

Mississippi Section Report for June 2012

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Field Day was hot in Mississippi this year. In spite of 100 plus temperatures at many Field Day Sites and with 10 and 6 being mostly dead, it still looks like we may have some record scores. Entry Category F (EOC) looked pretty good this year! Those clubs/groups known to be on the air were:

599 DX Assc. (NA5NN)
ARC of Amite County (W5CCW)
Central Mississippi ARC (WM5A)
Chickasaw ARA (W5K)
Dixie ARC (KE5WEE)
Greene County EMCOMM Group (KE5WGF)
Hattiesburg ARC and Lamar County ARC (K5PN)
Jackson ARC (W5PFC)
Jackson County ARA (N5OS)
Jones County ARC (WV5D)
Magnolia DX Assc./Great Southern DX Assc. (K5MDX)
Meridian ARC (W5FQ)
Mississippi Coast ARA (W5SGL)
Mississippi DOT (KM5DOT)
Mississippi State ARC (W5YD)
Northeast Mississippi ARA (W5NEM)
Olive Branch ARC (W5OBM)
Oven Baked Hams ARC (W5OBH)
Pisgah VFD and MS Guard (WB5DO)
Southwest Mississippi ARC (W5WQ)
Tishomingo ARC (W5TCR)
Tupelo ARC (KK5K)
University of Mississippi ARC (W5UMS)
Vicksburg ARC (K5ZRO)
K5FV

25 clubs/groups on the air for Field Day. Good Show! Field Day Messages for the SM (100 points!) were received from WM5A, W5K, K5MDX, W5NEM, NA5NN, N5OS, W5OBM, W5PFC, W5SGL, and K5ZRO.

Field Day in Mississippi got good media coverage. WLOX-TV visited the Jackson County ARA twice

and WTVA-TV visited the Tupelo ARC. The Hattiesburg ARC got a nice write up on the WDAM Web Site, and the 599 DXA had a good article and photo in the Stone County Enterprise. The Jackson ARC really hit the media jackpot. K5BLL reports that K5TDD and K4FMH were interviewed on the WLBT-TV's Midday Mississippi a couple of days before Field Day. Further, K5RWB set up an interview with K5TDD and Randy Bell for broadcast on some of the Clear Channel Stations in the early morning hours either the weekend of, or the weekend, before Field Day. WLBT-TV visited the JARC Field Day site and filmed about an hour of operating with snippets shown on the 6 PM and 10 PM News on Saturday and Sunday. And last but not least, JARC Club President WS7EOC was interviewed by AmateurLogic. There are probably many more PR events that have not been reported yet.

The logs for the 2012 Mississippi QSO Party have been checked. This has become quite a chore seeing that after the first Mississippi QSO Party in 2003 37 logs were submitted and this year it was 110. The MSQP is no longer one of the 'smaller' QSO Parties. The top ten in Mississippi were AG5Z, K5DWI, NA5DX, K2FF, W5UE, AE5BR, AE5YB, WQ5L, N5GD, and K5IJ. The top mobiles were W4SIG, N5NA, W3DYA, K4ZGB, W4OQG, K5WBM, AE5SK, and WB4CHH. The top portables were W5GWB (Chickasaw ARC) operating from Tunica County, W5OBM (Olive Branch ARC) from Benton County, and N5VI from Sharkey, Humphreys, and Yazoo Counties. Outside of Mississippi the top scores were from NT2A (NY), N6MU (CA), KV8Q (OH), K9WA (IL), and W8WVU (MI).

The logs indicate that 122 Mississippi Stations were on the air in 80 of the 82 Counties. An initial scan of the logs received by March 30 indicated that all 82 counties were on the air, but the follow on log check indicated that Jefferson Davis and Lawrence were not on the air. Thanks to N5NA for coordinating mobile routes with his website such that there were not very many county overlaps. NT2A worked a remarkable 65 of the 80 Counties on the air. A special tip of the hat to the hard working mobiles/portables, who put 72 counties on the air with 4,993 QSOs.

AG5Z, W4SIG, W5GWD, and NT2A will all receive plaques for their first place finish in their respective categories. The complete results should be posted on the Section Web Site by mid- August and certificates should be in the mail by mid-September.

Congratulations to the Petal High School Amateur Radio Club on having their application for a grant approved by the ARRL Executive Committee. Club Sponsor N5MZ notes that six students were licensed last year and three more this year. Also, all five school district IT techs and the Tech Coordinator are licensed, plus one Math teacher at Petal High School. The Club has realized good support from the local Ham community; five or six local hams actively participate in club activities. The Club currently has VHF/UHF/APRS equipment installed and has a UHF repeater located on the football stadium press box. The ARRL grant will outfit the Club with HF/6M capability using a new HF transceiver and a vertical antenna.

Two major ham events are on the horizon. The Huntsville Hamfest will be August 18 and 19 at the Von Braun Center (see www.hamfest.org). And the big one for Mississippi, the annual ARRL Day in the Park hosted by MFJ as part of their 40 th Anniversary Festivities. Details are on www.arrlmiss.org. Approximately 450 hams were in attendance at the 35 th Anniversary, and the 40 th promises to be bigger yet. Make your plans!

Low-bander W5THT reports that he has now surpassed 10,000 transmit hours, and the ARRL 600M Experiment has now passed 130,985 operating hours with 492 QSOs reported from 32 active stations. Pat is looking forward to the grand opening of 472 – 479 KHz since its approval at the 2012 WRC in

February. This secondary allocation is unlikely to be available before January 1, 2013.

