

## Mississippi Section Report for March 2009

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Over 100 logs have been received for the 2009 Mississippi QSO Party compared with 64 last year. This is probably in part attributable to this being the ARRL 'Year of the State QSO Party' which challenges hams to work QSO Parties in all 50 states and are required to send in a log to be eligible for the award.

A cursory look at the logs (subject to future checking) indicates that the top twenty five Mississippi Scores are as follows AG5Z (Lamar), W5XX (Warren), NN9K (mobile), W3DYA (mobile), K5DWI (Lincoln), K4ZGB (mobile), WQ5L (Pearl River - portable), W8FR (Tippah), W4HOZ (George), N5YT (Lamar), AE5BR (Monroe), N5KGY (Oktibbeha), NA5DX (Harrison), N5WLW (Pearl River), K4ZLC (Benton), KK5K (Lee), W5UMS (Lafayette), K7ZYV (Jackson), AB5WF (Hinds), KE5KTU (Hinds), K5NRK (Warren), KB5FSV (Jackson), K2FF (Jackson), W3TWD (Itawamba), KE5RJT (Pike), and W5KDM (DeSoto). Actually the top 26 are listed above; however, W5XX will have to be eliminated since he is the log checker.

Congratulations to AG5Z, who broke 1,000 QSOs which a first for the Mississippi QSO Party. Also many thanks to NN9K, W3DYA, and K4ZGB, who operated mobile from many rare counties, and to WQ5L and KC5OXI, who operated portable from Pearl River and Jasper Counties, respectively. In spite of lousy radio and weather conditions activity in the QSO Party continues to increase each year.

The top out of state scores were submitted by N8II (WV), NT2A (NY), N4CD (TX), K9EN (WI) and AD5WI (AR). Bear in mind all of this information is preliminary, and W5XX has to burn the midnight oil to check all of the logs. Results should be official by the end of June.

Gulf Coast DEC W4WLF has been selected for the 2008 Emergency Management Agency / 911 Award sponsored by the Gulfport Rotary Club. Tom was nominated for the award by Rupert Lacy, Director of the Harrison County Emergency Management Agency and E911 Communications Director. W4WLF is well known for his long hours of work with emergency communications in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Gustav. Congratulations, Tom!

The Tishomingo County ARC gave their new EMCOMM Trailer a test run with a trip to Woodall Mountain, the highest point in Mississippi (806 ft). This was scheduled for the weekend of the ARRL SSB DX Test so there were plenty of contacts to be made with antennas supported by the trees and three hf rigs running. EC WX5N reports that several visitors came by and checked out the operation. In addition, the 911 operator made an announcement over the county radios that the EMCOMM Trailer was operational on Woodall Mountain, and any county official was welcome to visit. As a result several

county officials were on hand to observe the operation in addition to State Representative Bubba Carpenter. Those participating were KE5LWY, KE5RXN, KJ4ISD, KB5VML, KD5YP, WX5N, KB5ROC, KU4WW, and KE5KRG.

The Magnolia DX Association also operated multi-op during the ARRL SSB DX Test from the QTH of KA5VFU and KB5CSQ. WQ5L reports that the bands weren't so hot, but the turnout, the food, and the fellowship were great. Running two rigs, MDXA made 632 QSOs and 245 Band countries. Those operating were K5DL, N5UCF, AE5FB, K2FF, WQ5L, N5PXF, AE5JG, KE5QHZ, N5VAG, W5UE, KE5RRT, KB5FSV, N5GD, KE5MOZ, WD5BJT, KB5CSQ, and KE5VFU. Also in attendance were several loggers/listeners including KE5ZOS, KE5ZOQ, KE5ZOU, and YL Rachel. N5YY, W5MSW, and AE5FB operated the kitchen. A great time was had by all!

DEC AG5Z reports that a multiband net has been started in the Hattiesburg area. The nets meet on Wednesday Night at 9:00 on 28.335 and 146.775. Contact Larry for more info. Larry also reports that he is advising a group at USM which is organizing a ham club. More info to follow.

Each month I get several requests asking that I add them to the weekly ARRL email Newsletter or the monthly Mississippi Section Report, the weekly DX Bulletin, the weekly Propagation Bulletin, the ARES Newsletter, etc. all of which come from ARRL Headquarters. As Section Manager I have access to the Membership Data Base; however, I cannot make changes. Only individual members can do this. Any ARRL Member who wants to be added to one or more of these emails from Headquarters should go to the ARRL Home Page, then click on Members Only, then Member Data Page to sign up for the various emails. Because you are getting this monthly Mississippi Section Report you are signed up for this email; however, if you wish to receive other emails or somebody asks you how to get on a list for a particular email, please explain the procedure to them. Help me spread the word. Thanks!

Put April 18 on your schedule for the Hattiesburg ARC ninth annual 'Junk in the Truck Sale.' The festivities will begin at 8:00 AM at the Immanuel Baptist Church parking lot across from the Turkey Creek Mall. Turn off of 98 West/Hardy Street between Turtle Creek Mall and Walgreen's Drug Store, and the parking lot is on the right after the first stop sign. The 'Sale' will be followed by a VE Test Session at Allen's Trophy Shop in Downtown Hattiesburg at 1:00 PM. Contact AC5E at ac5e@comcast.net for more info. Talk in is on 145.37 minus (136.5 tone).

WD2XSH/6 (W5THT) reports that times are tough on 600M. The new administration is questioning the experimental nature of the 600M group and delaying approval of new station applications. In addition bad weather across the country has damaged many of the group's large antennas that are required for 600M. In spite of all of the bad news Pat reported a QSO with Colorado.

