

## Mississippi Section Report for September 2007

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The ARRL conducts two emergency preparedness exercises each year -- Field Day and the Simulated Emergency Test (SET). Field Day is basically for fun, food, fellowship, and contesting. The SET is really the emergency preparedness exercise where the rubber hits the road. This is where served agencies are brought into the picture and new and old operators learn operating procedures in an emergency environment.

The SETs we have had in years past have been focused on operation at the state and/or region level. This was time well invested as Katrina proved; however, we need to go back to the basics and practice at the local level. Therefore this year's SET will be organized by the county emergency coordinators and the activity will be focused on a local event. This puts most of the work on the ECs, but this will help to establish or reestablish contact with local agencies and to train new hams. In 2006 alone we had over 250 new hams in the state. Most of these folks don't have a clue about emergency net operation, phonetics, passing traffic, etc. This SET will be a golden opportunity to address this need.

With most of the local activity being anticipated to be on 2/440, 3862 will be pretty quite as compared with SETs in years past, but in the event traffic needs to be passed out of the local area 3862 will be manned for tactical traffic and 3850 for health and welfare traffic.

600M DXer WD2XSH/6 (W5THT) reports a QSO with AA1A (1234 miles) and an SWL Report from Germany (4964 miles) (4 times in September!) in the middle of all of the summer QRN. Pat attributes his improved signal to moving his loading coil to the top of his vertical radiator. For more info see [www.500kc.com](http://www.500kc.com).

NM N5MZ reports that the Hattiesburg ARC provided logistical and safety support for the MS Diabetes Foundation walk-a-thon on the Longleaf Trace in Hattiesburg. Those participating were W4KGJ, W5TUT, N5MZ, KE5MWD, KD5AXK, N6OJN, and KD5XG (NCS).

Copiah County ARES provided auxiliary communications during the MEMA Grand Gulf emergency preparedness exercise. KE5KTP reports that the communications van was 'through the gate' and was VHF capable in 2 minutes and HF capable in 19 minutes.

AB5WF conducted a Ham Radio briefing for the United Methodist Church Emergency Responders Seminar at Camp Wesley Pines near Gallman. The new ARRL PowerPoint presentation on a CD was used to raise awareness of the value of Ham Radio in Emergency Relief Operations by teams working in a disaster area. After the presentation, the attendees were given a live demonstration by AC5Y, KE5KTP, and Troop 176 Boy Scouts from Crystal Springs using their new mobile communications trailer.

The Jackson ARC again provided communications for the 150 mile two day Multiple Sclerosis Bike Race which wound through rural Hands and Warren Counties from Clinton to Vicksburg and back. Event Coordinator WM5A said that hams manned 12 rest stops as well as the event coordination vehicle and the repair wagon. Those hams working one or both days were WM5A, WB8BZH, K5CID, KM5GE, W5GEJ, KE5JKD, KD5JPB, KE5KUS, AC5MR, AD5PV, K5RWB, KA0SPH, KA5TJW, AB5WF, KD5WYG, K5XU, and W5XX. Thanks to KA5SBK who let JARC use his repeater continuously for over 20 hours.

Last year we had no submissions for the ARRL Mississippi Scholarship. Shame on us! The ARRL Mississippi Scholarship was founded in 1990 by the late Clyde Hurlbert, W5CH. This scholarship in the amount of \$500 is awarded annually to a Mississippi student, who has a ham

license (any class) and is pursuing a curriculum in a baccalaureate or higher course of study in electronics, communications, or a related field. Further, the student must (or will) attend a Mississippi school of higher learning. An eligible student can be no more than 30 years of age. Students interested in this scholarship must send a completed application and transcript to:

The ARRL Foundation, Inc. Scholarship Program  
225 Main Street  
Newington, CT 06111

The deadline for the next submission is February 1, 2008. Start looking for worthy candidates and advise them of this opportunity.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KD5GGJ – Lena; KD5IFA – Liberty; KD5JOJ – Union; KE5KBG – Falkner; KE5MDG – Starkville; KE5MUO – Columbus; KE5PYM – Pearl; KD5RSA – Mississippi State; N5TPA – Clinton; and KA5WLD – Gulfport.

