

Mississippi Section Report for September 2015

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Thanks to the Pearl River ARC for hosting the 2015 ARRL Day in the Park at the Crosby Arboretum in Picayune. Chairman KE5WJN gives a pat on the back to helpers KF5UUG, K5SCW, KF5YTL, and KE7BUD for helping him make it all happen. If you are ever in the Picayune stop by at the Arboretum. This is a really great place to see many varieties of woodland, savanna, and aquatic exhibits.

In late August and early September the Katrina 10th Anniversary Memorial Event was sponsored by the Hattiesburg ARC and the 599 DX Association and coordinated by AG5Z. This event was to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the landfall of Katrina and to remember the more than 230 Mississippians, who lost their lives during this storm event, as well as to honor the hundreds of volunteers who streamed in from all parts of the country to help in the aftermath. Larry reports as of October 1 that 327 certificates have been issued for stations contacting Katrina 1X1 stations and a few thousand QSLs sent out. Certificates have been issued in at least 34 states and several DX countries; however, submissions are still coming in almost every day. The final QSO count is not available, but it is over 20,000.

Larry plans to have a 'dutch treat' at the Carnes Catfish House on October 17 starting at 6 PM to get together and discuss the Katrina Event and plan for possible future events. The restaurant is located on Hwy 13 just a few miles west of the intersection with Hwy 49 north of Wiggins. Contact Larry for more info at ag5z@comcast.net

KA5DON reports that American Legion Post 1992 is establishing the Jim Leist Memorial Station (K5TAL) at the Legion Hall in Gautier. Jim, KB5W, was the dean of Mississippi traffic handlers for many years as well as being very active in the National Traffic System.

DEC WX5N notes that a Skywarn Training Session was held at Northeast Mississippi Community College and sponsored by Prentiss County EMA Director KB5QIW. The presentation was made by Gary Woodall from NWS-Memphis. In addition, Gary presented a Skywarn Session at the Tishomingo County EOC sponsored by EMA Director Payton Berklite with about 30 people in attendance including hams, volunteer firemen, and concerned citizens.

W5MAV reports in the 'Spark Gap' that the Meridian ARC had a great turnout for their Tech Class taught by AE5FE and KF5MWE. The exam was scheduled for October 10. In addition, a Tech Class was held at the Iuka Hospital Meeting Room taught by WB5DO and KF5FXR. Four students were in attendance and all passed the exam.

Vicksburg ARC Activities Chairman N5KWT notes that the Club again provided communications for the Annual Five Mile Run/Walk Across the River starting at the Welcome Station on the Mississippi Side of the River with the 2.5-mile turnaround near Delta, Louisiana with some 800 plus runners/walkers participating. There were no incidents except for a few

riders not being able to complete the run and having to hitch a ride back to the starting point. Besides Don, VARC Members stationed along the race course were K5IMT, N5JGK, W5WAF, W5GLA, KG5JCO, and W5XX.

EC WB5CON reports that the Alcorn County ARES helped provide communication for the Austin Shoes with Rotary 5K footrace. This is the first time ARES had been asked to help with this annual race and was a last minute request. There were 250 registered runners with 177 crossing the finish line. ARES volunteers participating were John, AK4DI and Charles, KG5FTX. Charles is a new ham at the young age of 79 and this was his first public event to help out. He reported enjoying it very much. The race officials appreciated ARES help and would like for ARES to help next year.

N5AHM advises that the Mississippi Coast ARA is RADIOactive. Each month they hold a Ham Workshop Day for any Ham related problem. Anywhere from 5 to 20 Hams donate their time to help a fellow Ham, usually with antenna erection problems. Also Hams bring their problems to a volunteer ham's QTH for discussion, training, and problem solving. These are usually mobile antenna problems (mostly coax), cable construction, connector installation, use of SWR Analyzers, SWR meters, power meters, lightning, and grounding techniques, as well as construction of antennas. MCARA Members often proudly display their home made antennas (tape measure beams, emergency 20 and 40 antennas slung in the trees, J-Poles, and anything else they have), solar arrays, chargers, and emergency power systems.

Future MCARA Workshops include SDR use in DX, SDR's as spectrum analyzers, SWR non-antenna use (cable length, cable troubleshooting, C, L), constructing multiple antennas such as J-Poles (roll up and copper), Slim Jims, pipe verticals, wire dipoles, slopers, and inverted V's. The next big antenna project is a wire dipole for 3862/3925 MHz (4 to be built). In addition, MCARA has quarterly campouts thus far at Desoto National Forest and at the N5AHM QTH. The next campout is scheduled for Oct 23, 24, and 25 at the Airey Lake Campground in the Desoto National Forest. They are totally off grid for each campout.

