

Mississippi Section Report for November 2014

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Thanks to the Jackson County ARC for hosting another great Hamfest at the St. Martin Community Center in Ocean Springs. Hamfest Charman K5MOZ noted that over 200 hams were in attendance. Thanks to Delta Division Director K5UZ for attending the event during which he presented the 599 DX Association with a Field Day Plaque and made comments on the the latest ARRL issues.

Don't forget the Pearl River County ARC Hamfest this Saturday, December 13th, at the Pearl River County Emergency Operations Center located on the Southwest Corner of Highways 11 and 26 in Poplarville starting at 8 AM. For more information, visit the Pearl River ARC facebook, the club at www.prcarc.com, or contact Roger Aubert at (601)795-4425.

Lee County EC WA5TEF reports that Lee County ARES conducted a "mini-SET" on November 19 with the National Weather Service office in Memphis. Meteorologist Gary Woodall helped coordinate the event and N0VQR operated the radio on the NWS-Memphis end. KE5UFZ, WA5CYR, K2OWK, W5STV and WA4IAX made contact with the NWS on 75 and 40 meters. As proven before, 40 meters seems to be the band to go to in an emergency as propagation on 75 meters was just not good for us between the Tupelo area and Memphis. Signals were marginal on 75 but a good S8 to 10 over S9 on 40 Meters.

The first Saturday Morning Amateur Radio Time (SMART) was held in Strawberry Patch Park in Madison on November 15. Event Coordinator KC5AAW notes that 25 plus Hams were in attendance. David wishes to thank K5XU, N5DU, KC5IMN, and N5WXW for helping to organize the event. QSL Cards for contacting one of the SMART Stations are available from KC5IMN. The next SMART will focus on CW.

W1AW visited Mississippi again in November. Team Leader N4OGW reports that over 24,000 QSOs were made during the week of November 12-18. Those stations on the air as W1AW were AD5IT, AE5SK, AE5TR, AG5Z, K2FF, K5OMC, K5XU, N4OGW, N5FG, NA5DX, NM5Z, K5TLL, W5DAW, W5ETZ, W5KK, W5UE, W5XX, WB5EIN, and WQ5L. In addition, thanks to the many second ops, who also manned these stations. Mississippi was certainly well represented.

WA5TEF reports that the D-Star repeater on the ETV tower in Booneville worked for a few days but now has a problem that hopefully can be solved soon. In addition to the repeater repairs, N5VGK is planning on adding a WiFi link which will allow the repeater to be connected to the Internet.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in November: KG5EOS, Carl – Southaven; KG5EQQ, Carol – Biloxi; KG5EQR, James – Saucier; KG5EQS, Deborah – Gulfport; KG5ERM, Henry – Pass Christian; KG5ERU, John – Hattiesburg; KG5ERY, Maurice – Pontotoc; KG5ESS,

Randa – Biloxi; KG5EVV, Nathan – Union; KG5EVW, Billy – De Kalb; KG5EVX, Matthew – Purvis; KG5EVY, Henry – Kosciusko; KG5EWF, Dawson – Florence; KG5EWG, Grover – Ridgeland; KG5EWH, Weston – Brandon; and KG5EYX, Jerry – Lake Cormorant. Thanks for the assistance from the instructors, mentors, and VE Teams, who conducted the exams.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in November: AB5AR, Virgil – Columbus; K5BSC, Brian – Gautier; KA5BWU, William – Madison; AK5CT, Curtis – Saltillo; WA5IDF, Hoyt – Pascagoula; KB9OAU, James - Walls; K5PAJ, James – Biloxi; and WA5ZYN, Francis - Horn Lake; The Mississippi ARRL Membership took a hit in November with a net drop of 16. The membership dropped from our record high of 1,156 to 1,140. Time to go back to work on membership!

..... and last, but certainly not least, welcome to AE5SK as the new EC for Hinds, Madison, and Copiah Counties. After six years of service KE5KTU has had to retire due to family and work considerations. Thanks for your efforts, Jake. Also welcome to KA5DON as ORS.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades in August: KG5BJC, David – Horn Lake; KG5EGT, Richard – Biloxi; WB5KXT, Thomas – Purvis; KF5JJZ, Eugene – Picayune; KF5UHX, Alan – Saltillo; KB5YPJ, Steven – Ocean Springs; and KF5YUM, Deborah – Pontotoc.

Also congratulations to the new officers of the Alcorn County ARES: K0RIS, President; WS0Q, VP, and W5JOR S/T.

Club Newsletters/Reports: Meridian ARC (W5MAV) and the Mississippi Coast ARA (KC5KMU).

DEC/EC Reports: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), WX5SE (Itawamba), WA5TEF (Lee), N5UDK (Stone), KE5WJN (Pearl River)(Oct and Nov Reports).

Regret to report the passing of KF5FRA of Picayune.

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

Magnolia Section Net 30/1153/7 (K5DSG)
MS Baptist Hams Net 5/34/0 (WF5F)
MSPN 30/2117/13 (K5NRK)
MS Slow Net 20/39/0 (W3TWD)

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

Booneville and Prentiss County ARES Net 4/40/0 (WX5N)
Capital Area Em Net 5/80/0 (K5XU)
Chickasaw ARA 4/74/0 (N5PYQ)
Delta ARES Net 4/19/0 (K5JAW)
Hattiesburg ARC 2M Net 5/103/0 (K5TLL)
Hattiesburg ARC 10M Net 4/42/0 (K5TLL)
Itawamba County ARES 4/65/1 (WX5SE)
Jackson County Em Net 25/524/3 (K5MOZ)
Lowndes Co ARC Net 4/44/0 (AD5DO)

Magnolia DX Assn 4/34/0 (W5DAW)
Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/35/0 (W5PKN)
Mississippi Coast ARES WX, Training, and Tech Net 4/43/0 (N5AHM); Earlier Reports: 5/86/0 (July),
4/74/0 (August), 5/70/0 (September), and 4/49/0 (October).
Miss/Lou Em Net 5/33/0 (K5NRK)
MSHEARN District 6 Net 4/24/1 (KF5QLL)
Northeast MS Skywarn Net 4/50/0 (WA5TEF)
Olive Branch Tech and Info Net 12/115/0 (KD5CKP)
Pearl River ARES 4/45/0 (KE5WJN) October 4/35/0
Pearl River ARC 4/69/0 (K5RDA)
Rankin County ARES 3/47/0 (KF5EZT)
Scott County ARES Training Net 4/50/0 (KC5IIW)
Southern Mississippi YL Net 4/52/0 (KB5CSQ)
Stateline Skywarn Net 4/75/1 (WX5SE)
Stone County ARES Net 4/52/0 (N5UDK)
Tishomingo ARC Net 4/56/0 (WX5N)
UMARC VHF Net 5/21/0 (K5LMB)
UMARC UHF Net 5/33/0 (K5LMB)
Yazoo County ARES Net 4/21/0 (KF5DJS)

Public Service Honor Roll: W5XX 71 and K5JAW 70.

Compilation of Net and PSHR statistics provided by KB5RCJ.