

## Mississippi Section Report for March 2007

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The Andrew Jackson Council in cooperation with the Copiah County EMA and the Crystal Springs ARC conducted Search and Rescue (S&R) Training for Scouts during the Spring Camporee at Camp Hood in Copiah County. Hams provided communications from the S&R Lanes between the Strike Teams and the Incident Command Post. Additionally, hams ensured that the Strike Teams stayed in their search lanes and didn't get lost themselves (the woods had very dense vegetation; only one Scout got lost, but was quickly located). Those Hams that risk the elements and kept the Scouts headed in the right direction were KD5KTP, AC5Y, AB5WF, KD5CQX, KA5JNG, KB5UDF, KM5GE, and W5XX.

600 Meter DXer WD2XSH/6 (W5THT) has completed his new amp (four 811A's) with an ERP of 7.9 watts using his backyard antenna farm. With some more work Pat hopes to push this to 20 watts ERP which is the maximum allowed for the experimental stations. WD2XSH/6 is being heard well in the eastern US with some reports from the west. See [www.500kc.com](http://www.500kc.com) for maps of completed QSOs, reception reports, and photos of 600-Meter stations. Can WAS/DXCC be far away?

Mississippi has for the most part escaped the severe weather bullet as compared with years past. However, EC KB0ZTX reports one round of severe thunderstorms in the Memphis area requiring ARES net activation with several hail reports being passed to the Memphis NWS. Those on the net were KD5VMV (DeSoto EMA), N5UOV, KE5EOR, KE4OFA, KI4TGQ, KE5MXY, W9IK, KE5BXL, KD5ONH, KE5EOS, KD5MYQ, N5PYQ, KB4FLW, and KB0ZTS (NCS). In addition, N5MZ reports that the Hattiesburg ARC Emergency Net was activated during the storm event on March 1. Ham stations at the Forrest EOC, Wesley Medical Center, and Forrest General Hospital monitored the progress of the storm and advised officials of tornado warnings and provided reports of hail and downed trees to the NWS.

KB5JN reports that the Mississippi Baptist Disaster Team had their annual training at Central Hills Baptist Assembly at Kosciusko. The mobile communications trailer is now fully operational and 30 hams are ready to man the trailer in the event of an emergency.

Gulf Coast DEC W4WLF represented Mississippi in the Ham Forum at the National Hurricane Conference in New Orleans. Tom presented a paper on his experiences during Katrina. The Ham community was also represented by speakers from Alabama and Louisiana.

Forrest County EC KD5XG reports that the Hattiesburg ARC provided communications for the 1.5-mile run sponsored by the USM Sports Recreation Department. The race was held along the Longleaf Trace Trail with communications being provided by N4FF, W5KGJ, and KD5XG.

AC5Y passes along that the Crystal Springs ARC sponsored a SkyWarn Training Class for emergency responders in Copiah County. Steve Wilkinson from the Jackson NWS presented the training to 50 plus attendees!

WB5BNV reports that a reliable 2-Meter packet link between Meridian and the Gulf Coast is now a reality. With a packet link having been in place between Meridian and Jackson for some time, Central Mississippi now has a firm link to the Coast that can be used to pass emergency traffic during hurricane events. For more info contact [k5asl@yahoo.com](mailto:k5asl@yahoo.com).

Be sure to clear your calendar for April 14<sup>th</sup>. This Saturday will be Ham Radio all day. Starting at 8:00 AM the Hattiesburg ARC will host their annual 'Junk in the Trunk Sale' in the parking lot of the Longleaf Trace Building on the north side of the USM Campus next to the watertower. POC

is AC5E at [ac5e@comcast.net](mailto:ac5e@comcast.net). VE Exams will be held at 1 PM in Allen's Trophy Shop in Historic Downtown Hattiesburg.

And then a few miles down the road at Wiggins, the Magnolia DX Association will have their Spring Picnic at the Roadside Park on US 49 starting about noon. You are guaranteed to hear plenty of QRM/QRN regarding Tall towers and Tall tales about strange places like Swains Island and Scarborough Reef. POC is [n5fg@mdxa.org](mailto:n5fg@mdxa.org).

Following the Picnic (about 2:45), Gulf Coast DEC W4WLF will lead an expedition from the Roadside Park to the newly activated McHenry Emergency Repeater Site which is located at the WXXV Transmitter Facility east of US 49 on Wire Road. This is about 15 minutes from the Roadside Park. Located in the facility are a D-Start Repeater, the 147.165 K5GVR Repeater, and the 147.375 MDXA Repeater, as well APRS and Digi Machines. If you don't come to the picnic, but want to visit the WXXV Site, contact [w4wlf@arrl.net](mailto:w4wlf@arrl.net).

And to finish out April, The Tupelo ARC is sponsoring 'Papa Jack Trade Day' at the Tupelo Club House at the Airport on April 28 starting at 8 AM. Prizes and food. POC: WJ5K at [wj5k@yahoo.com](mailto:wj5k@yahoo.com) or KD5NSP at [kd5nsp@arrl.net](mailto:kd5nsp@arrl.net).

