Rankin County ARES 5/87/0 (KE5EZT)  
Scott County ARES 4/45/0 (KC5IIW)  
Southern Mississippi YL Net 5/49/0 (KB5CSQ)  
Stateline Skywarn Net 4/49/0 (KB5NMB)  
Stone County ARES Net 4/45/0 (N5UDK)  
Tishomingo ARC Net 5/62/0 (WX5N)  
UMARC UHF Net 4/20/0 (K5LMB)  
UMARC VHF Net 4/28/0 (K5LMB)  
Yazoo County ARES Net 4/27/0 (KF5DJS)

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Compilation of Net statistics provided by KB5RCJ.