

Mississippi Section Report for September 2012

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Over 500 Hams from 25 states visited the MFJ Facilities for the 2012 ARRL Day in the Park on October 5 th and 6 th as part of MFJ's 40 th Anniversary Celebration. The two day event featured tours of the MFJ, Vectronics, Mirage, Cushcraft, Hy-Gain, and Ameritron production lines. The festivities concluded with dinner on the grounds at McKee Park and a presentation by Martin Jue, K5FLU, summarizing his 40 years in business in Starkville.

Numerous special guests were in attendance including WJ1B (ARRL Chief Operating Officer), K7JA (well known ham industry representative), KL7MF (HRO), W5JDX (HamNation and AmateurLogic.tv), N9JA (Icom) and W5KUB, who streamed the event on the Internet. The highlight of the weekend was the presentation by WJ1B to K5FLU of the ARRL Special Achievement Award honoring Martin and the MFJ Staff for their four decades of innovative product development which have contributed immeasurably to our everyday Ham Radio world. This was a specially memorable day for Martin in that many of his close family members were in attendance.

This was the fourth time that MFJ has hosted the Day in the Park. Many thanks to MFJ for the hospitality and the opportunities to see an active Ham Radio production line in action.

Things have been busy in the Jackson Area supporting public service events. K5GCY reports that the Jackson ARC (JARC) provided communications for the Curing Cancer Bike Ride on September 22. The ride started at 7:30 AM at Baptist Healthplex at Mississippi College. 198 riders signed up. The ride was completed at 2:56 PM. Thanks to KA5SBK for linking the 94 Repeater to the Port Gibson Repeater and to Port Gibson for letting us link in. The following hams provided communications for the ride: K5GCY, N5GT, K5BLL, N5DU, KE5JKD, KE5WAC, WM5A, N5KLT, K1JHS, KD5SBP, KC5QZW, WB5YKR, K5CID, KE5KTU, and KG5IN.

On October 6 th and 7 th, members of the JARC and the Central Mississippi ARA (CMARA) provided communications for the 2012 "Bike-to-the-Battlefield" ride. K5BLL reports that this 150 mile bike ride is a two-day fundraiser, similar to bike rides held in other states by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. About 130 riders started the ride at 8:00 AM Saturday Morning at the Baptist Healthplex in Clinton riding 78 miles through the winding backroads of Hinds and Warren counties to the Hampton Inn in Vicksburg, where they stopped for the night. At the banquet held that night, supporters, riders, and volunteers of the bike ride were recognized with various awards and the Amateur Radio Community was acknowledged for its service. The ride resumed at 8:00 AM Sunday morning in Vicksburg and followed a route through Warren, Copiah, and Hinds counties of approximately 72 miles, back to the Baptist Healthplex in Clinton.

The net control station was operated by N5DU in Clinton and by WM5A in Vicksburg, being swapped as needed to maintain coverage of the route. The 146.94 repeater in Raymond covered the entire route fairly well but was linked, as needed, to the 147.27 repeater in Vicksburg to fill some gaps. The staff of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, who organized the ride, were very complementary of Ham Radio services. Being able to talk to the six rest stops, rovers, repair vehicles, and the net control at the push of one button was, in their words, "fantastic". The Co-Chairmen WM5A and N5DU would like to thank WX5H, AE5SK, K5BLL, K5GCY, K5KKD, K5XU, KA5SBK, KF5EZT, KC5QZW, KE5JKD, KE5WAC, KF5RFB, and N5GT for their participation in this event.

N5DU reports that also on October 7 the JARC supported by the CMRA provided communications support for the Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi's annual Walk for a Cure. As with past years, the walk was held at the Southern Farm Bureau offices in Northwest Jackson and included a 1 mile fun walk and a longer 5K walk. It is estimated that there were about 500 participants this year. Amateur operators providing support were K5CID, K5GCY, KF5EZT, and N5DU. These operators were able to staff net control and each of the 3 rest stops utilizing simplex.

KB5NMB reports that Northeast Mississippi ARA Members KE5WPW, K5TV, and KC0DWH set up a station at the Home Depot Kids Day in Fulton on October 6. They passed out Ham Radio info and put up one of the club's big banners. There was not a lot of people traffic but, they had a blast working California QSO Party stations.

