

Mississippi Section Report for June 2013

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Field Day was hot in Mississippi this year (as usual); however, band conditions were significantly hotter this year as compared with last year with some good openings on 6 and 10. Rumor has it that NA5NN made over 5,000 QSOs in category 5A. Those clubs known to be on the air were:

599 DX Assc. (NA5NN)
Alcorn County ARES (W5OA)
ARC of Amite County (W5CCW)
Central Mississippi ARC (WM5A)
Chickasaw ARA (W5K)
Dixie ARC (KE5WEE)
Hattiesburg ARC and Lamar County ARC (W5CJR)
Jackson ARC (W5PFC)
Jackson County ARA (N5OS)
Lauderdale/Clarke Counties ARES (WX5MEI)
Magnolia DX Assc./Great Southern DX Assc. (K5MDX)
Meridian ARC (KB5ARC)
Mississippi Coast ARA (W5SGL)
Mississippi DOT (KM5DOT)
Mississippi State ARC (W5YD)
Northeast Mississippi ARA (W5NEM)
Olive Branch ARC (W5OBM)
Pearl River ARC (W5PMS)
Southwest Mississippi ARC (W5WQ)
Tishomingo ARC (W5TCR)
Tupelo ARC (KK5K)
University of Mississippi ARC (W5UMS)

At least 22 clubs were on the air on the air from Mississippi! The following Field Day messages were received by the SM: WM5A (via WL2K), KB5ARC, K5MDX, WX5MEI (via WL2K), W5NEM, NA5NN (via WL2K), W5OBM, W5PMS, W5SGL, W5TCR, and W5WQ.

Field Day in Mississippi got good PR coverage. K5XU reports he had a 30 minute interview on Mississippi Public Broadcasting; AG5Z and KB5VE were guests on the local Super Talk Station; WLBT-TV visited the Jackson ARC FD Site. In the newspaper media the Southwest ARC had a nice writeup in the Brookhaven Daily Leader, the Northeast Mississippi ARA great pre and post Field Day

articles in the Itawamba County Times, and lastly the Jackson ARC got coverage on the Clarion-Ledger Web Site.

The Lauderdale/Clarke ARES Group (WX5MEI) set up their Field Day Site on the north I-20/59 Frontage Road on a vacant lot in the commercial area of Meridian. The Directors of the Lauderdale and Clarke EMAs brought their EMCOMM Trailers to the FD Site for tours. As a result of choosing this location WX5MEI had plenty of visitor traffic (58 in total) including an 18 wheeler driver from El Paso, who passed the site and doubled back from the next exit to see what was going on. EC AE5FE reports that a great story on ARES was published in the in the Meridian Star prior to Field Day.

And there were plenty of special activities during Field Day: the 599 DXA had live web coverage (see http://599dxa.org/html/fd_-_2013.html); the Pearl River ARC coordinated a Radio Merit Badge Session with local Scouts and conducted a special ceremony to raise and retire Old Glory; and the Hattiesburg/Lamar ARCs had a presentation on solar panels by the Stion Corporation,

The logs for the 2013 Mississippi QSO Party have been checked. This has become quite a chore seeing that after the first Mississippi QSO Party in 2004 37 logs were submitted and this year it was 127. The MSQP is no longer one of the 'smaller' QSO Parties. Thanks to AG5Z, who helped to check logs.

The top ten in Mississippi were WQ5L, K5TLL, K5DWI, W5UE, N5GD, K5JUM, W5UMS, NM5Z, W5THT, and N5BLY. The top mobiles were W3DYA, NO5W, K4ZGB, W4OQG, and WB4CHH. The top portables were W5OBM (Olive Branch ARC) operating from Benton County and W5GWB (Chickasaw ARC) operating from Tunica County. Outside of Mississippi, the top scores were from K4BAI (GA), NT2A (NY), W7GKF (WA), WA6KHK (CA), and KQ3F (PA).

The logs indicate that 107 Mississippi Stations were on the air from 61 of the 82 Counties. Thanks to N5NA for coordinating mobile routes with his website such that there were not very many county overlaps.

WQ5L, W3DYA, W5OBM, and K4BAI will all receive plaques for first place finish in their respective categories. Thanks to following clubs that sponsored plaques: High Score Mississippi (599 DXA); High Score Out of State (Chickasaw ARA); High Mobile Score (Hattiesburg ARC), and High Portable Score (Jackson ARC).

The complete results should be posted on the Section Web Site by mid- August and certificates should be in the mail by mid-September. Remember next year the QSO Party will be held the first full weekend of April. Put April 5-6, 2014 on your long range calendar!

A very strong line of thunderstorms crossed Central Mississippi on June 28 associated with an unusually intense summertime cold front. K5GKY opened the Central Mississippi Skywarn Net and forwarded eleven damage reports to the NWS many of which were provided by KE5KTU in the Edwards Area. After action reports indicate that the major damage was in Eastern Warren County and Western Hinds County with straight line winds exceeding 60 mph. Over 2500 Warren County residents were without power.

The Southwest Mississippi ARC again helped with the annual Walthall County Dairy Festival with the operation of stations on 20 and 40 meters during the day on June 1. Under the pavilion at event, SWARC operators kept the radios going to promote both the Dairy Industry and Ham Radio with some of the 1500-2000 event visitors wandering in to see what all the noise was about. As some members

operated the radios working some 35 states, others met with visitors to explain antennas, radios, Go-packs, and made information available about how to get their amateur radio licenses.

