

Mississippi Section Report for January 2013

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Thanks to the Jackson ARC for hosting another great Capital City Hamfest! Chairman K5GCY and statistical assistant KE5JKD report there were slightly over eleven hundred in attendance. Special Guests in attendance included K5UZ, Delta Division Director, and W4MD, Alabama SM. Forum Chairman K4FMH reports that two new forums were offered this year: the 'DX College' by N5FG, W5UE, and K2FF, all members of the 599 DX Association. If you missed this presentation it can be viewed at http://www.599dxa.org/DX_College.pdf. In addition, a forum on 'Club Leadership Development' was presented by the Mississippi State University Extension Service led by Dr. Ryan Akers and Staff. This presentation is anticipated to be presented at other Delta Division Section Conventions.

VE Team Leader K5BLL reports that 23 candidates reported for the Hamfest Testing Session supported by 12 VE's. Bill indicates that we have 10 new Technicians, 4 General, and 2 Extras. Good Show!

Hamfest Chairman K5GCY wishes to thank the following hams and wives, who helped to make this another great Hamfest: N5GT, K5CID, KE5JKD, KE5WAC, K5BFA, N5TQF, K1JHS, N5VEI, N5DU, WS7EOC, KC5LK, WX5H, N3TZJ, KC5STC, KC5OSM, AD5XR, N5KLT, K5TDD, WM5A, K4FMH, W5RUE, K5XU, K5KKD, K5BLL, AE5SK, KF5EZT, AK5J, KD5SPB, KD5JPB, N5WDG, and Annie Spencer.

And the next big event on the Mississippi Ham Calendar is the Tenth running of the Mississippi QSO Party on February 23 from 9 AM to 9 PM local. We don't think too much about it if a 100 Mississippi Stations from 40 counties check in to the MSPN on a given night, but for some folks around the country and world they would be satisfied for just one Mississippi QSO to finish up their WAS or to find a Mississippi Station on that last band they need for 5BWAS. The Mississippi QSO Party is the one time of the year when stations have a sure shot at a Mississippi Station.

Since a lot of Mississippi Stations tend to collect around 3862 during the QSO Party let's also use 3857 and 3867 to spread the activity out a little. Also don't forget the higher bands. That's where the out of state stations will be on the lookout for a Mississippi QSO or a new county. Complete rules can be found on the Mississippi Web Site at www.arrlmiss.org.

If you plan to operate portable or mobile (or fixed from a rare county), send this information to N5NA at acsewell@gmail.com. Alan is putting together a website of planned operations during the QSO Party and will make this information known worldwide. The link to this site will be on the home page of the Section Web Site. See you on the air during the QSO Party!

The Vicksburg ARC provided communications for the 'Chill in the Hills' run and walk through the hills and valleys of downtown Vicksburg. Although there was not much chill (65 degrees) some 200 plus participants negotiated the tortuous course. VARC was able to help with numerous logistical issues brought about by many turns throughout the course. VARC Activities Chairman N5KWT thanks the following for their assistance: K5IMT, N5JGK, WB5YKR, W5WAF, K5NRK, KA4CSG, KA4JKW, and W5XX and all the way from Crystal Springs KE5JKD and KE5WAC. Thanks for coming up!

And speaking of the weather in January, the deep dip in the Jet Stream and the warm air from the Gulf resulted in several Skyward activations across the State. NWS-Jackson Skywarn Co-Coordinator KE5PYM reports that activations were necessary on January 19 (9.5 hours) and January 30 (15.5 hours).

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in January: KF5TIG, Joe – Gulfport; KF5TIH, Carl – Vancleave; KF5TIS, David – Biloxi; KF5TJK, Walter – Coffeeville; KF5TJO, Christopher – Lucedale; KF5TJT, Robert – Olive Branch; KF5TJU, David – Olive Branch; KF5TKE, Caleb – Starkville; KF5TKY, Lori – Booneville; KF5TMM, Robert – Amory; KF5TNS, Eddie – Jackson; KF5TNV, Patrick – Pearl; KF5TNY, David – Picayune; KF5TPB, Lee – Mathiston; KF5TPT, James – Olive Branch; KF5TPU, Danny – Horn Lake, KF5TQJ, Christopher – Clinton; KF5TQK, Chester – Terry; KF5TQM, Antonio – Jackson; KF5TQO, Jason – Meadville; KF5TQP, Shawn – Florence; KF5TQQ, Diane – Pelahatchie; KF5TQR, Jeffrey – Wesson; and KF5TQS, Eric – Canton.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in October: KA5ASF – Poplarville; AB5FI – Grenada; KF5MEG – Meridian; AD5JW – Philadelphia; W5MZX – Long Beach; KD5OFX – Ellisville; AD5OW – Meridian; KF5SBO – Tupelo; KF5SUM – Sardis; KF5SZU – Diamondhead; and KB5ZKU – Mize. As of January 31 Mississippi had 1,141 ARRL Members, up 5 from last month. Another new record! Thanks to all who promote ARRL Membership!

