

## Mississippi Section Report for October 2006

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Boy Scouts have really been on the air in Mississippi in the last month! As part of the 'Emergency Preparedness Theme' for the Fall Andrew Jackson Council Western District Camporee, N3HUP, KM5GE, and W5XX manned a demo ham station at the Camporee Site just north of Bolton. Some 200 Scouts got their first exposure to Ham Radio.

In addition, AC5Y, KE5KTP, and KE5IZE set up a station in the Troop 156 Scout Hut in Crystal Springs for the annual nationwide Jamboree on the Air. W5XX gave the Scouts a quick introduction to Ham Radio followed by some on the air contacts. The current focus of this Troop is to get the Radio Merit Badge and a Technician License for each Scout! Further there is enough interest in the Ham Radio contribution to emergency preparedness that the Scout Hut served as the temporary Copiah County EOC during the ARES/RACES First Thursday of the Month Checkin on the MSPN.

Congratulations to N5TBB and WB5ASP who have been appointed ARRL Delta Division Legislative Action Chairman and Mississippi Legislative Action Coordinator, respectively. ARRL political action to promote favorable ham radio legislation at the Federal level has not been as effective as it could have been in days past. At the July ARRL Board Meeting the Legislative Action Program was organized to meet this shortfall. Thus far, WB5ASP has appointed W4TUP, W5MPC, W4WLF, and K5DWI as Legislative Action Assistants representing the four Congressional Districts in Mississippi. More assistance may be needed. Be Ready. It seems like the whole world revolves around politics these days.

This was really public service month for clubs in Mississippi! The Jackson ARC provided communications support for the Diabetes Foundation for the 13<sup>th</sup> year and as a result was recognized as a primary sponsor. The Foundation not only put the club logo on the t-shirts, but also made a sign thanking JARC for 13 years of service. Those assisting in this year's event were K5BLL, K5RWB, KD5WYG, KE5JYG, KM5GE, KE5JYF, K5XU, and Ham Event Chairman KD5WEA (on a bicycle).

The Vicksburg ARC again provided communications for the annual 'Run Across the River,' the second largest running event in Mississippi. The race started at the Mississippi Welcome Station and crossed the Old Bridge to the turn around in Delta, Louisiana and then back to Vicksburg. Although the temperature was 39 degrees at race start time, there was no wind, so a good time was had by all. VARC VP K5NRK reports those hams helping with the communications were N5EZK, KD5ZIP, WR4MS, K5VXV, KD5WYJ, W5WAF, N5KWT, and W5XX.

The Hattiesburg ARC provided communications for the 'Birthday Challenge' that is held on the Long Leaf Trace which is a 10-foot wide asphalt 'Rails-to Trails Conservancy Project' (The only old railroad bed that has been converted to a recreation trail in Mississippi). The Long Leaf Trace extends some 42 miles from Prentiss to Carson to Bassfield to Sumrall to the end on the USM Campus at Hattiesburg. Some 800 participants entered the 42-mile run/jog/walk. Those hams manning their radios along the Trace were KD5XG, KE5JJE, N6OJN, KD5OXY, WZ5Y, W5TUT, KC5TLY, and AG5Z. Unfortunately, because these hams were manning their radios, none of them were able to run the 42-mile course.

W5MPC reports that the new Ole Miss ARC just completed conducting a Technician Class with six passing the exam. Keep up the good work!

Welcome to new Mississippi hams: KE5KIE, Ryan – Saucier; KE5KIF, Robert – Kiln; KE5KIG, Michael – Saucier; KE5KJM, Nathan – Petal; KE5KJN, Camille – Poplarville; KE5KJO, Nicholas – Hattiesburg; KE5KJP, Daniel – Petal; KE5KJQ, James – Jayess; KE5KJR, Jared – Silver Creek; KE5KJS, Thomas – Petal; KE5KJT, Brenda – Sumrall; KE5KJU, Jeannette – Hattiesburg; KE5KLX, Leslie – Long Beach; KE5KMF, Gary – Poplarville; KE5KMI, Josh – Carriere; KE5KRE, Jacqueline – Corinth; KE5KRF, George – Corinth; KE5KRD, Ronnie – Corinth; KE5KRG, Vernon – Iuka; KE5LCN, Kerri – Oxford;

KE5LCO, Larry – Oxford; KE5LCP, Bill – Batesville; KE5LCQ, Jordan – Oxford, and KE5LDV, Benjamin – Bruce.

In addition, welcome to AG5Z as DEC for Southeast Mississippi, KD5XG as EC for Forrest County, and KD5NSP as PIO for the Tupelo Area.

Also welcome to new ARRL Members: WA4BBC – Bay St. Louis; KB5BE – Newton; KD5CHE – Quitman; N5DMQ – Olive Branch; KB1JFZ – Carriere; KE5IMH – Pearl; KE5JHL – Vicksburg; KE5JJC – Petal; KA9MQI – Perkinston; KD5PB – Purvis; N4WPG – Union.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KE5AAO – D’Iberville; KE5HKV – Wiggins; KE5HXI – Carriere; N5UDK – Wiggins;

Also congratulations to N5TBB, who was appointed District 7 SkyWarn Coordinator, and KC5NMB, who completed ARRL ECC-02 and 03 and FEMA ICS 100/200/700/800. Jeff has been working hard! Also congratulations to K5FUR, who completed ARRL EC-001, and WB5GUD, who completed FEMA Courses ICS 100/200/700.

DEC/EC Monthly Reports: K5CBS (Stone), WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), KD5CQT (Jackson), KC5EAK (Pearl River), WB5GUD (Newton), KD5GWM (Lauderdale/Clarke), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), W5LMW (Union), N5TBB (Tippah/Benton), W4WLF (Gulf Coast/Harrison), K5WSY (Tishomingo), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

Club Newsletter/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Sundancer Solar RC (KA5ICO).

Regret to report the passing of N5DVR of New Albany and K5AJ of Louisville.

PIC Report: N5TBB

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

DRN5 62/MS 100% Rep by N5FP, W5OXA, KB5DZI, WB5ZED, WA5FB, W5XX (WB5ZED)

MSPN 31/2608/31 (K5NRK)

MS TFC Net 30/165/6 (KB5W)

Magnolia Section Net 31/930/6 (AD5J)

Jackson Co ARES 31/444/6 (KD5CQT)

MS Slow Net 22/75/1 (W3TWD)

Jackson ARC EN 5/55/1 (AB5WF)

Miss/Lou WX Net 5/47/1 (K5NRK)

NE MS ARES 5/74/0 (W5LMW)

Stone County ARES 5/53/0 (K5CBS)

Monroe Co ARC Net 5/63/0 (AD5DO)

Hattiesburg Area EN 5/71/0 (N5MZ)

Lowndes Co ARC Net 5/42/0 (KM5UH)

Newton County ARES 4/34/0 (WB5GUD)

Meridian Area EN 4/53/0 (KD5GWM)

Pearl River/St. Tammany ARES Net 4/22/0 (KC5EAK)

Itawamba Co ARES 4/55/0 (KB5NMB)

MS Baptist Hams Net 3/27/0 (WF5F)

PSHR: WB5ZED 175, N5FP 110, KD5FUY 97, W5XX 73.

Traffic: WB5ZED 2104 (BPL), N5FP 40, W5XX 6, KD5FUY 2.

Compilation of PSHR and Traffic statistics provided by N5FP, Mississippi Section Traffic Manager