Regret to report that the Mississippi Slow Net has secured. Thanks to W3TWD for acting as NCS and Net Manager for many years.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in August and September: KG5IRA, James - Iuka; KG5IRT, Lance - Southaven; KG5IRU, Charles - Senatobia; KG5IUW, Brenton - Gulfport; KG5IUX, Jennifer - Gulfport; KG5IVL, Michael - Belden; KG5IWG, John - Pinola; KG5IXV, Dennis - Conehatta; KG5IYH, Jonathan - Pearl; KG5JAW, Brooke - Brandon; KG5JCL, Matthew - Lucedale; KG5JGM, Gerald - Columbia; KG5JHM, Daniel - Leakesville; KG5JHN, Michael - Biloxi; KG5JHO, Devin; KG5JIK, Joseph - Brandon; KG5JJJ, Daniel - Lucedale; KG5JJX, William - Pascagoula; KG5JJY, Charles - Clinton; KG5JKN, Thomas - Monticello; KG5JKO, Tony - Columbia; KG5JKP, John - Hattiesburg; and KG5JKQ, Steven - Sumrall.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in August and September: AG5AE, Mitch - Columbia; KE5AIJ, Deanna - Maben; KG5AXH, William - Brandon; N5GJB, Clyde - Poplarville; KG5HGQ, Robert - Monticello; KG5HHE, Donald - Buckatunna; KG5HZU, Joseph - Tylertown; KG5IOV, Stephen - Brandon; KG5IXV, Dennis - Conehatta; WD5JNC, John -

Moss Point; WB5LVA, William - Tillatoba; N5MTW, Chester - Terry; KD5NYV, Emmett - Terry; AD5OW, James - Long Beach; KB4POA, Jerome - Corinth; KC5RSD, Larry - Picayune; KF5SHS, William - Biloxi; N0YPN, Steve - Perkinston; and KF5ZLA, Adam - Madison. As of September 30 ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 1,136 up 4 from last the last report on July 30. Thanks to all who promote ARRL Membership! Remember ARRL dues go up \$10 per year on January 1. Renew now!

And last but not least, welcome to WZ5Y as ADEC for Southeast Mississippi and KE7BUD as PIO.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KG5EJC, Gregory - Union; KG5FYT, Daniel - Pelahatchie; KG5GWW, Mitchell - Olive Branch; KG5HBB, Kirk - Hattiesburg; KG5HGQ, Robert - Monticello; KG5IOU, Charles - Brandon; KG5IOV, Stephen - Brandon; KG5IXV, Dennis - Conehatta; KG5JCL, Matthew - Lucedale; KE5JHL, Stacy - Columbia; WA5OYU, Chauncey - Madison; KE5QIB, Charles - Ocean Springs; and KC9WVS, Daniel - D'Iberville.

ASEC/DEC/EC Monthly Reports for March 2015: WB5CON (Alcorn), N5MZ (Forrest), WX5N (NE MS/Prentiss/Tishomingo), K1REZ (ADEC), WX5SE (Itawamba), WA5TEF (Lee), and KB5VE (SE MS).

PIO Report: KF5ZCI

Club Newsletter/Reports (Editor): Delta ARES (K5JAW) and Meridian ARC (W5MAV)

Regret to report the passing of N5MH of Port Gibson.

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

Magnolia Section Net 30/1023/8 (K5DSG)
MS Baptist Hams Net 4/36/0 (WF5F)
MSPN 30/2042/8 (K5NRK)

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

Booneville and Prentiss County Net 5/45/0 (WX5N)
Capital Area Em Net 4/67/0 (K5XU)
Delta ARES Simplex Net 4/20/0 (K5JAW)
Hattiesburg ARC Emergency 2M Net 4/86/0 (K5TLL)
Hattiesburg ARC 10M Simplex Net 4/36/0 (K5TLL)
Hattiesburg ARC 2M Simplex Net 1/10/0 (K5TLL)
Itawamba County ARES 4/63/4 (WX5SE)
Jackson County Em Net 26/495/0 (K5MOZ)

Lowndes County ARC Net 5/54/0 (KF5AZ)
MDXA Net 5/43/0 (W5DAW)
Metro Jackson ARES Net 3/38/0 (AE5SK)
MS Coast Em Services, WX, Training, and Tech Net May 5/81/0 (N5AHM)
Miss/Lou Em Net 4/24/0 (K5NRK)
MS Preparedness Project EN 4/37/0 (KF5RFB)
Northeast MS Skywarn Net 4/43/0 (WA5TEF)
Pearl River ARES Net 4/47/0 (KE5WJN)
Rankin County ARES Net 4/69/0 (KG5AVT)
Scott County ARES 4/49/0 (KC5IIW)
Southeast Mississippi ARES Net 1/17/1 (K5TLL)
Tishomingo ARC Net 5/70/0 (WX5N)
UMARC UHF Net 4/19/0 (K5LMB)
UMARC VHF Net 4/40/0 (K5LMB)

PSHR - W5XX 72 and KA5DON 70.
Traffic: KA5DON 20 and W5XX 2.

Compilation of Net Statistics net statistics provided by KB5RCJ.