

Mississippi Section Report for October 2012

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October is supposed to be a calm weather month in Mississippi, but a rare fast moving autumn storm system moved through the Delta and Central Mississippi on October 17-18. Tornadoes and/or hurricane force winds were confirmed in Bolivar, Grenada, Humphreys, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott, Sharkey, Washington, and Yazoo Counties with significant damage in 12 counties. K5JAW reports that the Delta ARES Emergency Net was activated and passed damage reports to NWS-Jackson via Echolink. N5XXX reports that the Central Mississippi SkyWarn Net was activated; in addition KB5NMB reports that the Stateline Skywarn also was activated.

We still have two great Hamfests on the calendar before Christmas and the Bowl Games begin. On November 16 - 17 the Jackson County ARA will host their annual Hamfest at the St. Martin Community Center in Ocean Springs. For more info contact AE5JG at danbarb@bellsouth.net. And then on December 8 the Pearl River ARC will conduct their annual Hamfest at the Old National Guard Armory in Poplarville. POC for more info is KE5WJL at yawheelr@bellsouth.net. See y'all there.

Field Day Results are out! Check out http://www.arrl.org/results-database?event_id=37444 for complete information. K2FF notes that the NN5NN (599 DXA) was 21st out of 2,617 entries Nationwide across all categories with 3,715 QSOs. Good Show! Looking at the results on the ARRL Web Site for Mississippi across all categories K5MDX (MDXA/GSDXA) was second followed by W5YD (MSU and Magnolia ARCs), W5NEM (NE MS ARA), and W5CCW (ARC of Amite County). Mississippi had a total of 31 entries. Good effort by all!

State RACES Officer WS7EOC reports that the station at MEMA has moved from its former location to another room in the communications section. The new area more than triples the space from the previous location. RACES is very grateful to Susan Perkins, MEMA Communications Branch Director, for being a driving force in acquiring this space for our use. KM5EMA also has several pieces of new equipment. The major components include a Ten-Tec Jupiter transceiver and a Kenwood TS-480HX, 200-watt HF unit. The Kenwood rig will be utilizing a new Omega-Tec antenna originally designed for the military. The RACES Staff will be putting it through it's paces over the next several months and will keep everyone abreast of it's performance.

EC WX5N notes that the Tishomingo County ARC set up their EMCOMM Trailer at Tishomingo State Park for the annual Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air making QSOs on HF, VHF, and APRS. Many Scouts got their first opportunity to see what Ham Radio is all about. KF5FXR headed up the operation.

Instructor N5MZ reports that a second unit of study on Amateur Radio was completed on November 2 at the Petal School District Career Technology Center with eleven students passing their Technician Exam! This class was made possible through grants by the Petal Education Foundation and the ARRL. Earlier in the year four other students passed their Technician Exam through the first unit of study making a total of 15 new Techs thus far in the school year. Assisting Brad in administering the exams were KB5OXD, K5DVO, and AF5GE. Good work, all!

Ever wondered what year the ARRL Day in the Park was hosted by your club or when the your club conducted a particular service event? Webmaster W5UE has programmed an archive feature on the Section Website with all of the Section Reports back to 2006. Click on Section Reports to access the Archive Feature. These archives are in effect a history of the ARRL Mississippi Section. More years will be added in the future.

W5ILR notes that his W5ILR-10 RMS Gateway (145.010) continues to provide WLK2 users access from Mobile to New Orleans and north to Wiggins. Another Gateway may be in the works at Wiggins which will extend the coverage northward.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in October: KF5SDB, Shawn – Olive Branch; KF5SED, Lisa – Madison; KF5SEE, William – Ridgeland; KF5SEF, Jamie – Brookhaven; KF5SEG, Christal – Brandon; KF5SEH, Dewitt – Brandon; KF5SEI, Buffey – Benton; KF5SEJ, Herbert – Crystal Springs; KF5SEK, Russell – Crystal Springs; KF5SEW, Michael – Madison; KF5SFI, Eric – Biloxi; KF5SFJ, Glenn – Gulfport; KF5SFK, Gary – Vancleave; KF5SFL, Bay Saint Louis; KF5SFM, Benjamin – McHenry; KF5SFN, Alan – Long Beach; KF5SGX, Ronald – Brandon; KF5SGY, Denis – Clinton; KF5SGZ, Christopher – Byram; KF5SHA, Walter – Clinton; KF5SHB, David – Brandon; KF5SHC, Larry – Brandon; KF5SHD, Andrew – Florence; KF5SHK, Tammy – McHenry; KF5SHL, Denisa – Gulfport; KF5SHM, Katie – Gulfport; KF5SHN, Benjamin – Biloxi; KF5SHO, Cindy – Biloxi; KF5SHP, Roy – Pass Christian; KF5SHQ, Claire – Gulfport; KF5SHR, James – Biloxi; KF5SHS, William – Biloxi; KF5SJQ, Faron – Philadelphia; KF5SJR, Katrina – Kosciusko; KF5SJS, Justin – Kosciusko; KF5SJT, Deborah – Kosciusko; KF5SJU, Allison – Kosciusko; KF5SJV, Donald – Clinton; KF5SJW, Mark – Carthage; KF5SJX, Jennifer – Kosciusko; KF5SJY, Lisa – Kosciusko; KF5SJZ, Christopher – Ackerman; KF5SKW, Larry – Kosciusko; KF5SMJ, Carolann – Petal; KF5SML, Brandon – Petal; KF5SMM, Aaron – Petal; and KF5SMK, Michael – Petal. Wow! 47 new hams in one month. Thanks to all of the instructors and VE Teams that made this happen. Let's get these new Hams on the air!