And last but not least welcome to K1REZ as DEC for East Central Mississippi, W5JMJ and KC5IIW as AECs for Scott County, K5GCY AEC for Hinds County, WB5BNV AEC for Lauderdale/Clarke Counties, and KF5DJS as EC for Yazoo County. Former EC KE5YES becomes the Asst. EC.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KF5APN – Smithville; WB5EUT – Tchula; KC5IIW – Morton; KD5JPB – Jackson; KC5MUV – Benton; KC5NJA – Brandon; KD5NOI (now AF5II) – Hattiesburg; KF5PLO – Pelahatchie; KF5RFC – Pearl; KF5RYJ – Petal; KF5SDB – Olive Branch; KF5SEH – Brandon; KF5SEI – Benton; KF5SEW – Madison; N5SIX – Brandon; KF5TAU – Hattiesburg; and KF5TGT – Utica.

Also congratulations new Pearl River ARC Officers: President – N5DOT; VP – W0TMK; Secretary – K5WNU; and Treasurer – K5RDA; and last but not least congratulations to AE5JG and KE5QHZ, who were presented with A-1 Operator Certificates at a recent Jackson County ARA Meeting..

2012 EC Annual Report: KF5EZT (Rankin), W5JWW (Tallahatchie), KE5KTU (Hinds), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), KB5NMB (Itawamba), N9OKV (Harrison), K1REZ (Scott), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

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DEC/EC Monthly Reports for December 2012: KF5EZT (Rankin), AE5FE (Lauderdale/Clarke), KE5KTU (Hinds), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), NE5P (Lamar), WV1Q (Jasper), K1REZ (Scott), and KE5WJN (Pearl River).

Club Newsletter/Reports (Editor): Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Lowndes County ARC (AD5DO), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), Mississippi Coast ARA (KB9ZR), and the Northeast Mississippi ARA (KE5SSB).

Regret to report the passing of W5LV of Grenada. Bill was an avid pilot and motorcycle rider, and regular checkin to the MSPN.

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

Magnolia Section Net 31/1019/19 (K5DSG)
MS Baptist Hams Net 4/29/0 (WF5F)
MSPN 31/2941/32 (K5NRK)
MS Slow Net 23/55/0 (W3TWD)

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

Booneville and Prentiss County Net 5/65/0 (WX5N)
Capital Area Em Net 4/78/0 (K5XU)
Central Mississippi Skywarn 2/62/3 (KE5PYM)
Delta ARES Simplex Net 4/32/0 (K5JAW)
Grenada/Yalobusha ARES Net 5/32/0 (AD5IT)
Itawamba County ARES Net 5/78/1 (KB5NMB)
Jackson ARC Em Net 5/58/0 (N5DU)
Jackson County Em Net 26/459/0 (K5MOZ)
Magnolia DX Assn Net 4/68/0 (K5OAZ)
Meridian Area EM Net 5/62/0 (AE5FE)
Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/60/0 (K5GCY)
MS Coast ARA Net X/XX/X (K5KMU)
Miss/Lou Em Net 4/33/0 (K5NRK)
NE MS Skywarn Net 4/62/0 (W5LMW)
Olive Branch ARC Tech and Info Net 12/151/0 (KD5CKP)
Panola County ARES Net 2/15/0 (KC5DPJ)
Pearl River ARES Net 4/55/0 (KE5WJN)
Pearl River ARC Net 5/107/0 (K5RDA)
Rankin County ARES 5/76/0 (KE5EZT)
Scott County ARES Net 4/47/0 (K1REZ/W5JMJ) December 3/33/0
South Central Skywarn and Jasper County ARES 4/29/0 (WV1Q)
Southern MS YL Net 4/39/0 (KB5CSQ`)
Stateline Skywarn Net 5/68/0 (KB5NMB)
Stone County ARES Net 4/61/0 (N5UDK)
Tishomingo ARC Net 5/73/0 (WX5N)
UMARC Net 4/38/0 (K5LMB)
Yazoo County ARES Net 5/25/0 (KF5DJS)

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Compilation of Net statistics provided by KB5RCJ.