

Mississippi Section Report for June 2014

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Field Day 2014 is now history. A record number of Mississippi clubs (25) were in the field experiencing sunshine, clouds, rain, thunder, and lightening and so-so band conditions. Those clubs known in the field were:

599 DX Assc. (NA5NN)
Alcorn County ARES (W5OA)
ARC of Amite County (W5CCW)
Central Mississippi ARC (WX5H)
Chickasaw ARA (W5GWD)
Competition Contesting Consortium (W5ETZ)
East Central Mississippi Red Cross (KB5ARC)
Great Southern DX Association (K5GDX)
Hattiesburg ARC (K5PN)
Jackson ARC (W5PFC)
Jackson County ARA (N5OS)
Lauderdale/Clarke Counties ARES (WX5MEI)
Mississippi Coast ARA (W5SGL)
Mississippi DOT (KM5DOT)
Mississippi State ARC (W5YD)
Northeast Mississippi ARA (W5NEM)
Olive Branch ARC (W5OBM)
Oven baked Hams (W5OBH)
Pearl River ARC (W5PMS)
Petal Amateur Wireless Association (KC5WFM)
Southwest Mississippi ARC (W5WQ)
Stone County ARES Group (K5STO)
Tishomingo ARC (W5TCR)
University of Mississippi ARC (W5UMS)
Vicksburg ARC (K5ZRO)

The following Field Day messages were received by the SM: K5GDX, WX5H (via WL2K), WX5MEI (via WL2K), W5NEM, K5STO, W5TCR, W5UMS, and W5WQ. Thanks to KB5YEE for collecting the messages while W5XX was visiting FD Sites. Those sites visited were the Chickasaw ARA, Olive Branch ARC, Alcorn County ARES, Tishomingo ARC, Northeast Mississippi ARA, and the Ole Miss ARC. Thanks for the hospitality! In addition, DEC K1REZ visited the Field Day Sites of the East

Central Mississippi Red Cross and the Lauderdale/Clarke Counties ARES and was accompanied by W1JMJ and KF5YGG.

Field Day in Mississippi got good PR coverage. Through the efforts of AK5J, Governor Phil Bryant proclaimed June 23-29 as Amateur Radio Week in Mississippi. Further, K5XU reports he had a 30 minute interview on Mississippi Public Broadcasting. In the newspaper media, the Northeast Mississippi ARA had a great post Field Day article in the Itawamba County Times; in addition, W5KUB visited the NEMRA FD Site and streamed the action live on the Internet. In Olive Branch the Mayor proclaimed June 23-29 as Amateur Radio Week and followed up by publicizing the Olive Branch Field Day operation on the marquee at the entrance to City Park where the FD operation was set up.

KB5CSQ reports that the Southern Mississippi YLs held their first all YL Field Day at Big Biloxi-DeSoto National Forest Campground in Saucier. YLs attending were AA5YL, KF5KDL, KA5EPR, AE5MI and KB5CSQ. They had a great time thanks to their own private Chef N9OKV and XYL N5OKV. A very nice meal was served on Saturday night. What a great surprise to the YL operators!!! Prior to Field Day the YLs had several training sessions on how to operate an ICOM 7600, how to set up for RTTY, and learned how to fill out a traffic form and listen to the exchange of traffic on the 3862 Mississippi Section Phone Net.

EC KB5NMB reports that NEMRA completed the move into their new EOC Radio Room just in time for Field Day. In addition, a tribander was installed on the EOC Tower and an additional upgrade was completed on their EMCOMM Trailer. NEMRA has been busy! To top off June, NEMRA got word that ICOM's N9JA (who is originally from Pontotoc) and his XYL would be joining the Club for Field Day and sent ahead of him several new Icom Radios for Club use during FD. Fortunately NEMRA Members had two weekends before FD to learn to use the radios.

EC N5MZ reports that June was another busy month for the Petal Amateur Wireless Society. At the June 5 meeting a 'Field Day 101' overview was presented because many of the group had never participated in FD. As a result several operators activated the Forrest County Emergency Management station KC5WFM for Field Day. Brad along with K5JBA, KF5ZAT, NG5C and NY9U made Field Day contacts from the EOC to check out the equipment and antennas.

On June 21, the Petal Amateur Wireless Society provided a safety net and operators to man the course in support of a 5K race benefiting the Petal Middle School Archery Team. The team is raising funds to compete at the World Tournament held in Wisconsin in July. The course was laid out on city streets and club members helped direct runners on the course and reported race progress to Race Central at Hinton Park. Volunteering were club members K5JBA (NCS), KF5ZAU, KF5YXO, KF5YXW, NG5C, KE5RJU, K5DVO, K5TJU, KB5OXD, KE5MWD, and N5MZ.

K5WHB has been appointed as the SERA Director for Mississippi; K4FMH is the Vice-Director, and W6CSA is the Assistant Director. Contact any of these officials for concerns regarding repeater coordination.

EC N5KDA reminds us to take precautions against lightening after some problems in Adams County. W5XX unplugs all equipment from antennas and the AC Line anytime he is away from the Shack and there is even a hint of lightning in the forecast. Fortunately, he has had only one hit in 50 plus years of Ham Radio, and it came in through the AC ground wire! Along the same line of thought, during one of the NWS-Jackson Skywarn presentations, the meteorologist note that the record distance for a cloud to

ground lightning streamer was over 100 miles!

Retired MSU Prof K4FMH has been conducting research to find authentication for the oldest amateur radio club in Mississippi. This could be in the form of using the year the club license was granted or the first set of dated club minutes. Claims are made by clubs about their vintage. For example, the Jackson Amateur Radio Club's brochure on their website, msham.org, states: 'The Jackson Amateur Radio Club (JARC), Mississippi's oldest Amateur Radio Club, was founded many years ago to promote Amateur Radio and provide resources to new and experienced radio operators.'

