

Mississippi Section Report for November 2011

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Christmas 2011 is nearly here! In the spirit of the Season the Northeast Mississippi Radio Amateurs in Itawamba County have adopted a family from the Fulton area. The father was injured in a house fire just weeks before the EF-5 tornado swept through Smithville. Then the family lost their entire home due to the tornado, but thanks to the efforts of the NEMRA, the children will have Christmas. Way to go NEMRA!

The 2011 Field Day results are in the December QST beginning on page 72. The top scores in Mississippi by category are 1A : K5PN – Hattiesburg ARC; 2A: W5YD – MSU ARC/Magnolia ARC; 3A: K5MDX – MDXA/GSDXA; 3AC: W5SGL – MS Coast ARA; 5AC: W5TCR – Tishomingo County ARC; 1B1B – N5CW; 2B1B – W5CYF; 1C – N3AWS; 1D – AD5XR; 1E - N5PU, and 5F: W5NEM – NEMRA. Congratulations to all that participated in all categories!

Hamfest Chairman AE5JG reports another very successful Jackson County Hamfest in Ocean Springs. All the tables were rented, and there was a waiting list for both days. The VE Test session went well with two new Technicians, one General, and two Extras. In addition, NA5DX gave an excellent presentation on LOTW. The Grand Prize Winner (an Icom 718) was won by N5UK. The Friday Night Door Prize was won by KF5CXI (an Icom 2200H), and the Saturday Door Prize by K5QJ (an Icom V82). Dan wishes to thank all of the JCARC helpers who made the Hamfest a success: KE5QHZ, AF5AQ, K5QQT, AE5WU, K5MOZ, K5YG, N5GJ, N2PKW, AB5RS, KF5MHR, N9RQX, and N9RRI.

AEC KF5EZT reports that November was a busy and productive month for Rankin County ARES. They did not have a net on Thanksgiving Night but made up for it with two other events. The first was the Blackbird 5 and 10k run sponsored by Crossgates Methodist Church in Brandon on November 5th. WM5A brought the Rankin EOC bus giving them 2 meter simplex coverage over the entire course, and N5DU and K5BLL set up a great APRS system. Rankin ARES members WM5A, WX5H, KF5EZT, W5PRL, KF5EZW, KE5JKD, KE5WAC, K5BLL, N5DU, KF5IZ, KD5BMA, and KD5KHI participated in the event. The second event was a special session of the Rankin ARES Net conducted simultaneously with the FCC's test of the EAS (Emergency Alert System). The net was activated at 12:55 PM on November 9, five minutes before the national test. The Net had a total of 15 checkins from around Metro Jackson using commercial, emergency, and battery back up power supplies as well as mobile and portable stations. The Net stayed on the air until 5 minutes after the test. This was a great demonstration of how Ham Radio can set up quickly, wherever needed using whatever power is available, and still provide reliable communications. Thanks to those who participated in this event including KF5EZT, WM5A, K5FV, K5IMT, KE5DHC, KF5ISQ, KF5MIF, KF5DII River Oaks

Hospital (operated by W5UQT), KD5SBP, WS7EOC, KD5WYG, KE5YFY, and K5RWB.

The Mississippi Coast ARA set up a special event station on November 12 and 13 as part of the 26th Annual Highlands and Islands Scottish Games and Celtic Music Festival at the Harrison County Fairgrounds. During the event they made 168 QSOs operating from EC N9OKV's Comm Trailer with a number of visitors stopping by to find out about Ham Radio. Those participating were AE5RI, N9OKV, KB9ZR, KF5BA, KF5CXG, KF5DIN, N5OKV, KB5OCM, and Karen Samuelson.

Central Mississippi Co-Skywarn Coordinator KE5PYM reports that NWS Jackson requested activation during the Thanksgiving Weekend. K5IMT handled the HF, K5GCY the VHF, and KE5PYM coordinated the effort. Three storm reports were passed with 19 checkins.

EC AE5FE reports that the Lauderdale/Clarke Counties ARES conducted a Technician Class for the Mississippi State Guard at the Mississippi Army Guard Armory in Meridian on November 12 with 13 students in attendance. VE Testing was coordinated with the Meridian ARRL VE Team for December 10 at the Lauderdale Emergency Management Office.

Jasper County EC WV1Q reports that his ARES Group conducted their SET on October 16 with two mobile stations and one battery powered station on the air in addition to fixed stations. Several served agencies participated including the Heidelberg Fire department, the Heidelberg Police Department, the Pinebelt Red Cross, and the Jasper County EMA. In an after action Meeting several areas for improvement were identified.

