

Mississippi Section Report for November 2015

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On November 11, the Gautier-Vancleave American Legion Post 1992, Jim Leist Memorial Amateur Radio Club, (K5TAL) launched its inaugural event commemorating Veterans/Armistice Day. The Emergency Communication Trailer (a work in progress) was introduced to the Post members and to local dignitaries. During the day, 5 stations were on the air with a total 167 contacts being made. At 8 PM, they were featured on Ham Nation.tv, and we were interviewed by Bob Heil. They will be interviewed again as the trailer progresses, and once finished will be again featured. They will also be posting updates to the Legion Magazine. The program can be viewed on HamNation.tv or on Twit.tv. Operators: KA5DON, K5BQJ, N5JUM, K5LGP, AG5CC, and KM4BWX.

The Magnolia DX Association (MDXA) operated from Deer Island in the Mississippi Sound just offshore from Biloxi on Saturday November 21, 2015 using the club call sign K5MDX for the purpose of qualifying the island with the United States Islands Awards program as Island Number MS011S. The operation was shortened by rain, but the goal of qualifying the island was accomplished. The station consisted a Yaesu FT-897 running 100 watts to a SteppIR CrankIR vertical over a raised counterpoise. Power was provided by a Honda generator. The operators were W5XMD and NA5DX with on shore equipment support by N5GD, K5IJ, KD5PYC, and KE5YPT. MDXA thanks to all of those who took the time to call K5MDX and help us reach the goal of qualifying Deer Island! MDXA logged 72 contacts in about 95 minutes of actual air time before the rain started. Stations were worked coast to coast in the United States and also stations in Canada, the Czech Republic, France and Venezuela.

The December 8 edition of the W5KUB Amateur radio Roundtable featured our own K5FLU. Martin told how he started out helping at a general store in the Delta to going through college to building probably the most diverse Amateur Radio manufacturing enterprise in the world.

Forrest County EC N5MZ reports 36 new Techs at Petal High School thus far this school year making a five year total of 79! Wow to say the least! (see list of new Hams below). Brad also notes that power issues at the 147.37 repeater site still have Petal High School off the air. They are working with the Clear Channel station engineer to determine what the problem is. The first storm event damaged their duplexers, and once they got back on the air (with a brand new 1000vA UPS), they had a another issue that took out the UPS.

K4FMH reports that he Central Mississippi Amateur Radio Association presented their first 'High Cotton Award' on Monday, November 30, 2015 to K5SDR, a native of Mississippi and current President and Founder of Flex Radio Systems of Austin, Texas. The Board of Directors for the CMRA created a periodic award to acknowledge work that demonstrates one (or a group) is doing well or is successful in amateur radio. President WM5A said, 'I am delighted to have the opportunity to present the first High Cotton Award native son K5SDR for his standard of excellence in innovation and leadership regarding the emergence of software-defined radio.'

Past President N5DU added, 'Gerald has achieved such imminent success as both an engineer and entrepreneur. He is the prototype of the amateur radio enthusiast that we had in mind several months ago when we acted to create the High Cotton Award. It will only be given on those occasions where the Board feels it is warranted and it not to be an annual thing.'

Net manager N5AHM reports that the MCARA Net held an emergency test session on November 17 with simulated emergency traffic being passed to/from the Net Control. Seventeen emergency powered only stations checked in. The test net showed several areas that need improvement including following standard text format and originating repeat messages to insure traffic is correct. The overall consensus was that this is an excellent idea that should be done more often and on a non-scheduled net night.

AG5Z and N5MZ report that the Hattiesburg ARC Emergency Net activated on November 16-17 on the 146.67 repeater as the bad weather came through Monday night and Tuesday morning. Shelters in Forrest and Lamar counties were open. K5VBB was active from the Lamar County shelter. Other check-ins included: KE5JPH, KF5CE, KF5JPE, AJ1Z, K5TLL, KB5VE, KD5XG, KK4TXB, KE5LPZ, and KB5QP. AG5Z served as control station until the net closed at 3:30am local time. (9:30 UTC). There were several weather reports exchanged but no formal traffic.

Alcorn County EC WB5CON reports that progress was made last month at the EOC installing 900 MHz Ubiquiti equipment. This is part of their effort to eventually provide VOIP and data for emergencies between the EOC, hospital, fire departments, etc. A licensed amateur will be needed at each served agency.

