

Mississippi Section Report for September 2010

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Can you believe two years in a row with no hurricanes? With the exception of Tropical Storm Ida which showed up at Dauphin Island in early November of last year all has been quiet. Keep your fingers crossed and keep knocking on wood.

Be sure to put October 16 on your calendar for the Annual ARRL Day in the Park hosted this year by the University of Mississippi ARC. Festivities will start at 8 AM on the Ole Miss Campus in the Circle in front of the Lyceum at the end of University Avenue. During the morning there will be a tour of the National Center for Physical Acoustics by N5RB to look at some of the latest mine detection equipment and tours of the historical Lyceum by the University's Column Society.

If you plan to tailgate out of your pickup or want to park on the perimeter of the Circle, you will need to get there early in that there will be another Campus Activity in the same area starting at 9 AM. Parking will also be available in the Grove and adjacent to Vaught Hemingway Stadium, located 2 blocks away, behind Hume Shoemaker hall.

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be served around 11:30 followed by a few comments and prizes at approximately 12:30. Talk-in will be on 145.470 (PL tone 107.2) and 147.330 (PL tone 107.2). Early indications are that we will have a large crowd including visitors from Arkansas and Tennessee. More information is available from k5dsg@arrrl.net or k5lmb@arrrl.net.

K5GCY reports that on September 18 twelve hams provided communications for the 'Cyclists Curing Cancer' ride sponsored by the Baptist Healthplex in Clinton. Over 200 riders started from the Healthplex at 7:30am and rode the Natchez Trace Parkway as far as Port Gibson (50 miles). There were three other rest stops manned by Hams where the riders could rest and/or continue the ride or return to the starting point. The last rider came in at 3:45pm. Special thanks to KA5TJW, KD5CZW and AE5SK (twice) for picking up several very weary cyclists and returning them to the finish line. Those participating were: K5BLL, N5DU, KA5TJW, AE5SK, KD5CZW, K5IMT, KC5QZW, AD5XR, KE5PTL, N5GT, and K5CID.

EC WX5N notes that there was plenty of action in Northeast Mississippi on September 25. The Tishomingo ARC had moved their EmComm Trailer to Segars Field east of Iuka for the 4th Annual Iuka Fly-In. Unfortunately, rain and the low cloud ceiling prevented aircraft from landing, so the event was canceled. However, the weather provided perfect conditions for numerous simulated tornadoes touching down over Prentiss, Tishomingo, and Itawamba Counties as part of the previously planned SET which was scheduled concurrently with the Fly-In. Stations were activated at numerous key locations to handle emergency traffic including Baptist Memorial Hospital Corinth (KJ4ISD), the Itawamba County EOC (KB5NMB), North Mississippi Medical Center Hospital Iuka (KE5YEY), the Corinth Welcome Center (W5OA), the Tishomingo County Sheriff's Dept (K5UF), and Baptist Memorial Hospital in Booneville (WD5DO) (operators at these facilities shown in parenthesis).

In addition to the operators noted above the following also participated in Prentiss and Tishomingo Counties: AG5RP, KA5GNM, K5ARE, KE5YLM, N5ML, K4ZQF/5, KB5VST, K5BKF, KF5FXS, KF5APO, and KE5KRG. And in Itawamba County: KE5APO, KE5SSB, KE5MAT, K5SEH,

KD5YBE, KF5UPA, and WJ5D. WX5N notes that this was a great opportunity to checkout equipment and operational procedures and generally everybody had a blast!

DEC KE5KTU relays that also on September 25th the Hinds County ARES group sponsored a booth at the Byram Safety Day. The booth was manned by KE5VMQ and K5GKY. The booth promoted Amateur Radio and was geared towards public awareness. KE5VMQ did a super job making the display board where she outlined the four reasons for the existence of the amateur radio service. The Board covered international good will, having a pool of trained radio operators, the promotion of the radio art, and emergency communications. One of the display items visitors were greatly interested in was the KE5KTU WAS QSL Card collection. K5GKY, did a great job explaining the technical side of amateur radio to the many visitirs.

Committee chairman W5EW reminds us that nominations for the Delta Division Distinguished Service Award are due November 1. This award (or in some cases more than one award) is presented to a Delta Division Ham(s) who has an exemplary record of service to the public and ham communities. Complete guidelines for making a nomination are on the section website at www.arrlmiss.org under the Delta Division Awards Tab. Nominations should be sent to W5XX and questions to W5EW at w5ew@arrl.net. AB5WF and WA5LQZ were honored with this award last year.