Between the Day in the Park/MFJ Celebration and the public service events, the first weekend in October was a busy one for Hams in Mississippi!

And during the next weekend Vicksburg ARC Activities Chairman N5KWT reports that the Club 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 with some 650 runners/walkers participating. There were several problems related to heat and fatigue handled via Ham Radio, but nothing serious. Besides Don, VARC Members participating were W5WAF, W5XX, N5JGK, K5NRK, and KC5QZW.

From below the AM Broadcast band W5THT reports that the 2012-2013 600 Meter Season is under way. Thus far, Pat made 3 CW QSOs in September to add to the 180 Q's he made in past seasons.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in September: KF5RXA, Leroy – D'Iberville; KF5RXB, Melissa – D'Iberville; KF5RYJ, Ragan – Petal; KF5RYK, Loyse – Soso; KF5RZB, Michael – Oxford; KF5RZE, Adrienne – Olive Branch; KF5SAS, Paul – Brookhaven; KF5SBN, Tracie – Water Valley; KF5SBO, Jacqueline – Saltillo; and KF5SBP, Jerry – Clarksdale.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in September: W5AGS – Wiggins; KE5DOX – Centreville; KA5EOD – Gulfport; WB5JHC – Biloxi; WX5MW – Amory; WU0P – Sumrall; W4PMC – Southaven; KF5RQR – Laurel; K5UAK – Southaven, and N5VWV – Philadelphia. The Mississippi ARRL Membership is now 1,103. Up one from last month, but down from out record of 1,119. Keep working!

And last but not least welcome to KF5EZT as EC for Rankin County and K5JAW as EC for Bolivar, Leflore, Sunflower, and Washington Counties.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KF5BTH – Como; KC9HOF – Oxford; KF5ILT – Morton; and KF5QGF – Olive Branch.

Club Newsletters/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Mississippi Coast ARA (KB9ZR), and the Northeast Mississippi ARA (KE5SSB).

DEC/EC Reports: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), KF5EZT (Rankin), AE5FE (Lauderdale and Clarke), K5JAW (MS Delta), KE5KTU (WC MS/Hinds), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), WV1Q (Jasper), and KE5WJN (Pearl River).

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

Magnolia Section Net 30/1025/4 (K5DSG)

MS Baptist Hams Net 5/26/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 30/2298/20 (K5NRK)

MS Slow Net 20/42/0 (W3TWD)

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

Booneville and Prentiss County ARES Net 4/48/0 (WX5N)

Capital Area Em Net X/XX/X (K5XU)

Delta ARES Net 5/30/0 (K5JAW)

Grenada/Yalobusha ARES Net 4/10/0 (AD5IT/KE5MIS)

Itawamba County ARES 4/74/1 (KB5NMB)

Jackson ARC Em Net 4/44/0 (N5DU)

Jackson County ARES 27/410/2 (K5MOZ)

Magnolia DX Assn 4/69/0 (K5OAZ)

Meridian Area EN 4/38/1 (AE5FE)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/60/2 (K5GCY)

Mississippi Coast ARA ARES Net 4/79/0 (K5KMU)

Mississippi Coast ARA Tech Net 4/37/0 (K5KMU)

Miss/Lou Em Net 5/42/0 (K5NRK)

NE MS Skywarn 5/67/0 (W5LMW) August 5/65/1

Olive Branch Tech and Info Net 11/91/0 (KD5CKP)

Pearl River County ARES 4/55/0 (KE5WJN)

Pearl River ARC Net 4/71/0 (K5RDA)

Rankin County ARES 4/54/0 (KF5EZT)

Scott County ARES Net 4/69/ (W5JMJ/K1REZ)

South MS YL Net 4/28/0 (K5IJ)

South Central Skywarn and Jasper County ARES 4/30/0 (WV1Q)

Stone County ARES 5/82/0 (N5UDK)

Tishomingo ARC Net 4/53/0 (WX5N)

UMARC Net 5/30/0 (K5LMB)

Public Service Honor Roll: W5XX 71

Compilation of Net and PSHR statistics provided by KB5RCJ.