

## Mississippi Section Report for June 2009

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Field Day was hot in Mississippi this year. The temperature that is. Most FD Sites had temperatures hovering around 100 by Saturday afternoon. Reported band conditions were lousy to so so, but all reporting stations had plenty of good food and fellowship. According to the records in hand the following clubs braved the heat: the Amite County ARC (W5CCW), the Central Mississippi ARA (KE5LIO), Dixie Amateur Radio Team/Panola Co. ARC (KB5WEE), the Hattiesburg ARC (K5PN/W5CJR (GOTA)), the Jackson ARC (W5PFC), the Jackson County ARC (W5WA), the Magnolia DX Association (K5MDX), the Meridian ARC (W5FQ), the Mississippi Coast ARA (W5SGL), the Mississippi State ARC (W5YD), the Northeast Mississippi ARA (W5NEM), the Ole Miss ARC (W5UMS), the Olive Branch/Chickasaw ARCs (W5OBM), the Pearl River County ARC (KE5VSU), the Simpson County ARC (W5EKB), the Southwest Mississippi ARC (W5WQ), the Tupelo ARC (KK5K), and the Tishomingo County ARC (W5TCR).

Field Day brought Ham Radio some PR too. The Pearl River ARC had a nice write up in the Picayune Item and the Jackson County ARA in the Mississippi Press. In addition the JCARA had a great interview on WLOX-TV. Further, K5XXV reports that he ran the ARRL PSA on 'Amateur Radio Technology 2009' for the month of June in preparation for FD.

In preparation for the upcoming Hurricane Season, some 24 hams from South Mississippi attended an emergency preparedness review in Wiggins organized and hosted by DEC K5XXV and Asst. DEC N5UDK. The objective of the meeting was to identify strengths and weaknesses in response preparations. In addition, W5XX discussed Delta Division preparation efforts, and K5GVR reported on the repeater network now in place in South Mississippi. He also noted that very shortly there will be a redundant 2-meter link from the Gulf Coast to MEMA. Overall, South Mississippi is surely an order of magnitude more prepared than before Katrina.

The log checking for the 2009 Mississippi QSO Party is finally finished. With this being the year of the ARRL State QSO Party, I expected more logs. And true to the prediction, we received 66 last year and 106 this year. The top ten scores in Mississippi were AG5Z, K5DWI, WQ5L, W4HOZ, W8FR, N5KGY, N5YT, AE5BR, NA5DX, and N5WLW. W5XX would have been number two but judiciously disqualified himself since he was checking the logs. Note that AG5Z made over 1,000 QSOs. This is a first for the Mississippi QSO Party. Congratulations Larry!

The top mobiles were NN9K, W3DYA, and K4ZGB. These guys drove in from Illinois, Texas, and Alabama, respectively, to put out over 2,100 QSOs in 33 counties. Thanks, guys! NN9K made 877 QSOs. Wow! The top out-of-state scores came from N8II

(WV<sub>a</sub>), NT2A (NY), W8WVU (MI), K9EN (IL), and W7GVE (AZ). N8II had 120 Mississippi QSOs! This year there were 105 Mississippi Stations on the air in 63 of the 82 counties. Good Show!

Results will be sent out by email since they are several pages long (save that postage!) and the certificates will follow by snail mail for the certificate winners.

More bad weather moved across Northwest Mississippi on June 12. ECs KB0ZTX and KD5VMV report that shortly after 5 PM straight line winds in excess of 80 mph moved through the area causing excessive tree, home, and power grid damage. In addition an F2 tornado touched down in central DeSoto County. The rotating wall cloud passed directly over KD5VMV and, in addition, two funnels touched down east of Highway 78 that were reported by KE5BVL. The ARES Net was activated and helped with spotting, public welfare assistance, and initial damage report. Those participating were N5UOV, KE5NBD, KE5MXY, K5OMC, KE5EOR, KE5EOQ, KB0ZTX, KD5VMV, KD5CKP, KE5BVL, W5LJD, N5PYQ, KE5BXL, W9IK, KE5WKF, KI4OTF, KB4MU, and KB4UUM. The next day damage assistance was provided for the DeSoto County EMA in that over 1500 structures were impacted. Those helping in this effort were N5UOV, KE5NBD, KE5MXY, K5OMC, KE5EOR, KE5EOQ, KB0ZTX, KD5VMV, KD5CKP, N5PYQ, WA4ETE, KA5WGF, KE5NBC, KD5ALE, KB5LIN, and W9IK.

600M DXer W5THT reports that he has now logged 5,053 hours of test beacon signals on 505 KHz. Although Pat continues to heat up the trees and his house each night with his 600M linear (maybe that's why we having all of these 100 degree days), conditions are not great in the summer. When static levels are low, he can be heard in Northern Ohio.

