

Mississippi Section Report for November 2009

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Another year is rapidly coming to a close. Thanks to all of the hams across Mississippi, who have helped to keep the ARRL Mississippi Section running on all cylinders, and especially to those who have served as club officers and activity chairmen, to those who have supported emergency communications and public service events, to those who have taught classes and/or served on VE Teams, to those who have served as net managers, net control stations, and regularly checked into nets, and to those unsung heroes, who have worked long hours to make our hamfests and Day in the Park successes. Thanks, Folks! Best wishes from Vicksburg for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thanks to the Jackson County ARA for hosting another great Hamfest at the St. Martin Community Center in Ocean Springs. The main prize was won by WM5W. Chairman K5MOZ thanks the MDXA, who helped with the setup, as well as K4GSG, KC5LCW, AB5RS, KF5AMI, KF5CXG, KF5CZF, KF5BGL, N2PKW, K5CQT, N5UDM, KA5VFU, KB5CSQ, KC5CHP, KJ4LDH, AE5JG, KE5QHZ, KB5ZIB, K5YG, K5QQT, NN5AF, KB5ZIA, K5BQJ, N5FBH, KE5HOZ, KE5ZWD, and K5QJ. Chris also extends special thanks to N5WI, who checked DXCC Cards, and the VE Team of K5YG, K5CQT, N5FBH, AE5JG, and AB5RS. Special thanks also to family members who helped including Janie, XYL of N5UDM, Guy, OM of KB5ZIB, Brandon, grandson of K5QQT, Nikkie, XYL of K5BQJ, and Zoe, daughter of K5QJ. It takes a lot of folks to have a successful hamfest!

Don't forget we have one more great Hamfest before the end of the year. The Pearl River County ARC Hamfest will be held at the Old National Guard Armory in Poplarville on December 12. The Armory is located at the intersection of Highways 11 and 26. Last year more than 500 were in attendance. For more info call Larry, N5WLW, at 601-590-0553.

W4IOS and AE5FK report that on Saturday, Nov 14, ARES members of the Meridian ARC provided communications for the 9th Annual Anderson Hospital "Run For Hope" at Bonita Lakes in Meridian. Events included a 10K trail run, 5K road race, 2-mile walk, and a 1-mile fun run. All proceeds benefit "Hope Village For Children" located in Meridian. Good weather, clear and cool, contributed to a very successful day. Amateur Radio volunteers included AE5FE, W5ED, KB5ASR, KC5NMB, K5CQJ, and W4IOS.

Congratulations to Alcorn County ARES which received a 25 year ARRL affiliation certificate. Also congratulations are in order for the 2010 officers: KE5EFB, President; WM4U, VP;

KD5LAP, Secretary, and W5JOR, Treasurer,

MSPN Manager K5NRK reports that 10 year old WB4CSK has had his license for nearly a year and during the November SSB Sweepstakes worked his last few states for WAS except for Kentucky and Mississippi. After working Kentucky, Mark showed up on 3862 just before net time and worked several Mississippi Stations. The MSPN folks made one 10 year old happy!

Very low bander W5THT reports that many new stations are coming on the air. Very shortly there will be 600 Meter stations on in KH6 and KL7. W5JGV (WD2XSH/7) in Louisiana is on the air (508.9 KHz) with a 200 ft long wire (almost 1.8 wavelength) and has been heard in Alaska. Pat notes that plenty of information on 600 Meter activities can be found on www.500kc.com.

DEC WB5CON reports that groundbreaking is being celebrated for the new Alcorn County Justice Center. Construction time will be about 16 months. The 148,000-square-foot facility will include space for Alcorn County ARES to set up HF, VHF, and UHF stations in the EMA.

Welcome to the following new Mississippi Hams: KF5DSK, David – Meridian; KF5DSL, James – Meridian; KF5DWQ, Jarvis – Madison; KF5DWR, Christopher – Starkville; KF5DYQ, Charles – Madison; KF5EAO, John – Webb; KF5ECA, Robert – Collinsville; KF5ECB, Clifford – Porterville; KF5ECD, Christina – Columbus; KF5ECE, Jared – Columbus; KF5EEI, Shawn – Laurel; KF5EEK, Alton – Leakesville; and KF5EEJ, Oliver – Moss Point.

Welcome to the following new ARRL Members: KF5ECC – Porterville; KE5EXK – Starkville; AE5GN – Gulfport; KE5GWI – Brandon; KA9ISW – Ripley; KD5RTG – Ponotoc; N5ZAU – Jackson; and KE5ZWD – Perkinston. Mississippi ARRL Membership now stands at 1,050. This is good, but we dropped nine from last month. It's time to go to work again! If you are a lapsed or potential new member ask Santa to bring you an ARRL membership for Christmas.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KD8BMA, Anthony – Pearl; KF5CLZ, David – Diamondhead; KF5CXQ, Donald – Ocean Springs; KF5DIP, Willie – Ridgeland; KF5DLO, Robert – Lucedale; KF5DMI, John – Brandon; and KC5DPJ, William – Pope.

Club Newsletters/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Jackson ARC (K5VU), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), Olive Branch ARC Quarterly (KB0ZTX), Pearl River County ARC (N5WLW), and Northeast Mississippi ARA (KB5NMB).

The November 2009 issue of Zero Beat (Hattiesburg ARC) notes that this is the 20 th year that Editor AC5E has published the always on-time Club Newsletter. This reflects publishing some 250 consecutive issues missing only the issue when Katrina came ashore. Thanks, Pete!

DEC/EC Reports: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), AE5FE (Lauderdale/Clarke), K5FV (Rankin), WB5GUD (Newton), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), and NE5P (Lamar).

OO Report: W5TFW

Regret to report the passing of Jerome, KB5ROC of Iuka, Don, WA5KNR of Ocean Springs, and Tom, NO5N of Ethel. Jerome was Past President of the Tishomingo ARC; Don was Past President of the Jackson County ARA, and Tom was retired Chief Engineer of Mississippi Public television.

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

MS Section Phone Net 30/2996/42 (K5NRK)

Magnolia Section Net 30/890/16 (K5DSG)

MTN 29/154/14 (K4VIZ)

Jackson Co ARES 30/448/11 (K5MOZ)

MS Slow Net 21/42/0 (W3TWD)

Southern MS Friendship Net 21/169/0 (WB5OHN)

MS Baptists Ham Net 5/27/0 (WF5F)

Ole Miss ARC 5/46/0 (K5LMB)

Metro Jackson ARES 5/68/2 (KE5KTU)

MS-LA EN 5/29/2 (K5NRK)

NE MS ARES 5/72/0 (W5LMW)

Capital Area EN 5/75/0 (K5XU)

Stone Co ARES Net 5/85/0 (KC5VCB)

Hattiesburg AEN 5/125/0 (K5MIQ)

Meridian Area EN 5/54/0 (AE5FE)

Tishomingo County ARES Net 4/129/8 (WX5N)

Newton County ARES 4/21/0 (WB5GUD)

Booneville and Prentiss Co ARES 4/63/3 (WX5N)

MDXA 4/83/0 (AE5JG)

MCARA 4/39/0 (K5KMU)

Jackson ARC EN 4/47/0 (N5DU)

Itawamba Co ARES 4/42/2 (KB5NMB)

South MS YL Net 4/58/0 (KB5CSQ)

Southern Coast Med Supply 4/43/0 (AE5JG)

Rankin Co ARES 3/21/0 (K5FV)

Alcorn ARES 2/14/0 (WB5CON)

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