Congratulations are also in order for KM4MW, who completed FEMA Courses 100/200/700/800 and WB5HQH on completing FEMA Course 200.

Welcome to the following new Mississippi Hams: KE5QKN, Trenton – Leakesville; KE5QKO, Gary – Pascagoula; KE5QKP, Michele – Gulfport; KE5QKQ, Brannon – Richton; KE5QMN, Gerald – Conehatta; KE5QMO, Henry – Columbus; KE5QMP, Thomas – Columbus; KE5QMQ, Amanda – Starkville; KE5QMT, David - Senatobia; KE5QNG, Geoffrey – Oxford; KE5QQH, George – Tishomingo; KE5QVR, Richard – Lauderdale; KE5QVW, Matthew – Oakland; and KE5QVZ, Anna – Hattiesburg.

Welcome to the following new ARRL Members: N5ACW – Marietta; N5EJK – Starkville; K5GFE – Ocean Springs; N5IMP – Walls; K5JNE – Abbeville; N5MCI – Clinton; AC5NJ – Ecu; KE5NOU – West Point; KD5OSA – Natchez; KD5OTK – Madison; KE5OYE – Corinth; KE5PCH – Meridian; KE5PYM – Pearl; KE5QEK – Olive Branch; KE5QHR – Ocean Springs; KE5QHT – Gulfport; KE5QHZ – Saucier; KE5QIC – Saucier; KE5QIE – Long Beach; KE5QMP – Columbus; KE5QMT – Senatobia; KD5SDH – Laurel; WB5VGN – Vicksburg; and N5YBF – Soso. Mississippi continues to be the only ARRL Section to have a double-digit increase in membership over the past year. Good Job!

And last, but not least, welcome to KU4WW and KE5LWY as Assistant ECs for Tishomingo County and KE5HJQ as Assistant EC for Prentiss County.

Newsletter/Club Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), and Meridian ARC (W5MAV).

DEC/EC Monthly Reports: Alcorn/ NE MS (WB5CON), Jackson (KD5CQT), Lauderdale/Clarke (KD5GWM), Newton (WB5GUD), Pearl River (KC5EAK), Sunflower (K5WLP), Tippah (N5TBB), Tishomingo County (WX5N), and West Central Mississippi (AB5WF)

PIC Report: N5TBB

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

DRN5 62/MS 100% rep by W5XX, WB5ZED, WA5FB (WB5ZED)

MSPN 30/3001/36 (K5NRK)

MS TFC Net 30/130/3 (KB5W)

Jackson Co ARES 30/446/6 (KD5CQT)

MS Slow Net 21/54/1 (W3TWD)

Hattiesburg AEN 6/113/0 (N5MZ)

Stone County ARES Net 5/112/0 (N5UDK)

MS Baptist Hams Net 5/43/0 (WF5F)

MLEN 5/29/0 (K5NRK)

Metro Jackson ARES 5/56/0 (AB5WF)

UMARC 2 Meter Net 5/48/1 (W5MPC)

Meridian AEN 4/55/0 (KD5GWM)

NE MS ARES 4/32/0 (KB5NMB)

Newton County ARES 4/32/0 (WB5GUD)

Magnolia DX Assc 4/96/0 (N5FG)

St. Tammany/Pearl River ARES 4/61/0 (KC5EAK)

MS Coast ARA CARES 4/23/0 (KA2KMU)

South MS YL Net 4/93/0 (KB5CSQ)

Jackson ARC EN 4/37/0 (AB5WF)

Tishomingo County ARES 4/102/7 (WX5N)

PSHR (minimum 70): WB5ZED 150, AB5WF 94, KA1ZIA 80, and W5XX 75.

Traffic: WB5ZED 3917 (BPL), KA1ZIA 35, AB5WF 18, W5XX 4

Compilation of Net and Traffic statistics provided by KB5RCJ.