EC WX5N reports that the Tishomingo County ARES held its SET as the result of the County EMA Director conducting a tornado drill near the community of Paden. After deploying the EMCOMM Trailer to the staging area, WX5N and KB5VML gathered reports and passed them back to NCSs KB5ROC and KE5TQG at the staging area. Also participating were the Mississippi DHS, the Red Cross, and Tishomingo County 911.

Welcome to new Mississippi hams: KF5BJL, Rosita – Lumberton; KF5BJN, Aaron – Gulfport; KF5BJO, Charles – Perkinston; KF5BJP, Thomas – Lumberton; KF5BKC, Robert – Meridian; KF5BLP, Curtis – Hattiesburg; KF5BLQ, Mary – Hattiesburg; KF5BLR, Roderick – Hattiesburg; KF5BMP, Salvatore – Hattiesburg; KF5BMR, William – Ocean Springs; KF5BNB, Ed – Saltillo; KF5BPF, Matthew – Caledonia; KF5BPH, Lisa – Brandon; KF5BPW, Geoffrey – Saltillo; KF5BPX, Courtney – Tupelo; KF5BFY, Jeffrey – New Albany; KF5BTG, Charlie – Como; KF5BTH, Raborn – Como; KF5BTI, Michael – Horn Lake; KF5BTK, Josephina – Southaven; KF5BXH, Benjamin – Hattiesburg; KF5BXI, Cyrus – Hattiesburg; KF5BXJ, Kenneth – Hattiesburg; KF5BYH, Bernard – Ocean Springs; KF5BYP, Curtis – Brookhaven; KF5BYQ, Galyn – McComb; and KF5BYR, Craig – Brookhaven.

Also welcome to new ARRL Members: KF5ATW – Baldwyn; KF5ATX – Blue Springs; KM5BJ – Belden; KH7DC – Biloxi; K5DXE – Ripley; WA5MTW – Escatawpa; KE5MWD – Petal; KE5TQG – Tishomingo; KI5WI – Booneville; AD5XK – Picayune; and N4YQP – Pontotoc. ARRL Membership in Mississippi remains steady at 1027.

Welcome to AE5CY as EC for Lawrence County and K5PJM for Amite County.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KF5AMI – Vancleave; KF5ATY – Tupelo; KF5BAI – Laurel; KF5BAJ – Laurel; KC5GMO – Tupelo; KE5JLD – Como; KE5NSI – Perkinston; KE5YEH – Sumrall; and KE5ZWD – Biloxi.

DEC/EC Monthly Reports: KC5EAK (Pearl River), WB5GUD (Newton), KD5GWM (Lauderdale/Clarke), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), KD5VMV (DeSoto), K5XXV (Gulf Coast), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

Club Newsletter/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), MCARA (W5JDH), Northeast Mississippi ARA (KB5NMB), Pearl River ARC (N5WLW), and Vicksburg ARC (W5WAF).

Regret to report the passing of KJ5EI of Meridian, WB5SDI of Tishomingo, and WA5NIL of Terry.

In addition, I note with regret the passing of Jim, KB5W, one of the real movers and shakers in the National Traffic System. Jim, who apparently never owned a microphone that worked very long, was for many years Chair of the Central Area Net, and Manager of both RN5 and the Mississippi CW Net. What most folks don't know was that Jim was a decorated Marine Viet Nam war veteran receiving a Silver Star for gallantry while conducting operations behind enemy lines to destroy Viet Cong communications centers. He prided himself in never having lost a man under his command. Jim and his XYL will be interred at Quantico.

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

DRN5 60 Sessions, Mississippi 100% represented by W5OXA, W5MLO, WB5ZED, W5XX, and W5CPO (WB5ZED).

MSPN 29/2452/28 (NW5R)

Magnolia Section Net 30/804/15 (K5DSG)

Jackson Co ARES Net 30/502/7 (K5MOZ)

MS Slow Net 22/41/0 (W3TWD)

Tishomingo ARC 5/138/8 (WX5N)

Pearl River County ARES 5/69/0 (KC5EAK)

Magnolia DX Assn 5/108/0 (AE5JG)

MCARA 5/45/0 (KA2KMU)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 5/34/0 (KE5KTU)

Booneville and Prentiss County ARES Net 5/53/4 (WX5N)

NE MS ARES 5/73/0 (W5LMW)

Jackson ARC Em Net 5/58/0 (N5DU)

Stone County ARES 5/86/0 (N5UDK)

SCMSRG Info Net 4/67/0 (AE5JG) (Southern Coast Medical Support Group)

South MS YL Net 4/72/0 (KB5CSQ)

Meridian Area EN 4/42/1 (KD5GWM)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/16/0 (WF5F)

Hattiesburg AEN 4/112/0 (K5MIQ)

Capital Area Em Net 4/52/5 (K5XU)

Newton County ARES 4/24/0 (WB5GUD)

PSHR: W5XX 92.

Compilation of Net and PSHR statistics provided by KB5RCJ.