KU4WW reports that the Tishomingo ARC again set up the infamous 'slugburger' stand in their EMCOMM trailer at the Jacinto Festival. In spite of good weather, the crowd was down because this was not an election year, and by 11 o'clock, the the TCARS members were starting to sweat a little because of all of the burgers yet to be sold. Fortunately, about noon, business really picked up and the slugburgers were gone by 1:30. Another successful fund raiser for proposed club equipment purchases.

EC KC5IHW advises that the Scott County ARES Team is holding monthly training meetings at the Morton Library and local restaurants at 6:30 pm on the second Thursday night each month. They plan to begin offering monthly VE testing at these meetings as soon as the VE Team is approved by ARRL.

K5GCY reports that he and K5KKD attended the follow-on meeting of the 2012 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) session. Gary gave a presentation on Ham Radio response capabilities to the 45 attendees using JARC's go-kit and personal HTs. Many attendees showed interest in Ham Radio and said they wanted to attend the next JARC Meeting.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in July: KF5VYD, Elizabeth – Diamondhead; KF5VYE, Steven – Diamondhead; KF5VYW, Lewis – Wiggins; KF5VYX, Mary – Carriere; KF5VZH, David – Richland; KF5WBY, Ronald – Oxford; KF5WDL, Dana – Richland; KF5WFU, Peter – Collins; KF5WFV, Stephen – Hattiesburg; KF5WFW, Hugh – Petal; KF5WFY, James – Meridian; and KF5WFZ, Randolph – Philadelphia. Thanks to the VE Teams, who conducted the exams.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in July: KE5AEU – Hernando; KC5EGR – Brandon; N5ELT – Vicksburg; AF5KQ – Hamilton; KF5KRZ – Oxford; KB5LIN – Hernando; AA5PJ – Oxford; KF5TQK – Terry; KF5VPE – Hazlehurst; KF5VYD – Diamondhead; KF5VYE – Diamondhead; KF5WFW – Petal; and KF5WFZ – Philadelphia. The Mississippi ARRL Membership is now 1,136. Up two from last month. Keep Working! Thanks for your continuing membership recruitment efforts.

Welcome to KB9ZR as the new Section Public Information Coordinator and KE5MAT as an OO. Also KF5IMA as EC for Lafayette County and K5LMB as AEC. K5LMB was the EC for Lafayette County for three years. Thanks for your efforts Larry!

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: WD5AES, Bill – Batesville; KC5NMB, Tom – Meridian; KJ4NJD, Benjamin - Byhalia; KF5QEO, John – Bogue Chitto; KF5TEK, Vincent – Brandon; KF5UBZ, Eddie – Morton; and WB5WUX, George – Florence.

Also congratulations to WA5GYM, who just completed 50 years of Ham Radio, and to NM5Z who received his certificates from the ARRL for 5 Band DXCC and Digital DXCC.

Club Newsletters/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Lowndes County ARC (AD5DO), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), Mississippi Coast ARA (KB9ZR), and the Northeast Mississippi ARA (KB5NMB).

DEC/EC Reports: KF5EZT (Rankin), AE5FE (Lauderdale/Clarke), KC5IHW (Scott), AD5IT (Grenada), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), K5MOZ (Jackson), KB5NMB (Itawamba), WV1Q (Jasper), K1REZ (EC MS), and KE5WJN (Pearl River)

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

Magnolia Section Net 30/1074/25 (K5DSG)
MS Baptist Hams Net 4/22/0 (WF5F)
MSPN 30/2080/48 (K5NRK)
MS Slow Net 20/28/0 (W3TWD)

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

Booneville and Prentiss County ARES Net 4/42/0 (WX5N)
Capital Area Em Net 5/87/0 (K5XU)
Central Mississippi Skywarn Net (K5GCY) One Weather Activation.
Delta ARES Net 5/28/0 (K5JAW)
Itawamba County ARES 4/61/2 (KB5NMB)
Jackson ARC Em Net 4/53/0 (N5DU)
Jackson County Em Net 25/402/2 (K5MOZ)
Magnolia DX Assn 4/64/0 (K5OAZ)
Meridian Area EN 4/40/0 (AE5FE)
Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/48/0 (K5GCY)
Miss/Lou Em Net 5/29/0 (K5NRK)
MS Preparedness Project Emergency Net 4/47/1 (WX5H)
NE MS Skywarn 4/58/0 (W5LMW)
Olive Branch Tech and Info Net 11/76/3 (KD5CKP)
Pearl River County ARES 4/32/0 (KE5WJN)
Pearl River ARC Net 4/81/0 (K5RDA)
Rankin County ARES 4/61/0 (KF5EZT)
Scott County ARES Net 4/49/2 (KC5IHW)
South MS YL Net 3/31/0 (KB5CSQ)
South Central Skywarn and Jasper County ARES 4/46/0 (WV1Q)
Stateline Skywarn Net 4/53/0 (KB5NMB)
Stone County ARES 4/44/0 (N5UDK)
Tishomingo ARC Net 4/50/0 (WX5N)
UMARC Net 5/33/0 (K5LMB)
Yazoo County ARES Net 4/27/0 (KF5DJS)

Public Service Honor Roll: W5XX 77

Compilation of Net and PSHR statistics provided by KB5RCJ.