

## Mississippi Section Report for August 2009

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Clear your calendar for the 2009 ARRL Day in the Park which will be held on Saturday, September 26 at Camp Shelby. The event will start at 0800 and end around 1600. The Hattiesburg ARC, the Magnolia DX Association, and the Lamar County ARC will be sponsoring the event. Besides the world class Military Museum, there will be a number of EMCOMM vehicles on display including MEMA MOBOPS, K5XXG, K5GVR, Salvation Army, and the Mississippi National Guard. In addition there will be displays of the latest Military communications equipment, as well as some of the latest Ham digital modes (MT63, Olivia, PSK 125, and HF Email via WinLink Airmail).

Entry to the Post is only thru the South Gate on US 49 South of Hattiesburg. You must have your driver's license and proof of insurance to get your vehicle on base. It would also be helpful to have the pink slip for your vehicle that you received when you purchased your license plate sticker for your vehicle (some counties give you the yellow slip instead). If you don't have a driver's license and proof of insurance you can park your car outside the gate and you will then will be ferried to the Day in the Park area. If you don't have your pink registration slip, this will result in a delay at the Gate, but you can get in. Once on base there will be signs directing you to the Museum and Picnic Area.

Food and drink will be available. Don't forget to bring your QSL card as some of the prizes will be drawn from those cards. Additional information is available from Day in the Park Chairman KA5DON at don.rand@us.army.mil.

The Hinds County ARES group in conjunction with the MEMA RACES group and with support from the Jackson ARC conducted an emergency communications training class at MEMA on the 22nd. The roll showed 70 students in attendance from all over the state which was an exceptional turnout. The topics covered were Net Control Station Procedures, Skywarn Operations, formal traffic handling, an introduction to RACES, and a tour of the MEMA EOC. The speakers included N5DU, K5XU, AB5WF and KE5KTU, EC Hinds County and principle class organizer. A big thanks to KE5VMQ (KE5KTU's XYL), for the behind the scenes food preparation and an excellent job on preparing the class certificates. Also, thanks to K5KKD (K5XU's XYL) for providing some really super deserts. KE5KTU indicates that he hopes this is the first of many training sessions.

These are happy days for DXers even though the sunspots seemed to have disappeared forever. The Year 2000 DXpedition to Yemen has been finally approved for reasons that are

not yet clear; however, according to N5FG, now that 701YGF was approved, the Magnolia DX Association now has the following members at the Top of the DXCC Honor Roll: W5AV, K4JRB, W5XX, N5FG, W5FKX, W5FI, K5JZ, N5WI, W0XV, K5VV, W5CIA, and KE5K. In addition, 11 more MDXA members are on the Honor Roll (meaning that they have all but 10 or less worked, but haven't made the Top, yet). Congratulations to all!

State RACES Officer AB5WF notes that the Jackson and Mobile NWS Offices have set up a method to relay storm reports via their websites. From their home pages click on 'Submit a Storm Report.' If you don't have these websites bookmarked they can be reached quickly by going to [www.arrlmiss.org](http://www.arrlmiss.org) and then going to 'links.' Thus far, New Orleans and Memphis have not added this feature.

Gulf Coast DEC K5XXV reports that on August 13, KE5OFW, KE5OFR and K5XXV took the K5XXV EMCOMM trailer to Hancock County to help with communications for the EMA and Sheriff's Dept. during a missing child search. They were able to maintain communications between the Search & Rescue Teams and the Incident Commander during the six hour search resulting in the child being found.

EC K5FV reports that the Rankin County ARES group attended a class at River Oaks Hospital, on Saturday August 15 and received training and certification in FEMA IS-100HC, IS-200HC, and IS-700. This training is required by River Oaks, in order for the Rankin County ARES members to be able to operate the radio station there. Those attending were WM5A, K5FV, KE5DHC, KE5PYM, AD5ZN, KB8BMA., KE5WAD, NH6KN, KF5IZ, KE5YLS, KE5JKD, KE5WRC, and future hams Cicely Kumor and Debra Stewart. The class was taught by KE5UQS, Security Chief, and by KE5UQT, Head Security officer.

Lauderdale/Clarke Counties EC KD5GWM is retiring after eight years of service due to health considerations. Thanks for your efforts, Donna! AE5FE will be taking over as EC, and Donna will remain active as an Assistant EC.

Asst. EC KE5WUN reports that the Panola County ARES Group is rejuvenating and reports that a 2 Meter Net has been started. In addition, the City of Sardis may be able to make an office and meeting room available for ARES use.

