

Mississippi Section Report for November 2012

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Hamfest Chairman AE5JG reports that over 200 Hams were in attendance at the Jackson County ARA Hamfest in Ocean Springs. Dan reports that he had a waiting list for tables and has already started a list for next year. The volunteers who made the Hamfest a success were AF5AQ, KE5QHZ, AF5DP, K5EYK, KF5PPK, AE5WU, N5GJ, KC5LCW, KF5CXI, KF5CXG, N9RRI, N9RQX, AB5RS, KF5EYL and K5QQT. KF5LJJ gave a forum on PSK31, and N2PKW conducted the VE session. The grand prize winner was W5THT. Next years Hamfest is scheduled for November 15-16, 2013.

K5XU relays that on Saturday, October 27, members of the Jackson ARC and the Central Mississippi ARA provided communications for the "Bikes for Barks" charity bicycle ride. This 62 mile ride was conducted by The Bike Crossing Bicycle Shop in Ridgeland as a benefit for Community Animal Rescue and Adoption. A control point was established at the Bike Crossing with the 147.345 CMARA Repeater being used throughout the event. The ride began at 7:30 AM, and concluded shortly after noon. Fortunately, the most significant communications of the day were "bad dog" reports, one dead animal report, and traffic issues. The participants were KB5JPB, KE5JKD, KE5WAC, K1JHS, KF5EZT, K5BLL, and K5XU. The organizers of the event expressed their thanks for Ham Radio assistance and have asked us to return next year.

And from Petal N5MZ reports that several area hams volunteered with safety communications for the Petal YMCA "Miles that Matter" 5K walk/run on Saturday November 10. The walk/run course was laid out on city streets. Hams with radios were posted at major intersections and at turns to provide safety communications. Only two Petal policemen were assigned to the event - one was at the lead of the pack and the other at the tail end, so Hams were the only communications in the middle of the course. Participating were KE5AJG, K5DVO, KE5MWD, KE5RJU, KF5EOA, KF5SPF, KE5AFC, AF5GE, N5MZ, K5JAP, KF5SPN, and K5JBA. Brad notes that KF5SPF and KF5SPN are students at Petal High School, and K5JBA is a student at Petal Upper Elementary.

The Mississippi Coast ARA Newsletter reports that the Club set up a Special Events Station at the Highlands and Islands Festival on November 10-11 at the Harrison County Fairgrounds. The activity was coordinated by AE5RI and N9OKV using his 'Battle Wagon' for the communication shack. Besides having the Special Event Station, there were displays, demonstrations, and food of the Scottish Heritage. Communication wise MCARA made 150 contacts, 8 of which were DX. Club members who came out for the event were: N9OKV, AE5RI, KF5DIN and family, KF5BA, KB9ZR and Karen, KF5SHR, KF5SQA, AE5WU and Peggy, KF5SFN, and N5OKV. Newsletter Editor KB9ZR reports that the Club had a dozen visitors stop by to see what MCARA was doing and to get information on Amateur Radio. KF5SHR and KF5SQA, both made their first HF contacts while at the event. Valerie

made a total of 47 contacts during the weekend. Not bad for someone who said "I can't do this". Debbie Pace and family of Pearlinton, one of the visitors, said that her son KC9TMH in the Chicago area had contacted us and called her to have her and her family look us up. While they were there, he made another contact with us, and the family got to talk to him via Amateur Radio. They were grinning ear to ear when they left having being able to talk to him. The MCARA Newsletter reports that all of the participants all had a good time working the special event station.

DEC/EC WB5CON checks in from Corinth saying that the Alcorn County ARES Club is now on the air from th EOC with the call KF5SYH. Further, the Club is establishing a new 'outreach' service. There is a void in the training and growing of the Ham fraternity locally. In an effort to fill this void, the Club will establish a training course to be held at the EOC once a month (initially) to see what kind of a response ARES can generate. The first training session will be held Dec 15th from 9:00AM till 12:00AM. This first session is a 'fleece' to see what kind of a response is received. These sessions could be expanded to twice a month or completely abandoned if there is not sufficient interested generated. W5OA taken on the challenge to disseminate information to generate interest in the training course.

Interested in the new 630 Meter Band? W5THT passes along these links for information: <http://630m.net/dev/>. This site is incomplete but has a lot of helpful information. Also check www.500kc.com.

Itawamba County EC KB5NMB advises that the Northeast Mississippi ARA now has a D-Star System on the air. NEMRA found out that a D-Star installation takes more than a typical repeater. It requires a server with internet for things to work as well as someone knowledgeable about the Linux operating system. Within days of the W5NEM UHF going on the air, Icom sent an email saying they were about to open a promotion to clubs with existing D-Star systems giving them a chance to expand their systems to other bands at large savings. Some quick work by club members resulted in an order being placed and two weeks later, Monday, December 3, the W5NEM VHF D-Star was on the air. Coverage for both repeaters is great, 14 to 15 miles with an HT. Credit for this effort is due to the club as a whole with N5VGK, KD5YBE, AB5OR, and KE5MAT as the main team heading the effort.

