Mississippi Section Report for October 2010

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PIC N5WLW scanned the pages and pages of the 2010 Field Day Results in the December QST (see page 67) and reports that Mississippi Amateur Radio heavyweight Magnolia DX Association, which traditionally leads all FD entries in the state, joined with the Jackson County ARA this year to operate a dual-threat team and took first place overall honors in the state operating as K5MDX. The dual team claimed a score of 8,636 operating in classification 4A. The score included 2,423 QSOs and 119 participants.

Coming in second overall this year, and claiming first place in classification 2A in Mississippi was the Mississippi State University ARC (W5YD) with a score of 4,058 with 1,471 contacts and nine participants. The Jackson ARC (W5PFR) placed third overall and first in classification 3A in Mississippi with 772 QSOs and 85 participants. Coming in fourth overall in Mississippi and first in classification 1E in Mississippi was N5CW of Petal. Curt was a one-man operation and racked up 3,996 points for his 924 QSOs. In fifth overall and second in classification 2A in Mississippi was the Pearl River County ARC (K5PMS). The PRARC claimed 3,404 points and 953 contacts with 22 people participating. Larry's complete article on 2010 Field Day in Mississippi is provided on the Section Web Site at www.arrlmiss.org under Press Releases.

From the desk of N5DU, Mike reports that on Sunday October 3, the Jackson ARC provided communication support for the 2010 Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi Walk for Diabetes. The start/finish line for the event was located at the Southern Farm Bureau campus off of I-220 in North Jackson and featured a 1 and 3 mile walk. There was good participation from the amateur radio community, with a total of ten operators including WM5A, K5GCY, K1JHS, N5GT, KD5CZF, KM5GE, K5CID, AD5XR, K5BLL, and N5DU. The good participation allowed JARC to station operators at each rest stop, critical turn, and have good coverage for the net control station and the start/finish line. Two meter simplex was used for the event and an HT was sufficient for any point along the route.

Mike goes on to report that the following weekend, on October 9th and 10th, members of the Jackson ARC, the Central Mississippi ARA, and the Vicksburg ARC provided communications for the 2010 Bike MS ride sponsored by the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Mississippi. This ride began early Saturday morning at the Baptist Health Complex on the Mississippi College Campus in Clinton and was mapped out approximately 78 miles through Hinds and Warren counties to Vicksburg. Most of the riders stayed in Vicksburg on Saturday night and attended a banquet held at the Battlefield Inn. As in years past, the contribution of the Amateur Radio Community was acknowledged with appreciation at the banquet. On Sunday morning, the ride resumed in Vicksburg and followed a route approximately 71 miles back to the Mississippi College Campus. This was a long event and required many operators to be successful. This year there was a great turnout of operators, which gave excellent radio coverage at the rest stops and other critical turns along the route. The overall event was coordinated by WM5A and KM5GE coordinated the use of APRS to track the lead rider, support vehicles and others. The net control station was operated from the emergency communications bus loaned by the Rankin County EOC. Communications were on the 146.94 repeater in Raymond, which was linked to the 145.41 repeater in Vicksburg. Many thanks to all those who participated for the great turnout and a special

thanks to KA5SBK and W5WAF for the use of their repeaters and to the Rankin County EOC for the use of the net control bus. Coordinator WM5A would like to thank K5CID, K1JHS, K5LEM, K5GCY, N5GT, N5DU, KA5TJW, KE5KTU, K5BLL, KM5GE, K5XU, K5KKD, KF5EZT, K5IMT, KC5QZW, and N5JGK for their help. WM5A says there may have been others, but Mike's record keeping was a little slack. Mike apologizes and will buy the next round at Whataburger for those whose calls were left out.

DEC KB0ZTX reports that the Northwest Mississippi RACES activated on October 26 for a series of severe storms that moved through the area. Numerous tornado warnings were issued Tuesday morning, but fortunately there were no touchdowns and minimal storm damage. There were several sightings of rotating wall clouds and funnels, especially in Tate County crossing over into DeSoto County. The following checked into the net and provided severe weather information: KD5VMV, KD5CKP, KF5EQE, W5KK, KE5EOR, KA5JNK, KE5NBD, KB5OFA, AC4IB, KD5ONH, N5PYQ, and KE5FUL.

Thanks again to the University of Mississippi ARC for hosting the Annual ARRL Day in the Park. The weather and setting were perfect. The festivities were highlighted by a tour of the historic Lyceum and the National Center for Physical Acoustics hosted by N5RB. Co-Chairmen for the event were K5DSG and K5LMB who thank fellow club members K5SMB, N5RB, K5PTM, K5JNE, W8FR, WB5VYH, KE5JQZ, KE5YCM, K5MBI, KB5FCN, KB5FTN, and Jimmy Allgood of the Oxford EMA for their assistance.

EC WX5N reports that the Tishomingo County ARC club deployed their EmComm trailer to the Cherokee (Alabama) First Baptist Church along with three local Cub Scout Packs (11, 70 & 72) to participate in the Annual Jamboree on The Air. Cherokee is located in Colbert County which borders Tishomingo county. Club members in attendance were KD5YP, KF5FXR, KF5FXS and KU4WW. Each (Wolf) Cub Scout was able to make a contact on 20 meter phone. The communications setup for this band was a Yaesu FT-450AT powered from a Generac Generator and the antenna was a Hamstick used for 20 meters mobile. The Cub Scout leaders were very pleased and impressed with this activity. The Club has been invited to do this again in 2011. Everyone had a great time! With all the generated interest, it’s possible that we might have some potential new hams in the near future.

