

## Mississippi Section Report for November 2007

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The 2007 Mississippi SET was held October 27. Based on reports filed by the District Emergency Coordinators and Emergency Coordinators the following counties were active: Alcorn, Copiah, Forrest, Harrison, Hinds, Lauderdale, Leake, Madison, Newton, Pearl River, Rankin, Smith, Stone, Sunflower, Tishomingo, Union, and Warren. Comments provided by the DEC/EC are provided below.

WB5CON reports that the Alcorn ARES convened a Skywarn Net in response to a severe weather event scenario and passed formal traffic destined for MEMA and the NWS. As a result of problem areas identified during the SET, Alcorn County ARES has now started a weekly 2 Meter training net meeting each Sunday Evening 15 minutes before the MSPN.

KD5GWM in Lauderdale County reports that the SET was productive and a lot of fun. The SET Scenario (lost person) was followed that afternoon by the real thing. Unfortunately, the lost person was later found deceased.

From Rankin County WM5A reports that 11 operators arrived at the Rankin County EOC on the Saturday Morning of the SET with most being members of the Central Mississippi ARC. After a coordination meeting, N5XXX deployed to the NWS at Thompson Field and AD5ED and KD5RWF set up net control at the EOC with the remainder of the operators being assigned to five simulated shelter locations. This was the first time that this ARES Group had a chance to work together which was a major step toward developing an effective emergency response group.

Warren County EC K5NRK reports that K5ZRO was on the air for the first time during a SET from the EOC in Warren County Courthouse. Russ reports reliable HF/VHF capability to the rest of the state with some 15 pieces of formal traffic being sent and received.

Forrest County EC KD5XG reports that the Hattiesburg Area Emergency Net was activated for the SET with 27 check ins. Traffic was passed via the 'Coast to Capital Link' thanks to the efforts of K5GVR and N5LRQ, who put the VHF linked system into place. Lex reports that the SET gave amateurs in the Hattiesburg area a chance to test their capabilities with a few areas noted that need to be tweaked to improve future performance.

If you haven't already read the article, check out KK5PM and RA3DNC's article on the 1957 Sputnik launch at [www.arll.org/news/features/2007/09/28/03](http://www.arll.org/news/features/2007/09/28/03). This is really a well-written and informative article.

During the period of November 16 -17, the Andrew Jackson Council of the Boy Scouts of America held its second 'Winter Camp.' About 275 Scouts were in camp and worked on Merit Badges that were not usually taught at summer camp. 21 Scouts signed up for Radio Merit Badge taught by Ron Brown, AB5WF. 17 passed all the requirements. Some of these boys were really interested and may want to follow up with a license class when one is conducted. Clubs that are holding training classes may want to provide Boy Scout units in their area information on the sessions.

N5WLW has prepared a summary of Mississippi Club and individual Field Day results over the past 5 years. Check this out on the section web page under Press Releases.

New Officers of the Alcorn County ARES Club are K0RIS, President; K5TJB, VP; K8OUX, Secretary; and W5JOR Treasurer.

SKYWARN Recognition Day was conducted Friday Nov 30 and Saturday Dec. 1. The Jackson Amateur Radio club operated station WX5JAN at the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Jackson for about 16 hours during the event. The station contacted 31 National Weather Service offices around the country. A total of 56 Contact were made, 16 of those via WinLink. Operators who helped were: AB5WF, K5BLL, KM5GE, WB5TTE, K5CID, and KE5KTU.

Union County EC W5LMW reports that money has been identified by the EMA Manager to purchase equipment for the EOC; however, the problem now is to find room for the station at the EOC. Gregg also reports that he, W5UBG, and WB5TTM attended a NIMS tabletop exercise sponsored by Gulf States Transmission, Compliance Associates, and the County EMA. Sounds like Ham Radio is getting its foot in the door in Union County.

Welcome to new Mississippi Hams: KE5QXD, David – Ocean Springs; KE5QXE, Collie – Gautier; KE5QXF, Patrick – Gulfport; KE5QXG, Carl – Gulfport; KE5QXH, Stephen – Gautier; KE5QXI – Jerry, Biloxi; KE5QZM, Michael – Gulfport; KE5QZN, Glen – Gulfport; KE5RAV, Lisa – Lena; KE5RAW, Daron – Madison; KE5RBA, George - Jackson; KE5RDO, Adam – Oxford; KE5RDP, Edward – Water Valley; KE5RDQ, Benjamin – Oxford; KE5RFC, Eric – Mississippi State, KE5RHF, Glenn – Biloxi; KE5RHL, James – Coldwater; KE5RHM, Randall – Southaven; KE5RJK, Bobby – Hattiesburg; KE5RJL, Gloria – Hattiesburg; KE5RJM, Stephen – Hattiesburg; KE5RJN, Stanley – Hattiesburg; KE5RJO, Linda – Hattiesburg; KE5RJP, Debra – Hattiesburg; KE5RJQ, Marvin – Hattiesburg; KE5RJR, Kenneth – Seminary; KE5RJS, Brian – Hattiesburg; KE5RJT, Phillip – Magnolia; KE5RJU, Ashley – Petal; KE5RJV, Lonnie – Hattiesburg; KE5RJW, Dorothy – Petal; KE5RJX, James - Brooklyn; KE5RJY, Linda – Seminary; KE5RJZ, Jasmine – Long Beach; KE5RON, Steven – Aberdeen; KE5ROO, Brandon – Hamilton; KE5ROP, Darrell – Columbus; KE5ROQ, Casey – Iuka; KE5ROR, Curtis – Columbus; KE5ROT, William – Columbus; KE5ROT, Lemario – Columbus; and KE5ROU, Lenard – Columbus;