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in October: KF5BXH – Hattiesburg; W4DQM – Batesville; W5GWF – Gattman; AF5GY – Columbus; AE5HJ – Brandon; WB0IAW – Biloxi; KB5JSG – Picayune; AE5JV – Pickens; W5KDB – Starkville; WB8LEM – Brandon; KE5LRA – Lucedale; KF5OBW – Columbus; N5OYL – Vancleave; KF5OYO – Biloxi; KF5RAS – Bogue Chitto; KF5RZE – Olive Branch; KC5QZW – Vicksburg; KF5SBN – Water Valley; KD5SDH – Laurel; KF5SEF – Clinton; KF5SEW – Madison; KF5SHA – Clinton; KF5SHC – Brandon; N5XQQ – Union; and KE5YBS – Hattiesburg; As of October 31 Mississippi has 1,119 ARRL Members, up 16 from last month. This ties the previous record! Thanks to all who promote ARRL Membership!

Congratulations to to the following on their upgrades: KH0DW – Byhalia; KF5OBW – Columbus; KB5OXD – Petal; and KC5RIA – Fulton;

DEC/EC Monthly Reports: KF5EZT (Rankin), AE5FE (Lauderdale/Clarke), K5JAW (Delta), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), K5NRK (Warren), NE5P (Lamar), WV1Q (Jasper), N5SP (Forrest), KE5WJN (Pearl River), and AG5Z (SE MS).

Filed ARRL ECAC EMCOMM Survey: KB5NMB (Itawamba), NE5P (Lamar), K1REZ (Scott), KE5WJN (Pearl River), KE5YES (Yazoo), and AG5Z (SE MS).

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

Thanks to the following who helped update the Repeater Listing on the Section Web Site: KD5CKP, KB5HAV, N5MZ, WX5N, K5QNE, KG5RE, and WB5V.

Regret to report the passing of WM5W of Vancleave. Wendell was Chairman of the Ocean Springs Hamfest on several occasions. In addition, we regretfully note the passing of K5IJX of Hattiesburg. Mart was a past NCS of the MSPN and a regular checkin for many years as well as being very active in the Hattiesburg Ham Radio Community..

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

Magnolia Section Net 31/1042/15 (K5DSG)
MS Baptist Hams Net 4/27/0 (WF5F)
MSPN 31/2584/20 (K5NRK)
MS Slow Net 23/70/0 (W3TWD)

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

Booneville and Prentiss County Net 4/56/0 (WX5N)
Capital Area Em Net 4/63/0 (K5XU)
Delta ARES Simplex Net 4/24/0 (K5JAW) One weather activation.
Grenada/Yalobusha ARES Net 6/31/0 (AD5IT) One Skywarn activation
Hattiesburg AEN 4/101/0 (AG5Z)
Itawamba County ARES Net 4/62/2 (KB5NMB)
Jackson ARC Em Net 5/60/0 (N5DU)
Jackson County Em Net 27/421/3 (K5MOZ)
Magnolia DX Assn Net 5/76/0 (K5OAZ)
Meridian Area EM Net 4/32/0 (AE5FE)
Metro Jackson ARES Net 5/57/0 (K5GCY)
MS Coast ARA Net 5/73/0 (K5KMU)
MS Coast Tech Net 5/45/0 (K5KMU)
Miss/Lou Em Net 4/31/1 (K5NRK)
NE MS Skywarn Net 3/32/0 (W5LMW)
Olive Branch ARC Tech and Info Net 12/133/1 (KD5CKP)
Panola County ARES Net 2/13/0 (KC5DPJ)
Pearl River ARES Net 4/54/0 (KE5WJN)
Pearl River ARC Net 4/73/0 (K5RDA)
Rankin County ARES 4/62/0 (KE5EZT)
Scott County ARES Net 5/54/2 (K1REZ/W5JMJ)
South Central Skywarn and Jasper County ARES 5/30/0 (WV1Q)
Southern MS YL Net 3/18/0 (K5IJ)
Stateline Skywarn Net 4/47/0 (KB5NMB) One Skywarn activation.
Stone County ARES Net 5/75/0 (N5UDK)
Tishomingo ARC Net 4/76/0 (WX5N)
UMARC Net 4/35/0 (K5LMB)

Compilation of Net statistics provided by KB5RCJ.