

Mississippi Section Report for June 2007

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Although we were short on sunspots and sporadic E, Mississippi Hams were out in full force for Field Day fellowship, fun, and operating. Preliminary score estimates across the State are not record setters because most activity was limited to 20, 40, and 80; however, W5UE does report that the K5MDX log shows over 3,000 QSOs. Good Show!

Some 18 clubs/groups went to the field or air conditioned EOC. They were the Alcorn County ARES (W4TX), Delta ARA (N5LRL), DeSoto RACES (W5K), Hattiesburg/Lamar County ARCs (K5PN), Magnolia/Columbus ARCs (AA5MT), Magnolia DX Association (K5MDX), Meridian ARC (W5FQ), Mississippi Coast ARA (W5SGL), Ole Miss ARC (W5UMS), Olive Branch ARC (W5OBM), Pearl River ARC (K5PRC), Simpson County EOC (KA5LNY), Southwest Mississippi ARC (W5WQ), Sundancer ARC (KD5YBU), Tippah County ARA (K5DGL), Tishomingo County ARC (W5TCR), Tri County ARC (Covington, Simpson, Smith) (W5EKB), and Tupelo ARC (KK5K).

Although QSOs were down, local publicity was really up. Thanks to the efforts of Jackson ARC members K5RWB and K5BLL, several interviews were conducted on local radio stations during the week before Field Day. During Field Day WLBT-TV came on-site and interviewed K5XU and AB5WF. WCBI-TV came to the Magnolia – Columbus ARC Field Day Site near the Golden Triangle Airport and interviewed KD5FUO and AA5MT resulting in a nice spot on the 10 PM News. The Ole Miss ARC, operating from the Goose Egg in the center of the Campus, had the top story in the Sunday Morning Oxford Eagle, and the Mississippi Coast ARA had a nice write up and picture in the Sun Herald.

DeSoto County RACES set up HF/VHF stations at the Nesbit Fire Department Open House to demonstrate to DeSoto County Officials and the public how Ham Radio could assist local first responder agencies. Those participating were KB0ZTX, KD5VMV, KD5CKP, N5UOV, KC5KLL, and KE5MXY.

Vice Director WA5TMC, N5TBB, Tippah County EC, and KD5SBC, Tippah County EMA Director, gave a presentation entitled "Amateur Radio – Your Communications Toolbox" at the MEMA Hurricane Conference in Biloxi. The questions from the audience indicated that there is great interest in Ham Radio response capabilities in the emergency management community.

Results and certificates have been mailed out for the 2007 Mississippi QSO Party. If you sent in a log and have not received the results by mail or email, please advise W5XX.

Welcome to K5DSG as Assistant Section Manager and W5MPC as EC for Lafayette County. In addition, congratulations are in order for WB5HQB on completing FEMA Course 200.

Newsletter/Club Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), Ole Miss ARC (W5MPC), and Tishomingo ARC (KU4WW).

DEC/EC Monthly Reports: Alcorn County/ NE MS (WB5CON), Jackson County (KD5CQT), Lauderdale/Clarke (KD5GWM), Newton County (WB5GUD), Pearl River County (KC5EAK), Stone County (N5UDK), and Tippah County (N5TBB).

PIC Report: N5TBB

Regret to report the passing of K5GHS of Forest.

Net Reports: Session/QNI/QTC (Net Manager)

DRN5 62/MS 100% rep by W5XX, WB5ZED, WA5FB (WB5ZED)

MSPN 30/2186/30 (KB5RFJ)

MS TFC Net 30/110/0 (KB5W)

Magnolia Section Net 30/962/11 (AD5J)

Jackson Co ARES 30/441/5 (KD5CQT)

MS Slow Net 21/40/2 (W3TWD)

Stone County ARES Net 6/128/0 (N5UDK)

Meridian AEN 4/54/1 (KD5GWM)

NE MS ARES 4/58/0 (W5LMW)

Hattiesburg AEN 4/95/0 (N5MZ)

Newton County ARES 4/31/0 (WB5GUD)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/26/1 (WF5F)

Magnolia DX Assc 4/68/0 (N5FG)

UMARC 2 Meter Net 4/32/0 (W5MPC)

Monroe Co ARC Net 4/33/0 (AD5DO)

Lowndes Co ARC Net 4/51/0 (AD5DO)

St. Tammany/Pearl River ARES 4/37/1 (KC5EAK)

MS Coast ARA CARES 4/36/0 (KA2KMU)

South MS YL Net 4/61/0 (KB5CSQ)

Jackson ARC EN 3/30/0 (AB5WF)

Metro Jackson ARES 3/27/0 (AB5WF)

PSHR (minimum 70): WB5ZED 150, W5XX 95.

Traffic: WB5ZED 3843 (BPL) (Wow!), W5KWB 8.

Compilation of Net and Traffic statistics provided by KB5RCJ