WV1Q also reports that on November 16 Jasper and Jones County had three tornadoes touchdown: two Confirmed in Jones County and one confirmed in Jasper County, all three with extensive damage. The following manned the ARES/ Skywarn Net during the storm event: N5YBF, KE5OVX, KF5UJJ, KF5HGO, WV5V, KF5JJV, KF5LMV, N5ITK, NE5L and WV1Q.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in September: KF5NFS, Rayshaun – Columbus; KF5NFT, Jordan – Starkville; KF5NFU, Eric – Starkville; KF5NFV, Charles – Coffeerville; KF5NGX, James – New Albany; KF5NGY, Alan – New Albany; KF5NGZ, William – New Albany; KF5NHA, Thomas – Tupelo; KF5NJK, Charles – Columbus; KF5NJL, Robert – Columbus; KF5NJM, Marcus – Pascagoula; KF5NJO, Kenneth – Gulfport; KF5NKG, Renisa – Horn Lake; KF5NKH, Kandy – Hernando; KF5NKI, Albert – Southaven; KF5NMC, Ken – Brandon; KF5NMD, Eddie – Vicksburg; and KF5NNV, Jenny – Cleveland.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in September: KF5BLR – Hattiesburg; W5BMB – Canton; N5DOK – Clarksdale; KF5EYO – Long Beach; KB5HC – Saucier; KC5HOW – Saltillo; KE5JOY – Purvis; KD5JXJ – Tupelo; KE5MIF – Jackson; KF5MUC – Ellisville; KF5NFV – Coffeerville; KC5NMB – Meridian; N5SMI – Gulfport; AG5WB – Hattiesburg; and N4WPG – Union; The Mississippi ARRL Membership is now 1099, up 6 from last month. Another record! I hope somebody will give an ARRL Membership to some deserving Ham for Christmas to make 1100. Thanks for your efforts!

And last but not least, welcome to N5LOK as EC for Webster County

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KF5MIF – Jackson and KE5PRL – Oxford.

Also congratulations to the new officers of the Mississippi Coast ARA: KF5BA President; KB9ZR, VP;

N5PQ, Secretary; W5EG, Treasurer; and AE5TR, Club Activities Manager; and the Hattiesburg ARC: AG5Z, President; N4FF, VP; K5IJX, Secretary; and W5TUT, Treasurer.

And lastly congratulations to AG5Z for winning 'First Place Single Operator Mixed Mode High Power Mississippi' in the 2010 ARRL 10 Meter Contest, and to W5NA, who received a certificate for 'First Place High Power Single Op Assisted 20 Meters USA Fifth Call Area' in the 2010 CQ CW WW. Leon is in the process of moving to Saraland, Alabama, and will be off of the air for a while, but will be back on the nets when he gets his antennas back up.

Club Newsletters/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), Mississippi Coast ARA (KB9ZR), Northeast Mississippi ARA (KE5SSB), Olde Towne Middle School (N5VEI), and the Tishomingo County ARC (KU4WW).

DEC/EC Reports: KF5EZT (AEC)(Rankin County), AE5FE (Lauderdale/Clarke), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss/Tishomingo), WV1Q (Jasper), W5UQT (Madison), KE5WJN (Pearl River), and AG5Z (SE MS).

OO Report: AB6Z

Regret to report the passing of K6LSU of Jayess.

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

Magnolia Section Net 30/1159/17 (K5DSG)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/38/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 30/2793/18 (K5NRK)

MS Slow Net 21/49/1 (W3TWD)

MTN/OZK 27/116/21 (K5DMC)

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

Booneville and Prentiss County ARES 5/83/0 (WX5N)

Capital Area Em Net 4/70/0 (K5XU)

Delta ARES Net 4/34/0 (K5JAW)

Grenada/Yalobusha County 4/16/0 (AD5IT)

Hattiesburg AEN 4/97/0 (K5MIQ)

Itawamba County ARES 4/31/0 (KB5NMB)

Jackson ARC Em Net 5/48/0 (N5DU)

Jackson Co ARES Net 26/416/0 (K5MOZ)

Madison County ARES 3/27/0 (W5UQT)

Magnolia DX Assn 5/81/0 (K5OAZ)

Meridian Area EN 6/65/6 (AE5FE)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/57/0 (K5GCY)

Mississippi Coast ARA 5/43/0 (K5KMU) and October 4/43/0

Miss/Lou Em Net 4/33/0 (K5NRK)

NE MS Skywarn 4/63/0 (W5LMW)

Panola County ARES X/XX/X (KC5DPJ)

Pearl River County ARES 4/48/0 (KE5WJN)

SCMSRG Net 5/38/0 (AE5JG)

Scott County ARES Net X/XX/X (K1REZ/W5JMJ)

South MS YL Net 4/39/0 (K5IJ)

South Central Skywarn and Jasper County ARES 4/44/0 (WV1Q)

Southern MS Friendship Net 22/154/0 (WB5OHN)

Stone County ARES 4/65/0 (N5UDK)

Tishomingo ARC Net 5/124/2 (WX5N)

UMARC Net 4/40/0 (K5LMB)

PSHR: W5XX 70

Compilation of Net and PSHR statistics provided by KB5RCJ.