

## Mississippi Section Report for September 2006

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Thanks to the Jackson ARC for hosting the 2006 ARRL Day at the Park at Shiloh Park in Brandon. Some 75 plus hams and their families enjoyed the fellowship, tailgating, and food. The weather and park facilities were perfect. Following the noon meal, informative visits were made to the new MEMA Headquarters at Whitfield and the National Weather Service at Thompson Field. Visitors were impressed at both locations to say the least including the HF/VHF ham radio stations set up at both facilities for emergency operations. Thanks to Chairman AB5WF and his assistants KD5WEA, KD5WYG, KD5JPB, K5TMA, K5BLL, W5GEJ, and W5XX, plus a bunch of other JARC members for their efforts in organizing and hosting this event.

The Ole Miss ARC (W5UMS) has formally organized and in the process of applying for ARRL Club Affiliation. In addition, the Club has started a Tech Class with six students and several others studying on their own. The new officers are W5MPC, President, KD5JHE, VP, W5JMO, Secretary, WB5VYH, Treasurer, and K5DSG, Emergency Communications Chairman. The club will have a website up shortly.

W5THT in Long Beach is one of 21 stations in the US authorized to transmit for two years on the experimental 600-Meter Band. Power is limited to 20 watts ERP. When Pat gets on the air his beacon will be transmitting slightly above 505 KHz. He reports hearing one QSO and several beacons already on the air. Maybe we will get a new ham band after the two-year experimental period is over.

Event Chairman KD5WEA reports that the Jackson ARC again provided communications for the Multiple Sclerosis 150. This is a two-day bike race that winds some 150 miles through Hinds, Claiborne, Copiah and Warren Counties. At the mid-point of the race on Saturday Night a banquet is held, this year at the Battlefield Inn in Vicksburg. K5BLL was given 10 minutes at the banquet podium and gave the riders an overview of ham radio. KD5WEA notes that he had a lot of assistance from K5BLL, KD5JPB, K5RWB, K5TMA, KE5JKC, N6LYO, KD5CZF, and KD5ZDS in making this a successful public service event.

Speaking of public service, the Hattiesburg ARC furnished communications support for the Heart Walk held October 7 at the Long Leaf Trace in Hattiesburg with over 400 walkers participating. The HARC managed communications through the K5IJX repeater and HTs manned by KD5XG, KE5JJE, KE5KJS, WZ5Y and AG5Z.

KA1ZIA has taken over the MSPN Flower Fund from K5NRK. Although a number of generous contributions were made at the Day in the Park, due to the large numbers of hams we have lost in recent months the Fund is low. Contributions should be sent to Mark.

Applications for the ARRL Mississippi Scholarship are due to Mary Hobart, K1MMH, at ARRL Headquarters no later than February 1, 2007. Complete information is on the Section Website under 'What's Up.'

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: W5JOR – Corinth; KA5AEU – Vicksburg; KB5EOK – Starkville; KE5HYS – Corinth; KC5IJP – Ponotoc; N5JMJ – Vicksburg; KB5MMI – Byram; WB5VGN – Vicksburg; and WA5ZDD – Vicksburg. Also congratulations are in order for KA5DON on completing ARRL ECC-002, KB5BE on completing FEMA IS 100/200/700, and WB5GUD on completing FEMA 800.

Welcome to new Mississippi Hams: KE5JWF, Paul – Hattiesburg; KE5JYD, Donald – Jackson; KE5JYE, Joan – Brandon; KE5JYF, Kathleen – Jackson; KE5JYG, James – Jackson; KE5JYH,

Larry – Clinton; KE5JYI, Richard – Clinton; KE5JYM, John – Gautier; KE5JYV, James – West Point; KE5KBF, Tom – Marks; KE5KBG, James – Falkner; KE5KCG, Rita – Hattiesburg; KE5KCF, Caymran – Columbus;

In addition, welcome to new ARRL Members KE5ANV – Prentiss; KA5CUI – Indianola; N9GTA – Olive Branch; W5HM – Jackson; KE5HVV – Hernando; KE5HXL – Carriere; KE5KBF – Marks; and N5TZE – Houston.

Regret to report the passing of WB5VGM of Union.

Newsletter/Club Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Sundancer Solar RC (KA5ICO), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), Vicksburg ARC (W5WAF)

DEC/EC Reports: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), KD5CQT (Jackson), KC5EAK (Pearl River), WB5GUD (Newton), KD5GWM (Lauderdale/Clark), N5TBB (Tippah/Benton), K5WSY (Tishomingo).

PIC Report: N5TBB

Net Reports: Session/QNI/QTC (Net Manager)

DRN5 60/MS 100% rep by N5FP, W5OXA, KB5DZJ, KA5UFX, WA5FB, W5XX (WB5ZED)

MSPN 30/2189/20 (K5NRK)

MS TFC Net 30/128/2 (KB5W)

Magnolia Section Net 30/691/6 (AD5J)

Jackson Co ARES 30/419/5 (KD5CQT)

MS Slow Net 21/56/1 (W3TWD)

Newton County ARES 4/31/0 (WB5GUD)

MLEN 4/33/1 (K5NRK)

Meridian Area EN 4/47/0 (KD5GWM)

JARC EN 4/41/0 (AB5WF)

Monroe Co ARC Net 4/55/0 (AD5DO)

Hattiesburg AEN 4/49/0 (N5MZ)

Pearl River ARES 4/28/0 (KC5EAK)

Lowndes Co ARC Net 4/45/0 (KM5UH)

Itawamba Co ARES Net 4/43/0 (KB5NMB)

Metro Jackson ARES 4/57/0 (AB5WF)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/25/0 (WF5F)

MS Coast ARA Net 4/44/0 (KA2KMU)

PSHR (minimum 70): WB5ZED 150, N5FP 110, KD5FUY 92, W5XX 71

Traffic: WB5ZED 2233 (BPL), N5FP 40, W5XX 5, KD5FUY 2.

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