AF5NG reports that under the instructorship of N5MZ the Columbia ARC has 6 new Generals. Congratulations to KD5QEO, KG5KQG, KD9CRY, KG5JKN, KG5JKM, and KD5JKO. A pat on the back for KG5KQG who went from no license to General in one Test Session.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in November: KG5KFY, Joshua - Bay Saint Louis; KG5KHX, Marlin - Clinton; KG5KIT, Omar - Petal; KG5KIU, Logan - Petal; KG5KIV, Hunter - Hattiesburg; KG5KIW, Ethan - Petal; KG5KIX, Jaickie - Petal; KG5KIY, Luke - Petal; KG5KIZ, Zackery - Petal; KG5KJA, Coleman - Petal; KG5KJB, Lillian - Petal; KG5KJC, Hannah - Petal; KG5KJD, Ashley - Petal; KG5KJE, Tanner - Petal; KG5KJF, Dakota - Petal; KG5KJG, Christopher - Petal; KG5KJH, Christopher - Petal; KG5KJI, Feizal - Petal; KG5KJJ, Landon - Petal; KG5KJK, Harrison - Petal; KG5KJL, Claiborne - Petal; KG5KJM, Matthew - Petal; KG5KJN, Ethan - Petal; KG5KJO, Adrian - Petal; KJ5KJP, Erik - Petal; KG5KJQ, Danielle - Petal; KG5KJR, Andrew - Petal; KG5KJS, Noah - Petal; KG5KJT, Nicholas - Petal; KJ5KJU, Scott - Richton; KG5KJW, Dennis - Petal; KG5KJX, Corey - Petal; KG5KJY, Anna Claire - Petal; KG5KJZ, Stayvia - Petal; KG5KKA, Reagan - Petal; KG5KKB, Summer - Petal; KG5KKC, Dashuan - Petal; KG5KKD, Evelyn - Petal; and KG5KKH, Kendall - Brookhaven.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in November: W5BDS, Jerry -Vancleave; KG5CBC, John - Natchez; K5CPO, Ronald - Clinton; KI5DD - Bobby - Walls; KG5DMU, Ryan - Houlika; KE5DVG, Elton - Hattiesburg; N5ERX, Darrell - Ocean Springs; N5HBB, Thomas Clinton; KG5KHX, Marlin - Clinton; N5KZK, David - Waveland; N5RNF, Robert - Amory; KF5WKZ, Mark - Corinth; and KC5ZLV, Tina - Vancleave. Membership is down one

from last month at 1,146. Thanks to all who promote ARRL Membership! Remember ARRL dues go up \$10 per year on January 1. Renew or have a friend join now!

Congratulations to the following on his upgrade: KG5JWO, Richard - Pearl.

And congratulations to the new Board of the Chickasaw ARA: KF5KVL, President; N5PYQ, VP; KE5RHM, Secretary; KC5RDP, Treasurer; and N4IL, Board Member; and in the Alcorn County ARES: N5YAV, President; AK5DI, VP; KC5IBE, Secretary; and K0RIS, Treasurer.

A big congratulations to K5BLL who just completed participating in his 103 rd VE Test Session! Now that is putting up with a lot of paper work. Thanks, Bill.

... and lastly congratulations to NM5Z, who is our latest winner of the ARRL Triple Play WAS Award. This award requires working all states on CW, SSB, and RTTY. You can see David's photo in the December QST on page 92.

ASEC/DEC/EC Monthly Reports for March 2015: WM5A (Rankin); WB5CON (Alcorn), N5MZ (Forrest), WX5N (Prentiss/Tishomingo), WX5SE (Itawamba), WA5TEF (Lee), and KE5WJN (Pearl River)

PIO Report: KF5ZCI

Club Newsletter/Reports (Editor): Delta ARES (K5JAW) and Meridian ARC (W5MAV)

Regret to report the passing of WA5TBG of Gulfport. Philip was a retired Navy Veteran and was owner of Frame World Art Gallery in Gulfport for 35 years.

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

Magnolia Section Net 30/1054/16 (K5DSG)
MS Baptist Hams Net 5/39/0 (WF5F)
MSPN 30/2443/20 (K5NRK)

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

Alcorn County ARES 4/94/4 (WB5CON)
Booneville and Prentiss County Net 4/54/0 (WX5N)
Capital Area Em Net 4/68/0 (K5XU)
Chickasaw ARA 5/92/0 (N5PYQ)
Hattiesburg ARC Emergency 2M Net 5/89/0 (K5TLL)
Hattiesburg ARC 10M Simplex Net 5/46/0 (K5TLL)
Hattiesburg ARC 2M Simplex Net 1/12/0 (K5TLL)
Itawamba County ARES 4/94/4 (WX5SE)

Lowndes County ARC Net 4/41/0 (KF5AZ)
MDXA Net 4/36/0 (W5DAW)
MS Coast Em Services, WX, Training, and Tech Net May 4/59/0 (N5AHM)
Miss/Lou Em Net 5/27/0 (K5NRK)
MS Preparedness Project EN 3/32/0 (KF5RFB)
Northeast MS Skywarn Net 5/57/0 (WA5TEF)
Pearl River ARES Net 5/39/0 (KE5WJN)
Rankin County ARES Net 3/64/0 (KG5AVT)
Scott County ARES 5/45/0 (K1REZ)
Stone County ARES 5/56/0 (N5UDK)
Tishomingo ARC Net 4/61/0 (WX5N)
UMARC UHF Net 5/25/0 (K5LMB)
UMARC VHF Net 5/46/0 (K5LMB)

PSHR - KA5DON 120.

Traffic: KA5DON 30, KG5FRZ 3, and W5XX 2.

Compilation of Net Statistics net statistics provided by KB5RCJ.