KB5CSQ and KA5VFU hosted the Southern Mississippi YL's (and their OM's) for the CWWW DX SSB with two transmitters on the air. The group operated 160 through 10 and in the process put away 18 pots of coffee, 4 gallons, of tea, and two cases of drinks plus lots of food. A good time was had by all!

And speaking of working DX, congratulations to N5PQ, who now has his DXCC Certificate on the wall, and to W5MSW, who has 100 plus in the log and is waiting on QSLs.

From below the AM Broadcast band, W5THT encourages 600 Meter reception reports for experimental stations be sent in to support the ham position that a new band around 500 KHz should be approved by the various governments at the next WARC. Pat notes that his beacon now has transmitted over 7,500 hours with no interference reports with other services and has received recent SWL reports from Alaska, the West Coast, and the Northeast. See www.500kc.com for more info.

Welcome to the following new hams in Mississippi in October: KF5ISK, Jerry – Jackson; KF5ISL, Karen – Flowood; KF5ISM, David – Pearl; KF5ISN, Jerry – Pearl; KF5ISO, Kenneth – Brandon;

KF5ISP, Jonathan – Brandon; KF5ISQ, Blake – Brandon; KF5ISR, David – Clinton; KF5IUI, Waymon – Wiggins; KF5IUK, Yolanda – Wiggins; KF5IUY, Matthew – Oxford; KF5IUZ, Matthew – Oxford; KF5IVA, Will – Oxford; KF5IVB, Sarah – Oxford; KF5IVC, Jorge – Oxford; KF5IVD, James – Batesville; and KF5IVH, Sonya – Booneville. If one of these new hams lives in your area make sure they get an invitation to the next club meeting and find out if they are having problems getting on the air. Seems like we are loosing too many new hams. After they get their license, they disappear.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members: KF5CXN – Gulfport; KG6DWR – Southaven; WF5F – Baldwyn; KB4FGV – Gulfport; KF5FNB – Florence; KF5HQR – Ovett; KF5IKQ – Ocean Springs; KF5IPL – Columbus; KF5IQG – Prentiss; KF5IVD – Batesville; KA4MVS – Jackson; KD5PIQ – Mantachie; KE5QCQ – Perkinston; and KC4YNL – Summit. ARRL Membership in Mississippi is now 1,069. A record high!

And last but not least welcome to KA1RBC as EC for Monroe County. Former EC AD5DO had to retire from the position due to expanding his business interests. Thanks for your efforts, Ken!

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KF5HZO – Iuka; KF5IMA – Oxford; KE5RJX – Brooklyn; and KD5SDH – Laurel.

Also congratulations to AD5IT who completed FEMA Course IS-100a and to WV1Q (formerly K5CQJ) who completed ICS-100a, ICS-200a, ICS-700a, and ICS-800b The FEMA courses are free and good for anyone who wants to expand their knowledge base or are preparing to take ARRL EC-016. See http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.asp. And lastly congratulations to AB5WF and W5XX, who completed DHS COML III which was a three day EMCOMM Leadership classroom course given at MEMA.

DEC/EC Monthly Reports: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), AE5FE (Lauderdale/Clark), KE5KTU (Hinds), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), WV1Q (Jasper), KE5WJN (Pearl River), and KB0ZTX (NW MS/Marshall).

OO Report: W5TFW

Club Newsletter/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Mississippi Coast ARA (KB9ZR), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), Northeast Mississippi ARA (KE5SSB), Pearl River ARC (N5WLW), and the Vicksburg ARC (W5WAF).

Regret to report the passing of KD5EFG of Guntown and W5UTL of Meridian.

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

Magnolia Section Net 31/999/12 (K5DSG)

MS Baptist Hams Net 5/31/0 (WF5F)

MS Digital Traffic Net 19/42/29 (K5DMC)

MSPN 31/2849/38 (K5NRK)

MS Slow Net 21/26/0 (W3TWD)

MTN/OZK 31/138/19 (K4VIZ)

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

Alcorn ARES 2/14/0 (WB5CON)

Booneville and Prentiss County 4/52/1 (WX5N)

Capital Area Em Net 5/83/0 (K5XU)

Hattiesburg AEN 5/107/0 (K5MIQ)

Itawamba County ARES 5/69/3 (KB5NMB)

Jackson ARC Em Net 4/49/3 (N5DU)

Jackson Co ARES Net 13/165/3 (K5MOZ)

Magnolia DX Assn 4/64/0 (AE5JG)

MCARA 4/47/0 (K5KMU)

Meridian Area EN 3/23/0 (AE5FE)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/63/4 (KE5PTL)

Miss/Lou Em Net 5/18/0 (K5NRK)

NE MS Skywarn 5/99/0 (W5LMW)

Panola County ARES 5/35/0 (KC5DPJ)

Pearl River ARES 4/47/0 (KE5WJN)

South MS YL Net 4/61/0 (KB5CSQ)

SCMSG Info Net 4/37/0 (AE5JG) (Southern Coast Medical Support Group)

Southern MS Friendship Net 21/170/0 (WB5OHN)

Stone County ARES 4/84/0 (N5UDK)

Tishomingo ARC 4/104/4 (WX5N)

UMARC Net 5/41/0 (K5LMB)

West Coastal MS 2M Net 8/56/0 (K5DMC)

PSHR: W5XX 71

Compilation of Net and PSHR statistics provided by KB5RCJ.