Frank notes in this month's CQ Magazine there is an article about the history of amateurs in Dedham, Massachusetts which gave him the idea of examining the Department of Commerce files on licenses. The Radio Service Bulletin (RSB) series is an invaluable historical document on the development of all radio services. The February 1920 RSB shows that 'Special Land Station' licenses were awarded to Mississippi Agricultural & Mechanical College (5YD) and the University of Mississippi (5YE). Both current clubs link their heritage to these historic licensees. For details, see http://transition.fcc.gov/ftp/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Databases/documents_collection/radio_service_bulletins/200202.pdf. Can any club in the section top that? If not, then the Bulldogs and Rebels tie once again!

Club President K5OLV reports that the Olive Branch ARC put together a Care Package for W5SMB, who is in the middle of a deployment to the Middle East with the U.S. Air Force. Good Show!

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in June: KG5CLG, Danny - Pascagoula; KG5CLU, Mark - Oxford; KG5CMN, Autumn - Hattiesburg; KG5CMO, Andrea - Hattiesburg; KG5CMP, Audry - Hattiesburg; KG5CMR, Ernest - Florence; KG5CMQ, Ernie - Brandon; KG5CNJ, Lynn - Kiln; KG5CNK, John - Picayune; KG5CNL, Joseph - Gautier; KG5COO, Richard - Stonewall; KG5COP, David - Quitman; KG5COQ, Bryan - Enterprise; KG5COR, Jeremy - Lauderdale; KG5COS, Leadrian - Collinsville; KG5COT, Sidney - Philadelphia; KG5COU, James - Meridian; KG5COV, Josh - Enterprise; KG5CQD, Nancy - Picayune; and KG5CQS, Payton - Dennis. Thanks for the assistance from the instructors, mentors, and VE Teams, who conducted the exams.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in June: KG5ANQ, Daniel - Booneville; KG5BLE, Robert - Columbia; KE5CAO, Charles - Ocean Springs; KB5CQD, Nancy - Picayune; KB5DX, William - Pearl; KF5HNQ, Charles - Oxford; KC5HOD, Mark - Vanleave; KC5IQZ, Robert - Paris; W1LAW, Robert - Tupelo; AE5MI, Elizabeth - Gulfport; KF5QGF, Craig - Olive Branch; N5SOX, David - Clinton; WW3V, Bill - McComb; and KF5VYX, Mary - Picayune. The Mississippi ARRL Membership is now 1,151. Up 11 from last month. A New Record!! Thanks for your continuing membership recruitment efforts!

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades in June: KG5AVT, Michelle - Crystal Springs; KG5BBA, Terry - Crystal Springs; KG5BMF, Barbara - Pearl; KK4NQR, Gabriel - Petal; and KE5RJU, Ashley - Petal.

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

DEC/EC Reports: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), KF5EZT (Rankin), N5KDA (Adams), KE5KTU

(Hinds), K5MOZ (Jackson), N5MZ (Forrest), WX5N (Prentiss/Tishomingo), KB5NMB (Itawamba), K1REZ (EC MS), WA5TEF (Lee), KD4VVZ (George), and KE5WJN (Pearl River).

PIO Report: KF5ZCI

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

Magnolia Section Net 30/1008/13 (K5DSG)

MS Baptist Hams Net 3/20/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 30/1774/9 (K5NRK)

MS Slow Net 21/33/0 (W3TWD)

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

Booneville and Prentiss County ARES Net 4/28/0 (WX5N)

Capital Area Em Net 5/88/0 (K5XU)

Delta ARES Net 4/21/0 (K5JAW)

Grenada/Yalobusha Counties ARES Net 4/35/0 (AD5IT)

Hattiesburg ARC 2M Net 5/103/0 (K5TLL)

Hattiesburg ARC 10M Net 4/42/0 (K5TLL)

Itawamba County ARES 4/51/1 (KB5NMB)

Jackson ARC Em Net 4/47/0 (N5DU)

Jackson County Em Net 25/464/13 (K5MOZ)

Lowndes Co ARC Net 4/36/2 (AD5DO)

Magnolia DX Assn 4/38/0 (W5DAW)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 5/48/1 (K5GCY)

Miss/Lou Em Net 5/31/0 (K5NRK)

MS Digital Nets 10/87/0 (K1REZ)

MSHEARN District 6 Net 4/40/2 (KF5QLL)

Northeast MS Skywarn Net 5/54/0 (WA5TEF)

Olive Branch Tech and Info Net 16/147/0 (K5OLV)

Pearl River ARES 5/50/0 (KE5WJN)

Pearl River ARC 4/54/0 (K5RDA)

Petal Amateur Wireless Society 4/32/0 (NG5C)

Rankin County ARES 4/63/0 (KF5EZT) 7 QNI with simulated repeater failure session

Scott County ARES Training Net 5/66/0 (KC5IIW)

Scott County Simplex Net 5/21/0 (KC5IIW)

South MS YL Net 4/32/0 (KB5CSQ)

Stateline Skywarn Net 4/48/0 (KB5NMB)

Stone County ARES 5/72/1 (N5UDK)

Tishomingo ARC Net 4/53/0 (WX5N)

UMARC VHF Net 5/17/0 (K5LMB)

UMARC UHF Net 5/25/0 (K5LMB)

Yazoo County ARES Net 5/31/0 (KF5DJS)

Traffic: W5XX 8 and KB5YEE 5.

Public Service Honor Roll: W5XX 78 and K5JAW 70

Compilation of Net and PSHR statistics provided by KB5RCJ.