Section PIC N5WLW reports that the Pearl River ARC sponsored a booth on Main Street in Picayune at the Annual Street Fair. The station attracted a number of potential hams as

well as working a fair amount of stateside and DX QSOs. Those manning the booth were KE5WJL, N5ELI, KB5OXE, and KB5JSG.

And last but far from being least, don't forget May 12 when the Mississippi Simulated Emergency Test (SET) will be conducted in coordination with the MEMA Hurricane Wendy Exercise. Although this is on a weekday, hopefully we can have enough retirees available and folks who can take a couple of hours off from work to have a good response to Wendy. Details for ham participation have not been yet set in concrete by MEMA; however, specific information for the DEC/EC and ARES members will follow very shortly.

Welcome to new Mississippi hams: KF5ADJ, Sandor – Olive Branch; KF5ADN, Glenn – Caledonia; KF5ADS, Katie – Waynesboro; KE5ZNO, Zachary – Starkville; KE5ZNP, Jordan – Mississippi State; KE5ZNR, Daniel – Hamilton; KE5ZNS, Timothy – Starkville; KE5ZNP, Layton – Brandon; KE5ZNT, Taylor – Mississippi State; KE5ZOP, David – Gulfport; KE5ZOR, Elizabeth – Gulfport; KE5ZOS, Ronald – Gulfport; KE5ZOT, Richard – Ocean Springs; KE5ZOU, Robert – Biloxi; KE5ZOV, Trivino – Gulfport; KE5ZPV, Gregory – Columbus; KE5ZQY, Travis – Biloxi; KE5ZWD, Mark – Biloxi; KE5ZWV, Richard – Clinton; KE5ZTH, Joseph - Corinth; KE5ZTI, Stephen – Guntown; and KE5ZTJ, Mike – Rienzi.

Also welcome to new ARRL Members: N5DAM – Gulfport; NU5E – Pontotoc; KA5HOP – Gulfport; KD5IVK – Pass Christian; N5JDH – Southaven; KB1JFZ – Carriere; N5LCG – Clinton; KB5LJE – Tupelo; KE5QHV – Gulfport; KE5RXB – Jackson; KE5UBH – Quitman; N5WTJ – Biloxi; KE5ZOQ – Gulfport; KE5ZOS – Gulfport; KE5ZQY – Biloxi; KE5ZTJ – Rienzi; and KI5ZY – Amory. April ARRL Membership in Mississippi is 1030, down one from March. We are well above 1,000, but we need to keep working. With our current economic climate, folks are less likely to renew which will eventually take its toll on membership.

In addition welcome to KE5MOZ as EC for Jackson County and N5VEI as EC for Madison County.

N5XXX has resigned to the Jackson ARC Board as Manager of the NWS-Jackson Skywarn Operations in that he will be moving to Albuquerque. Thanks for your many years of service Billy Bob!

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KE5GBO – Gulfport; KD5PYC – Biloxi; KE5QHZ – Saucier; KC5RIU – Florence; KB5RZD – Waynesboro; N5TRR – McCool; KE5TUF – Gulfport; KE5UGL – Starkville; KE5WAD – Pearl; KE5YBU – Petal; KE5YPT – Biloxi; KE5YST – Vancleave; KE5YYP – Fulton; KE5ZBP – Thaxton; KE5ZBT – Union; and KE5ZOQ – Gulfport.

Also congratulations to KE5EFB, who completed FEMA IS-100 and IS-700, and KD5LAP, who completed FEMA IS-300 and IS-400.

DEC/EC Monthly Reports: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), KC5EAK (Pearl River), K5FV (Rankin), WB5GUD (Newton), KD5GWM (Lauderdale/Clarke), KE5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), W5VZK (EC MS), and AG5Z (SE MS).

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

Regret to report the passing of W5GLZ of Greenwood.

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

DRN5 62/ 100% represented by W5XX, W5MLO, WB5ZED, W5CPO, W5OXA  
K5BBA, and WA5FB. (WB5ZED)

MSPN 31/3008/28 (K5NRK)

Magnolia Section Net 31/886/5 (K5DSG)

Jackson County Em Net 31/439/7 (KE5MOZ)

MS Slow Net 22/38/0 (W3TWD)

Meridian Area EN 7/95/0 (KD5GWM)

MS Baptist Hams Net 5/31/0 (WF5F)

Hattiesburg Area EN 5/161/0 (K5MIQ)

Booneville and Prentiss Co. Net 5/76/7 (WX5N)

Lowndes Co ARC Net 5/64/0 (AD5DO)

Pearl River County ARES 5/75/0 (KC5EAK)

Monroe ARC Net 5/57/0 (AD5DO)

Jackson ARC Em Net 5/72/0 (N5DU)

MCARA Net 5/49/0 (KA2KMU)

Stone County ARES 5/88/0 (N5UDK)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 5/57/1 (N5DU)

Capital Area Em Net 5/104/0 (K5XU)

Newton County ARES 5/30/0 (WB5GUD)

Attala County ARES 4/36/0 (KB5ZEA)

Alcorn County ARES 4/62/0 (WB5CON)

NE MS ARES 4/42/0 (W5LMW)

Miss/Lou Em Net 4/21/1 (K5NRK)

Rankin Co ARES 4/40/0 (K5FV)

Itawamba County ARES 4/41/1 (KB5NMB)

South MS YL Net 4/92/0 (KB5CSQ)

Tishomingo County ARC Net 4/135/6 (WX5N)

PSHR (minimum 70): WB5ZED 150 and W5XX 76.

Traffic: WB5ZED 2741 (BPL).

Compilation of Net statistics provided by KB5RCJ.