From the netherlands below the AM Broadcast Band W5THT reports that conditions are improving with the coming of Autumn. Using only his exciter with 4.5 watts erp, Pat was heard in Alaska. He is continuing to upgrade his station. DXCC next ???

DEC WB5CON reports that two Mississippi State Guard members came to the August Alcorn County ARES Meeting where they discussed their communications needs. As a result WB5DO and KA5SIS organized a class resulting in five new Techs and one General upgrade. Ultimately, the Guard would like to have a cadre of Generals so they can use NVIS on HF around the state to communicate with other Guard groups.

The Vicksburg ARC again provided communications for the Annual Five Mile Run Across the River starting at the Welcome Station on the Mississippi Side of the River with the 2.5-mile turnaround being near Delta, Louisiana. A couple of problems medical problems developed which were coordinated with the medical team. In addition, assistance was also rendered in keeping the runner/walker traffic in the correct lanes so no collisions would result. The annual event was otherwise by the book for the 700 plus runners/walkers. Those VARC Members participating were KD5WCR, W5WAF, KE5LUJ, KB5YEE, N5KWT, W5XX, and N5JGK.

Welcome to the following new hams in Mississippi in September: KF5IKP, Kurt – Ocean Springs; KF5IKQ, Robert – Ocean Springs; KF5ILT, Jessica – Morton; KF5IMA, George – Oxford; KF5IMF, Fred – Meridian; KF5INH, David – Southaven; KF5INI, Ernest – Stewart; KF5INJ, Paula – Booneville; KF5INK, Douglas – Corinth; KF5INL, Cliff – Booneville; KF5INO, James – Crystal Springs; KF5IPB, Jamie – Lake; KF5IPC, Wanda – West; and KF5IPL, Morris – Columbus.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members: KF5CKZ – Oxford; KB5DMT – Senatobia; WA5FHT – Starkville; KF5GVT – Batesville; KF5HNQ – Oxford; KF5ICM – Long Beach; KF5IMA – Oxford; W5KDA – Natchez; N5KDA – Natchez; N5OKD – Hattiesburg; KK5QZ – Starkville; KA9QZF – Perkinston; WB5SUD – Long Beach; KB5SZJ – Meridian; and AE5TR – Biloxi. Mississippi ARRL Membership is now 1,059 down a little from our peak of 1,068. Keep working!

And last but not least welcome to K5CQJ as EC for Jasper County.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KF5BTI – Horn Lake; K5CQJ – Heidelberg; KF5ELK (now KF5BA) – Long Beach; KF5FJZ – Greenville; KF5FWU – Carriere; KD5HFZ Booneville; and WB4IZC – Horn Lake.

DEC/EC Monthly Reports: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), AE5FE (Lauderdale/Clarke), KE5KTU (Hinds), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), and KE5WJN (Pearl River).

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

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

Magnolia Section Net 30/1040/30 (K5DSG)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/19/0 (WF5F)

MS Digital Traffic Net 21/67/49 (K5DMC)

MSPN 30/2617/45 (K5NRK)

MS Slow Net 21/35/0 (W3TWD)

MTN/OZK 28/113/16 (K4VIZ)

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

Alcorn County ARES 2/18/0 (WB5CON)

Booneville and Prentiss County 4/51/1 (WX5N)

Capital Area Em Net 4/75/0 (K5XU)

Grenada County ARES 4/12/0 (AD5IT)

Hattiesburg AEN 4/91/0 (K5MIQ)

Itawamba County ARES 5/45/3 (KB5NMB)

Jackson ARC Em Net 4/46/0 (N5DU)

Jackson Co ARES Net 13/183/3 (K5MOZ)

Magnolia DX Assn 4/66/0 (AE5JG)

Meridian Area EN 3/35/0 (AE5FE)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/50/3 (KE5PTL)

Miss/Lou Em Net 4/21/1 (K5NRK)

NE MS Skywarn 4/63/0 (W5LMW)

Panola County ARES 4/33/0 (KC5DPJ)

Pearl River ARES 4/34/0 (KE5WJN)

Prentiss County 4/51/1 (WX5N)

SCMSG Info Net 5/54/0 (AE5JG) (Southern Coast Medical Support Group)

Southern MS Friendship Net 22/201/0 (WB5OHN)

Southern MS YL Net 5/83/0 (KB5CSQ)

Stone County ARES 4/72/0 (N5UDK)

Tishomingo ARC 5/133/6 (WX5N)

UMARC Net 4/34/0 (K5LMB)

West Coastal MS 2M Net 9/81/0 (K5DMC)

PSHR: W5XX 115

Compilation of Net and PSHR statistics provided by KB5RCJ.