Welcome to the following new Mississippi Hams: KF5CLQ, Nathanael – Saucier; KF5CLX, James – Corinth; KF5CLY, Marvin – Tupelo; KF5CLZ, David – Diamondhead; KF5CMA, David – Gautier; KF5CMB, Mariah – Biloxi; KF5COI, Raven – Wiggins; KF5COJ, Heather – Wiggins; KF5CQI, William – Hernando; KF5CQJ, Albert – Heidelberg; KF5CSA, Roy – Sardis; KF4CSC, Nina – Hernando; KF5CSD, Michael – Nesbit; KF5CSE, Mclean – Nesbit, and KF5CST, Megin – Pass Christian.

Welcome to the following new ARRL Members: KF5AGH – Perkinston; KF5AGJ – Perkinston; KF5AMF – Ovett; KF5APO – Mantachie; KF5AQD – Hattiesburg; KF5ATV – Myrtle; KF5BXH – Hattiesburg; KF5CFE – Pittsboro; KF5CJJ – Perkinston; KF5CLB – Olive Branch; KF5CLC – Olive Branch; KF5CLY – Tupelo; WD8CWD – De Kalb; N5DOK – Clarksdale; WA5H – Brandon; KD5IDT – Vancleave; K5KKD – Jackson; NH6KN – Pearl; NW5MP – Columbus; W5OXA – Biloxi; KE6PZH – Collins; KE5QIK – Long Beach; KE5SUS – Jackson; KD5TY – Gulfport; K5US – Poplarville; KC4UYI – Clinton; K5XU – Jackson; N5YAB – Wiggins; KE5YBS – Hattiesburg; KE5YCM – New Albany; KE5ZPV – Columbus; KE5ZWV – Clinton,

and WA4ZYN – Horn Lake. 34 new members in one month – Great! Mississippi ARRL Membership now stands at 1,050.

Also welcome to KE5KTU as DEC for West Central Mississippi.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KF5AGH – Perkinston; KF5AGK – Perkinston; KC5BBX – Union Church; KF5CLC – Olive Branch; KD5IVK – Pass Christian; KE5SOK – Lorman; KE5SUS – Jackson; KC5TYT – Natchez; KE5UGI – Starkville; and KE5YEH – Sumrall.

Also congratulations to N5SP, who completed the ARRL Level 1 EMCOMM Course, and KD5LAP, who completed FEMA IS-400.

Club Newsletters/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Jackson ARC (K5XU), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), Pearl River County ARC (N5WLW), Northeast Mississippi ARA (KB5NMB), and the Vicksburg ARC (W5WAF).

DEC/EC Reports: WB5CON (NE/MS and Alcorn), KC5EAK (Pearl River), K5FV (Rankin), WB5GUD (Newton), KD5GWM (Lauderdale/Clarke), KE5KTU (Hinds), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), KE5WUN (Panola), and K5XXV (Gulf Coast).

Regret to report the passing of K5BIR of Hattiesburg.

Net reports: sessions/QNI/QTC (Net Manager)

MS Section Phone Net 31/3109/18 (K5NRK)

Magnolia Section Net 31/674/7 (K5DSG)

MTN 30/157/13 (K4VIZ)

Jackson Co ARES 31/621/8 (K5MOZ)

MS Slow Net 21/30/0 (W3TWD)

MS Baptists Ham Net 5/31/0 (WF5F)

Ole Miss ARC 5/29/0 (K5LMB)

Metro Jackson ARES 5/64/3 (KE5KTU)

MS-LA EN 5/34/2 (K5NRK)

NE MS ARES 5/61/0 (W5LMW)

MCARA 5/48/0 (KA2KMU)

Capital Area EN 5/103/1 (K5XU)

Newton County ARES 5/27/0 (WB5GUD)

Stone Co ARES Net 5/91/1 (KC5VCB)

Hattiesburg AEN 5/139/0 (K5MIQ)

Rankin Co ARES 4/30/0 (K5FV)

Tishomingo County ARES Net 4/129/18 (WX5N)

Booneville and Prentiss Co ARES 4/54/3 (WX5N)

MDXA 4/74/0 (AE5JG)

Meridian Area EN 4/46/0 (KD5GWM)

Jackson ARC EN 4/48/0 (N5DU)

Itawamba Co ARES 4/53/2 (KB5NMB)

South MS YL Net 4/56/0 (KB5CSQ)

Pearl River ARES 4/55/0 (KC5EAK)

Southern Coast Med Supply 4/45/0 (AE5JG)

Alcorn ARES 4/35/0 (WB5CON)

PSHR: W5XX 106

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