

Mississippi Section Report for June 2008

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The Gulf Coast and Southeast Mississippi ARES Districts conducted a hurricane preparedness and response planning meeting at Wiggins on June 20. Organized by Asst. DEC N5UDK and moderated by DEC W4WLF, the topics covered included the Mississippi Emergency Communications Response Plan (W5XX), MEMA and RACES (AB5WF), Winlink/Outpost (WB5BNV), Serving Your EOC and Grants (N5ELI), VHF Link to Jackson (K5GVR), D-Star Update (W4WLF), MT63 and Traffic (K5DMC), Hospital Stations Update (K5XXV and N5UDK), APRS and Echolink VOIP Hurricane Net (N5UDK). With some 25 hams in attendance the following District counties were represented: Forrest, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Lamar, Pearl River, and Stone. This was an excellent opportunity for information exchange. Hopefully others ARES districts will hold similar planning meetings.

Depending where you were in Mississippi during Field Day, you were either cussing or discussing the weather. North of I-20 the weather was 'generally' pleasant, but along and South of I-20 the weather gods served up plenty of rain and lightening. In spite of sometimes rough weather and lousy band conditions, most Field Day participants enjoyed plenty of fun, food, and fellowship. As of this writing those clubs up and running for Field Day were the Alcorn County ARES (W4TX), the Delta ARA (N5PS), the Central Mississippi ARA (WM5A), the Hattiesburg ARC (K5PN), the Jackson ARC (W5PFC), the Lowndes County ARC (KC5ULN), the Magnolia DX Association (K5MDX), the Meridian ARC (W5FQ), the Mississippi Coast ARA (W5SGL), the Northeast Mississippi ARC (W5NEM), the Olive Branch ARC (W5OBM), the Pearl River ARC (K5PRC), the Southwest Mississippi ARC (W5WQ), the Starkville ARC (AA5MT), the Sundancer ARC (KD5YBU), the Tippah County ARA (K5DGL), the Tishomingo County ARA (W5TCR), the Tupelo ARC (KK5K), the University of Mississippi ARC (W5UMS), and the Vicksburg ARC (K5ZRO).

Media coverage was great. As the result of Governor Barbour signing a proclamation proclaiming June 22-29 as Amateur Radio Week in Mississippi, several newspaper articles were published based on the Proclamation and additional info provided by local hams (Thanks to AK5J for coordinating the Proclamation). In addition, several TV stations visited Field Day Sites for interviews including WCBI at the Northeast Mississippi ARC site, WLOX at the Pearl River ARC site, WJTV and WAPT at the Central Mississippi ARC site, and WLBT and WJTV at the Jackson ARC Site.

WD2XSH/6 (W5THT) continues to conduct weekly daytime ground wave tests with volunteer reporters as well as the nightly ARRL-sponsored 600 meter tests. As of the end of June 2008 the home-brew 811 rig and flat top antenna have been on the air over 3300 hours. Pat says 600-meter reports are always welcome!

Welcome to the following new Mississippi Hams: KE5UXE – Gilda, Blue Mountain; KE5VAF, Marshall – Kiln; KE5VAG, Anthony – Biloxi; KE5VAH, David – Saucier; KE5VBR, Darrell - Tupelo; KE5VBS, Matt – Tupelo; KE5VBT, Justin – Okolona; KE5VCC, Patrick – Ocean Springs; KE5VEB, Thomas – Cleveland; KE5VFK, Morgan – Tishomingo; KE5VGE – Larry, Blue Mountain; KE5VGO – William, Nesbit; KE5VAG, Anthony – Biloxi; KE5VIB, Jennifer – Meridian; KE5VID, Ricky – Kosciusko; KE5VIE, Jared – Meridian; KE5VIF, Charles – Laurel; KE5VIG, John – Oxford; KE5VIH, Frederick – Water Valley; KE5VII, James – Oxford; KE5VIJ, Susan – Oxford; and KE5VIU, Kristopher – Clinton.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KE5IZE – Crystal Springs; KD5NXD – Oxford; KE5OPL - Hernando; KE5OVP – Amory; KE5RDP – Water Valley; KE5RDQ – Oxford; KE5RXN – Golden; KE5UBW – Madison; KE5ULT – Gulfport; W5VXG – Jackson; and KB5ZDZ – Kosciusko.

Also congratulations to W5GED and K5YG on having their article entitled 'Zone 2 in 2007' published in the DX Magazine. And to KY5U, who got his picture in the Dallas Morning News as the result of a radio interview at Ham-Com 2008.

From the DX Corner K2FF reports that kudos are in order for W5UE, who is QSL Manager for HC8N. A recent activity survey from the Logbook of the World indicates that HC8N is the most active DX Station particularly in contests.

Welcome to the following new ARRL Members: KJ4BW – Madison; W7FUS – Poplarville; KE5MQL – Iuka; KE5MVX – Gulfport; KB5OAT – Long Beach; KE5RRT – Long Beach; AC5Q – Florence; KE5TAZ - Coldwater; KE5TPQ – Hernando; KE5UQS – Brandon; KE5UXD – Brandon; KE5VAF – Kiln; KE5VCC – Ocean Springs; and K5XXV – Gulfport. The Section Membership is now 995. Keep Pushing!

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

DEC/EC Monthly Reports: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), KC5EAK (Pearl River), WB5GUD (Newton), KD5GWM (Lauderdale/Clarke), WX5N (Tishomingo/Prentiss), N5TBB (Tippah), and N5ZNT (SW MS). May Report: N5ZNT (SW MS).

Regret to report the passing of W5UUG of Biloxi and KD5UF of Raymond.

Net Reports: Session/QNI/QTC (Net Manager)

DRN5 60/MS 100% rep by W5XX, WB5ZED, W5MLO, WA5FB (WB5ZED)

MSPN 30/2906/16 (K5NRK)

MS Traffic Net 30/127/1 (KB5W)

MS Slow Net 21/45/0 (W3TWD)

MS Baptist Hams Net 5/42/1 (WF5F)

Stone County ARES Net 5/69/0 (N5UDK)

MLEN 5/36/2 (K5NRK)

Monroe County ARC 5/41/0 (AD5DO)

Alcorn County ARES 5/63/0 (WB5CON)

Tishomingo County ARES 4/104/5 (WX5N)

Meridian AEN 4/34/0 (KD5GWM)

Itawamba County ARES 4/42/2 (KB5NMB)

Newton County ARES 4/21/0 (WB5GUD)

Magnolia DX Assc 4/58/0 (N5FG)

South MS YL Net 4/69/0 (KB5CSQ)

Lowndes County ARC 4/36/0 (AD5DO)

Pearl River ARES 4/47/0 (KC5EAK)

MS Coast ARA 4/45/0 (KA2KMU)

UMISS ARC 4/32/1 (W5MPC)

MCARA Net 4/45/0 (KA2KMU)

NE MS ARES 3/49/0 (W5LMW)

SW MS ARES 3/30/0 (N5ZNT); May Report 4/37/0.

Late Report (May): Hattiesburg AEN 4/117/0

PSHR (minimum 70): WB5ZED 150 and W5XX 98.

Traffic: WB5ZED 3987(BPL), WA5FB 27, and W5XX 12.

Compilation of Net and Traffic statistics provided by KB5RCJ.