

Mississippi Section Report for November 2006

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Among the Katrina Casualties were our two hamfests on the Gulf Coast. The November 2005 Ocean Springs and May 2006 Pascagoula Hamfests had to be cancelled. But thanks to the efforts of the Jackson County ARA, Ocean Springs came back in November in full force. Chairman KB5FHX reports that all tables were sold out a week before the Hamfest with several commercial vendors in attendance. Some 225 plus hams enjoyed the festivities including a spirited ARRL Forum focused on Katrina. KB5FHX reports that he had a lot of help from WM5W, NN5AF, AB5RS, KB5ZIA, KB5ZIB, WA5KNR, KC5CHP, KC5LCW, and N5BQJ.

WD2XSH/6 (W5THT) has his 600 Meter rig on the air from Long Beach. With 80 watts into the coax and a top loaded vertical, Pat estimates that his ERP is about 1/20 of a watt. In spite of being very QRP, he has had CW QSOs with Tennessee and North Carolina and SWL Reports from Minnesota and Nova Scotia (1700 miles). Pat's backyard looks like a picture of an old Marconi Station.

MTN Manager KB5W reports that because of the FCC "refarming" of frequencies on 80 Meters (effective December 15), the CW Net moved to 3570 on December 10th. The Net is held daily at 6:45 PM. MSN Manager W3TWD reports that the Slow Net moved to 3541 at 7 PM local beginning December 8th.

The Pearl River County ARC sponsored a Technician Class in November for local public service agencies. The course was taught in two days with an exam being a few days later to allow for some study time. After the VE Team had administered the exam they reported that 15 of 20 students passed (see list below under New Mississippi Hams). In addition one person passed the General Exam and two passed the code test. Congratulations to instructors N5WLW, KC5EAK, and WA5JLL on conducting this successful effort.

The Jackson ARC SkyWarn Team activated the station at NWS Thompson Field during the 2006 SkyWarn Recognition Day. Event Chairman AB5WF noted that 140 stations were contacted over the 24-hour period including 31 NWS Stations. Those operating were AB5WF, KD5FUY, KD5GMC, N6LYO, KM5GE, K5BLL, N5MZX, K5TMA, W5GEJ, and W5LEW.

The Magnolia DX Association held their annual Christmas Banquet in Wiggins with N5FG as the MC. Some 40 DXers plus XYLs enjoyed a program by K5UR, ARRL VP, on low band DXing. KC5LK was recognized as DXer of the Year and K5NY as member of the year.

Christmas is here again (already). Many clubs will be having Festivities during December. Be sure to attend one or more of these functions to enjoy the Holiday fellowship and food! Season's Greetings from Vicksburg!

Welcome to new Mississippi Hams: KE5KTP, Thomas – Crystal Springs; KE5KTQ, Robert – Madison; KE5KTR, James – Greenville; KE5KTS, James – Leland; KE5KTU, Jacob – Bolton; KE5KUK, Ronald – Olive Branch; KE5KVE, David – Olive Branch; KE5KVF, Tyler – Southaven; KE5KVM, Roger – New Site; KE5KVY, Eldon – Meridian; KE5LBZ, Sandi – Van Cleave;

KE5LFO, Timothy – Gulfport; KE5LFP, Thomas – Biloxi; KE5LII, Robert – Picayune; KE5LJB, Meagan – Oxford; KE5LLL, Debra – Houston; KE5LPK, William – Picayune; KE5LPJ, Lillie – Picayune; KE5LPL, Wesley, Bentonia; KE5LPM, Arthur – Carriere; KE5LPN, George – Mc Neill; KE5LPO, John – Picayune; KE5LPP, Rose – Picayune; KE5LPQ, Marvin – Poplarville; KE5LPR, Edna – Picayune; KE5LPS, Jennifer – Picayune; KE5LPT, Robert – Carriere; KE5LPZ, George – Hattiesburg; KE5LQB, Oquin – Mize.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: K5GVG – Long Beach; KE5IMJ – Crystal Springs; WB5VCE – Gulfport;

Also congratulations to W5THT, who completed ECC-001, ECC-002, and ECC 003, and AC5Y and KD5GWM, who completed ECC-001.

Welcome to new ARRL members: KE5AQO – Brandon; KE5BBC – Houston; WB7DEJ – Magee; W5DGK – Vancleave; KB5DJX – Lumberton; KC5EYB – Saltillo; K5HU – Belden; KD5IFA – Liberty; KE5IMJ – Crystal Springs; KE5JKD – Crystal Springs; W5JKZ – Oxford; N5JLC – Columbia; KD5JXJ – Tupelo; N5JYK – Hattiesburg; KE5KRG – Iuka; KE5KTR – Greenville; KE5KTU – Bolton; WA5KWS – McComb; KD5LAK – Terry; KE5LCN – Oxford; KE5LDV – Bruce; KE5LFP – Biloxi; KB5MOR – Laurel; N4NEX – Hernando; N5UK – Kiln; WB5URU – Pascagoula; K5US Poplarville; KB5WVH – Ponotoc; N5XXY – Vicksburg; N5ZNL – Jackson;

Also Welcome to N5UDK as Assistant EC for Stone County and KD5JLG for Lauderdale/Clarke Counties.

Club Newsletters/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Jackson ARC (K5VU), Meridian ARC (W5MAV)

PIC Report: N5TBB

OO Report: W4TUP

DEC/EC Report: K5CBS (Stone), WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), KD5CQT (Jackson), KC5EAK (Pearl River), WB5GUD (Newton), KD5GWM (Lauderdale/Clarke), N5TBB (Tippah/Benton), KC5TYL (Lamar), K5WSY (Tishomingo).

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

DRN5 62/Miss 100% Rep by N5FP, W5OXA, KB5DZJ, WB5ZED, WA5FB, W5XX (WB5ZED)

MS Section Phone Net 30/2465/24 (K5NRK)

MS Section Traffic Net 30/169/11 (KB5W)

Magnolia Section Net 30/968/6 (AD5J)

Jackson County EN 30/439/5 (KD5CQT)

MS Section Slow Net 22/57/1 (W3TWD)

NE MS ARES 5/50/0 (W5LMW)

Itawamba Co. ARES 5/48/0 (KB5NMB)

Newton County ARES 5/56/0 (WB5GUD)

Meridian Area EN 4/68/0 (KD5GWM)

Jackson ARC EN 4/57/1 (AB5WF)

MS-LA EN 4/38/0 (K5NRK)

Lowndes Co ARC Net 4/54/0 (AD5DO)

Hattiesburg AEN 4/61/0 (N5MZ)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/46/0 (WF5F)

Monroe ARC 4/65/0 (AD5DO)

Stone County ARES 4/30/0 (K5CBS)

Pearl River ARES 2/9/0 (KC5EAK)

PSHR: WB5ZED 150, N5FP 90, KD5FUJ 77, W5XX 75

Traffic: WB5ZED 1786 (BPL), N5FP 40, W5XX 6, KD5FUJ 2

Compilation of Net and Traffic Statistics provided by N5FP, Mississippi Section Traffic Manager