EC KF5EZT relays that the Rankin ARES provided communications for the 5K run for 'Gallant Hearts Guide Dogs' sponsored by Rasin' Cane Chicken, Brown Bottling Company, and the Dog Wash. Eric says that while there were no major incidents, the event coordinator appreciated having real time runner position reports and was most pleased by the pre-event roll call confirming all check point were stocked with supplies and staffed with volunteers and communicators. Those hams supporting this event were W5PRL, KE5EZW, KF5EZT, WM5A, AD5XR, KE5PTL, K5BLL and K5IZ.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in August: KF5SON, James – Baldwyn; KF5SPE, Michael – Petal; KF5SPF, Jason – Petal; KF5SPG, Todd – Petal; KF5SPH, Christopher – Petal; KF5SPI, Matthew – Petal; KF5SPJ, Rebekah – Petal; KF5SPK, Zach – Petal; KF5SPL, Valerie – Petal; KF5SPM, Robert – Petal; KF5SPN, Alexander – Petal; KF5SPO, Caden – Petal; KF5SPQ, Donald - Gulfport; KF5SQA, Valerie – Ocean Springs; KF5SQC, Charles – Pass Christian; KF5SQD, Debora – Gulfport; KF5SQE, Matthew – Carriere; KF5SQF, Robert – Bay Saint Louis; KF5SRD, Tevin – Petal; KF5SSU, Randel – Blue Springs; KF5SUI, Nicholas – Olive Branch; KF5SUM, William – Sardis; and KF5SVX, Arimis – Petal.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in August: KE5AQU – Columbus; KF5CFE – Pittsboro; WB5EIN – Tupelo; KJ4EFX – Lucedale; AE5GN – Gulfport; WB5GNO – Wiggins;

KF5IXW – Meridian; KF5KEQ – Columbus; K4KLB – Columbus; KF5KP – Purvis; KA4LDU – Ocean Springs; KE5LVD – Wiggins; KF5MHQ – Carriere; KC5MRS – Caledonia; KA9QZD – Perkinston; KF5SFN – Long Beach; KF5SPN – Petal; KF5SUI – Olive Branch; KD5OUF – Hattiesburg; KD1VVZ – Lucedale; KD4VVZ – Lucedale; KD0VVZ – Lucedale; N5YBF – Soso; and KE5YYF – Natchez. The Mississippi ARRL Membership is now 1,132 a new record up from 1,116 last month. Thanks to all who help to keep our membership growing!

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: K5ARN - Columbus; KF5ONL – Blue Springs; and KF5PJW – Picayune.

Also congratulations to the new officers of the Hattiesburg ARC: WZ5Y, President; N4FF, VP; AE5QX, Secretary; and W5TUT, Treasurer. Also to the new officers of the Vicksburg ARC: KC5QZW, President; N5JGK, VP; and K5NRK, S/T; the Mississippi Coast ARA: KF5BA, President; KB9ZR, VP; KC5KQV, Secretary; KF5MHS, Treasurer; and K5KMU, Activities Chairman; and Alcorn County ARES: K0RIS, President; KF5OHD, VP; W5JOR, S/T; and W5OA, Vice PIO.

Club Newsletters/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), Mississippi Coast ARA (KB9ZR), and the Northeast Mississippi ARA (KE5SSB).

DEC/EC Reports: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), KF5DJS (Asst EC)(Yazoo), KF5EZT (Rankin), AE5FE (Lauderdale/Clarke), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), WV1Q (Jasper), N5TBB (Tippah), and KE5WJN (Pearl River).

Regret to report the passing of W5CLM of Hazlehurst and KC5VTQ of Jackson.

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

Magnolia Section Net 30/1086/13 (K5DSG)
MS Baptist Hams Net 4/24/0 (WF5F)
MSPN 30/2525/13 (K5NRK)
MS Slow Net 22/55/0 (W3TWD)

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

Booneville and Prentiss County ARES 4/39/0 (WX5N)
Capital Area Em Net 4/67/0 (K5XU)
Delta ARES Net 4/23/0 (K5JAW)
Grenada/Yalobusha ARES Net 4/10/0 (AD5IT)
Itawamba County ARES 5/65/3 (KB5NMB)
Jackson ARC Em Net 4/36/0 (N5DU)
Jackson Co ARES Net 26/343/0 (K5MOZ)
Magnolia DX Assn 4/56/0 (K5OAZ)
Meridian Area EN 4/26/0 (AE5FE)
Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/46/0 (K5GCY)
Mississippi Coast ARA X/XX/X (K5KMU)
Mississippi Coast ARA Tech Net X/XX/X (K5KMU)
Miss/Lou Em Net 4/34/0 (K5NRK)

NE MS Skywarn 4/39/0 (W5LMW)
Olive Branch ARC Tech and Info Net 11/109/1 (KD5CKP)
Pearl River County ARES 4/55/0 (KE5WJN)
Pearl River ARC Net 5/90/0 (K5RDA)
Rankin County ARES 4/49/0 (KF5EZT)
Scott County ARES 4/52/1 (W5JMJ/K1REZ)
South Central Skywarn and Jasper County ARES 5/43/1 (WV1Q)
Southern MS YL Group 2/9/0 (K5IJ)
Stateline Skywarn Net 5/42/0 (KB5NMB)
Stone County ARES 4/67/0 (N5UDK)
Tishomingo ARC Net 4/63/0 (WX5N)
UMARC Net 4/33/0 (K5LMB)
Yazoo County ARES 4/26/0 (Sept) 5/59/0 (Oct) (KF5DJS)

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Compilation of Net and PSHR statistics provided by KB5RCJ.