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KE5AZT – Brookhaven; KE5BOC – Cleveland; KE5CAO – Gautier; KE5DHD – Meridian; KD5EFG – Guntown; KC5FAC – Jackson; KE5FTF - Ocean Springs; KE5HJC – Flora; KE5IHO – Hattiesburg; KE5IKC – Purvis; KE5JJB – Purvis; KE5KBG – Falkner; KE5KRD – Corinth; KE5KRE – Corinth; KE5KJS – Petal; KE5KRF – Corinth; KE5KRG – luka; KE5KVM – New Site; KE5LCP – Batesville; KE5LWZ – luka; KE5LXA – luka; KE5MAV – luka; KE5MIS – Coffeeville; KE5MLG – Pelahatchie; KE5MOZ – Vancleave; KD5NDU – Water Valley; KD5NOI – Hattiesburg; KC5PIA – Laurel; KD5RGT – Smithdale; KE4RXB – Glen; KD5SBB – Baldwyn; KD5UBC – Jackson; KC5UDM – Oxford; KD5UJJ – Laurel; N5VWS – Meridian; N5VYW – Osyka, KB5WAT – State Line; KB5WAU – State line; KD5WYM – Brookhaven; N5XZF – Ellisville; KD5YBE – Saitillo; N5YWP - Flowood; KD5ZXL – Natchez; N5ZNT – Bogue Chitto (way to go Jeffery!).

Also congratulations are in order for KE5JKC who completed FEMA Courses 100/200/700/800.

Welcome to new Mississippi Hams: KE5MUO, Marion – Columbus; KE5MUP, William – Starkville; KE5MWB, Jon – Meridian; KE5MWC, Ronnie – Richton; KE5MWD, John – Hattiesburg; KE5MXC, Richard – Oxford; KE5MXD, Wendy – Meridian; KE5MXY, Bennett – Olive Branch; KE5NBC, Samuel – Hernando; KE5NBD, Tommie – Hernando; KE5NBE, Dan – Columbus; and KE5NGT, Melanie – Gulfport.

In addition, welcome to new ARRL Members: KE5AZT – Brookhaven; KC5BBY – Brandon; KE5BYF – Columbus; AB5DA – Jackson; KD5GHV – Magee; N5ILU – Hattiesburg; WJ5K – Tupelo; AC4JB – Hernando; KC5KPG – Starkville; WB5LKC – Saucier; KE5MFN – Mississippi State; KE5MUP – Starkville; KE5MWA – Gulfport; KE5MWB – Hattiesburg; KE5MVZ – Gulfport; KE5NBC – Hernando; KE5NBD – Hernando; WA4RAU – Lumberton; KG5SX – Hattiesburg; KD4OFA – Hernando; AD5TJ – Poplarville; N5UCF – Gulfport; N5UIQ Gulfport; KD5VHX – Senatobia; WV5Z – Union;

Newsletter/Club Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Jackson County ARA (KB5FHX), Vicksburg ARC (W5WAF)

DEC/EC Monthly Reports: WB5CON (NE MS), KD5CQT (Jackson), KC5EAK (Pearl River), WB5GUD (Newton), KD5GWM (Lauderdale/Clarke), WX5N (Prentiss), N5TBB (Tippah/Benton), W4WLF (Gulf Coast), K5WSY (Tishomingo), KD5XG (Forrest), N5ZNT (SW MS), KB0ZTX (Marshall).

PIC Report: N5TBB

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

DRN5 62/MS 100% rep by N5FP, W5MLO, W5OXA, WB5ZED, WA5FB, W5XX (WB5ZED)

MSPN 31/3305/38 (K5NRK)

MS TFC Net 32/151/4 (KB5W)

Magnolia Section Net 31/1027/6 (AD5J)

Jackson Co ARES 31/544/10 (KD5CQT)

MS Slow Net 21/55/1 (W3TWD)

Hattiesburg AEN 6/151/2 (N5MZ)

Itawamba Co ARES Net 5/57/0 (KB5NMB)

Newton County ARES 5/36/0 (WB5GUD)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/48/1 (WF5F)

Magnolia DX Assc 4/96/0 (N5FG)

Tishomingo Co ARC 4/82/2 (KU4WW)

MLEN 4/35/0 (K5NRK)

MS Em Digital Net 4/20/0 (K5ASL)

Meridian Area EN 4/38/0 (KD5GWM)

JARC EN 4/64/0 (AB5WF)

Monroe Co ARC Net 4/52/0 (AD5DO)

NE MS ARES 4/51/0 (W5LMW)

Lowndes Co ARC Net 4/66/0 (AD5DO)

Pearl River Co ARES 4/30/2 (KC5EAK)

Stone County ARES 4/65/0 (N5UDK)

Metro Jackson ARES 4/70/0 (AB5WF)

MCARA CARES 4/44/0 (KA2KMU)

PSHR (minimum 70): W5XX 170, WB5ZED 150

Traffic: WB5ZED 2970 (BPL)

Compilation of Net and Traffic statistics provided by N5FP, Mississippi Section Traffic Manager.