Also welcome to KA1ZIA as ORS and OES.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KE5EDO – Whitfield; KE5HJN – Tupelo; KE5IXN – Gulfport; KD5JXJ – Tupelo; KE5LCN – Oxford; KE5MVP – Gulfport; KE5OTJ – Verona; KE5PCH – Meridian; KE5PLM – Gulfport; KE5PXF – Long Beach; N5PYH – Enterprise; KE5QCS – Gulfport; KE5QHJ – Walnut Grove; KE5QHK – Lena; KE5QHR – Ocean Springs; KE5QVR – Lauderdale; KE5QZN – Gulfport; KB5SSG – Olive Branch; and N5UDK – Wiggins.

Also congratulations are in order for the Northeast Mississippi Radio Amateurs and the Pearl River County ARC upon their affiliation with the ARRL. And congratulations to WD2XSH/6 (W5THT), who now has made 15 CW QSOs on 600 Meters including a QSO with WD2XSH/20 in Oregon (2079 miles), and to KB5CSQ on her recent election as YLRL District Chairman.

Welcome to new ARRL members: WA5CJP – Hattiesburg; KA5EPR – Diamondhead; N5GDM – Ridgeland; WA4JVL – Picayune; KE5JYV – West Point; KE5KBG – Falkner; KB7PJT – Carriere; N5PPR – Wesson; KE5QHV – Gulfport; KE5QHQ – Ocean Springs; KE5QQH – Tishomingo; KE5QVR – Lauderdale; KE5QZN – Gulfport; KE5RDO – Oxford; KE5RDQ – Oxford; KE5RHM – Coldwater; K5TJB – Corinth; N5TPA – Clinton; KA5UHV – Flowood; KC4YNL – Summit; and K4ZLC – Snow Lake Shores;

Club Newsletters/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), and Pearl River County ARC (N5WLW)

Regret to report the passing of KB5FLC of Michigan City.

Several of the reports listed below were filed in October (as noted), but were not listed in the October Section report because W5XX was out of pocket during the late October and early November reporting period.

DEC/EC Reports: October – WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), KD5CQT (Jackson), KC5EAK (Pearl River), WB5GUD (Newton), W5LMW (Union), K5NRK (Warren), N5TBB (Tippah/Benton); N5UDK (Stone), KD5XG (Forrest); AG5Z (SE MS). November – KD5CQT (Jackson), KC5EAK (Pearl River), WB5GUD (Newton), KD5GWM (Lauderdale/Clarke), WX5N (Tishomingo), N5TBB (Tippah/Benton), KC5TYL (Lamar), AB5WF (West Central MS), and N5ZNT (Southwest MS).

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

DRN5 62/Miss 100% Rep by XXXX (WB5ZED)

MS Section Phone Net 30/XXXX/XX (K5NRK)

Magnolia Section Net 30/XXX/X (AD5J)

MS Section Traffic Net 30/XXX/ XX (KB5W)

Jackson County EN 30/504/10(KD5CQT)

MS Section Slow Net XX/XX/X (W3TWD)

Hattiesburg AEN 4/101/0 (N5MZ)

South MS YL Net X/XX/X (KB5CSQ)

Newton County ARES 5/42/0 (WB5GUD)

Tishomingo County ARC 4/74/1 (WX5N)

Stone Co ARES Net X/XXX/X (N5UDK)

Jackson ARC Em Net X/XX/X (AB5WF)

Meridian Area EN 4/60/0 (KD5GWM)

Lowndes Co ARC Net X/XX/X (AD5DO)

Pearl River ARES 4/46/0 (KC5EAK)

NE MS ARES X/XX/X (W5LMW)

MS-LA EN X/XX/X (K5NRK)

Monroe ARC X/XX/X (AD5DO)

MS Baptist Hams Net X/XX/X (WF5F)

UMARC 2M Net X/XX/X (W5MPC)

Metro Jackson ARES X/XX/X (AB5WF)

MDXA X/XX/X (N5FG)

Itawamba County ARES 5/42/0 (KB5NMB)

PSHR: October - WB5ZED 200, KA1ZIA 143. November – WB5ZED 150, AB5WF 105.

Traffic: October – KA1ZIA 101. November – WB5ZED 2,250.

Compilation of Net and Traffic Statistics provided by KB5RCJ