K5BLL advises that on Saturday, June 2, eleven Hams from the Jackson ARC provided communications assistance for the 2012 Heatwave Triathlon sponsored by the City of Ridgeland. The Race consisted of a 0.5 mile swim in the Barnett Reservoir, a 24.5 mile bike race on the Natchez Trace Parkway, and ended with a 10K run along Ridgeland's Multi-Use Trail. K5RWB, K5CID, N5KLT, KD5SBP, WS7EOC, WM5A, KE5JKD and KE5WAC reported from key intersections and rest stops while N5DU and K5BLL handled net control functions. One older participant required assistance from on-site EMT's for exhaustion after the swim. One biker, who took a fall, landed in an ant hill and required transport to a local ER for anaphylactic shock. Both incidents were reported by JARC to race officials and aid was quickly provided. The race started at 7:00 AM and finished just before noon.

Northeast Mississippi DEC WB5CON reports that Alcorn County RACES provided communications for the Coca Cola 10k foot race in Corinth with some 1,300 runners as opposed to the expected 800. ACRACES members were posted at each race course marker. Volunteers were W5OA, KC5CDV, KF5OHD, KD5LAP, and K0RIS. In addition, Fred reports that ham gear for the new EOC will be ordered shortly. Further, a Technician Class was held at the Corinth Arena as part of a Mississippi Guard Exercise with four new Technicians passing the test. Those coordinating the Class/VE Test were WB5DO, AF5BP, and KJ4IHT. Alcorn County has a lot going on!

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in June: KF5QNN, Linda – Hamilton; KF5QPY, Dianna – Meridian; KF5QWD, Donald – Greenwood; KF5QWY, Lydia – Hamilton; KF5QWZ, Joseph – Columbus; KF5QXU, Steven – Brandon; KF5QXV, Ryan – Florence; and KF5QYF, James – Columbus.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in June: KB5BIU – Hattiesburg; KC5FMN – Union; KF5FWR – Vossburg; KF5NBR – Fulton; KF5PJY – Carriere; KF5PNF – Southaven; N5PQ – Biloxi; KF5QEO – Brookhaven; KF5QLL – Philadelphia; KF5QXU – Brandon; and N5YAB – Wiggins. The Mississippi ARRL Membership is now 1,119. Up one from last month. Another new record! Thanks.

And last but not least welcome to N5UOV at AEC for DeSoto County.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KE5BSB – Tremont; KF4LKV – Tupelo; KF5NBR – Fulton; KF5OGN – Vicksburg; KF5OYC – Waterford; and N5UOV – Olive Branch.

Club Newsletters/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), Mississippi Coast ARA (KB9ZR), and the Northeast Mississippi ARA (KE5SSB).

DEC/EC Reports: WB5CON (NEMS/Alcorn), AE5FE (Lauderdale/Clarke), KE5KTU (WCMS/Hinds), WX5N (Prentiss/Tishomingo), WV1Q (Jasper), and KE5WJN (Pearl River).

Regret to report the passing of W5BY of Brookhaven, KB5ZKV of Mize, and N7EBW of Picayune. All were regular net checkins on Section Nets, and W5BY was NCS for both the Mississippi Baptist Hams Net and the Magnolia Section Net.

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

Magnolia Section Net 30/1016/20 (K5DSG)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/21/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 30/2137/25 (K5NRK)

MS Slow Net 21/49/0 (W3TWD)

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

Booneville and Prentiss County ARES Net 4/49/1 (WX5N)

Capital Area Em Net X/XX/X (K5XU)

Delta ARES Net 4/22/0 (K5JAW)

Grenada/Yalobusha ARES Net 4/34/0 (KE5MIS/AD5IT)

Hattiesburg AEN 4/97/0 (K5MIQ)

Itawamba County ARES 4/54/0 (KB5NMB)

Jackson ARC Em Net 4/53/0 (N5DU)

Jackson County ARES 26/459/0 (K5MOZ)

Magnolia DX Assn 4/68/0 (K5OAZ)

Meridian Area EN 5/48/2 (AE5FE)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/31/0 (K5GCY)

Mississippi Coast ARA ARES Net 4/58/0 (K5KMU)

Mississippi Coast ARA Tech Net 4/30/0 (K5KMU)

Miss/Lou Em Net 4/24/0 (K5NRK)

NE MS Skywarn 5/63/1 (W5LMW)

Olive Branch Tech and Info Net 6/33/4 (KD5CKP)

Panola County ARES 2/17/0 (KC5DPJ)

Pearl River County ARES 4/51/2 (KE5WJN)

Rankin County ARES 4/49/0 (KF5EZT)

SCMSRG Info Net 4/27/0 (AE5JG)

Scott County ARES Net 4/45/1 (K1REZ/W5JMJ)

South MS YL Net 4/25/0 (K5IJ); 5/37/0 (May)

South Central Skywarn and Jasper County ARES 4/39/0 (WV1Q)

Southern MS Friendship Net 8/59/0 (WB5OHN)

Stone County ARES 4/56/0 (N5UDK)

Tishomingo ARC Net 4/61/0 (WX5N)

UMARC Net 4/35/0 (K5LMB)

Public Service Honor Roll: W5XX 71

Traffic: KB5YEE 12, W5XX 10

Compilation of Net and PSHR statistics provided by KB5RCJ.