

Mississippi Section Report for March 2010

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ARRL Headquarters has announced that Mike, W5MPC, of Oxford has been selected as the new ARRL Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager. Mike and his XYL have moved to Connecticut, and Mike reported for duty on April 12. This is a signal honor for Mississippi in that one of our own has been selected for this critical EMCOMM Staff Position. Among other duties Mike's focus will be on implementing the recommendations of the National Emergency Response Planning Committee.

The logs for the 2010 Mississippi QSO Party are in and the claimed the scores for the Top Ten Mississippi Stations are from AG5Z, W4HOZ, K5DWI, AE5BR, NI5F, NA5DX, WB5ASP, K5TV, K2FF, and W5UMS. The Top Mississippi Mobiles are W3DYA, K4ZGB, NO5W, and N5CW, and the Top Mississippi Portable is W5GWD. The Top Our-of State entries are N6MU (CA), AD5WI (AR), W5ESE (TX), K4YT (VA), and WB8WKQ (MI). Remember these are all claimed scores. Now, let the log checking begin. Hopefully, the final rankings will be available for the next month's Section Newsletter.

Mississippi hams have been getting some good PR in recent weeks. Harrison County EC N9OKV reports that the Mississippi Coast ARA had a nice spot on the WLOX evening news and the TV station's web site regarding preparations for the Mississippi QSO Party and the CQ 160 SSB Test. The Monroe County ARC had a nice write up in the Monroe Journal on on EMCOMM and club activities including a photo of KA1RBC, AD5DO, and K5BUL.

DEC KB0ZTX reports that potentially severe weather moved into Northwest Mississippi in early April prompting the DeSoto County Emergency Net to activate. In spite of several warnings issued by the NWS no fatalities or damage resulted. Those weather spotters keeping watch on the net were KE5NBC, KE5MXY, KD5CKP, KE5GYQ, K5OMC, KE5RHM, KD5LJE, KE5EOR, W9IK, N5UOV, KD5CWF, W5LJD, KF5EQC, and KF5EQD.

EC WX5N reports that the Tishomingo County ARC again pulled their EMCOMM trailer to heights of Woodall Mountain to participate in the ARRL SSB Contest. With antennas erected in the trees using the infamous 'potato gun' and two rigs on the air, there were plenty of opportunities to work DX. Although the TCARC did not make a record score, there was plenty of fun, food, and fellowship. Those participating were KJ4ISD, KU4WW, KA5GNM, KD5YP, N5ML, WX5N, WB5VGV, and KE5LWY.

Due to medical considerations, KD5CKP has found it necessary to retire as DEC for Northwest Mississippi after 10 years of service. Thanks, Tim! Replacing Tim will be KB0ZTX, who is also the EC for Marshall County. In addition, due to W5MPC's departure for Newington, K5LMB will take over as EC for Lafayette County. Additionally, in the area of EMCOMM, welcome to KE5YES as EC for Yazoo County. And lastly, due to illness in his family, WB5GUD has retired as EC for Newton County. Thanks, for your efforts, Fred.

Also welcome to new Mississippi hams: KF5FGW, Adam – Oxford; KF5FJT, Lily – Tillatoba; KF5FJU, Shelby – Coffeeville; KF5FJV, Hunter – Coffeeville; KF5FJW, Odis – Tillatoba; KF5FJX,

Clyde – Water Valley; KF5FJY, Bob – Scobey; KF5FJZ, William – Greenville; KF5FNB, Albert – Florence; KF5FNC, William – Florence; KF5FND, Gerald – Port Gibson; KF5FNQ, Wendy – Centreville; KF5FOE, Martha – Tillatoba; KF5FOF, Phil – Tillatoba; KF5FOG, Frank – Water Valley; KF5FRA, Harold – Picayune; KF5FRC, Harry – Carriere; KF5FRE, Laura – Mc Neil; KF5FRF, Dan – Mc Neil; KF5FRH, Jerry – Picayune; KF5FRI, Sandra – Picayune; KF5FRJ, Jacquelyn – Carriere; KF5FRK, Mikel – Picayune; KF5FQZ, Richard – Picayune; KF5FWR, Benny – Heidelberg; KF5FWT, John – Kosciusko; and KF5FWU, Billy – Carriere. Thanks to all of the instructors and VE Teams that keep new hams coming into the ranks!

In addition, welcome to new ARRL Members: KF5BJN – Gulfport; KF5EYM – Diamondhead; KF5FJU – Coffeeville; KF5FJV – Coffeeville; KF5FJX – Water Valley; KF5FWR – Heidelberg; KE5GEC – Picayune; KE5MIR – Coffeeville; N5NCK – Lauderdale; KE5NSG – Perkinston; KE5OKW – Gulfport; AD5OW – Meridian; KE5PLL – Perkinston; KD5QQG – Ridgeland; KD5RIM – Jackson; and KM5XG – Van Cleave ARRL Membership in Mississippi is now 1,066. Keep working!

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KF5CLC – Olive Branch; KC5DHD – Gulfport; KE5ELS – Poplarville; KE5GYQ – Southaven; and KB5WOT – Gautier.

DEC/EC Monthly Reports: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), AE5FE (Lauderdale/Clarke), K5FV (Rankin), KE5MIS (Yalobusha), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), KE5WJN (Pearl River), and KB0ZTX (NW MS/Marshall).

SET Report: NE5P (Lamar)

EC Annual Report: NE5P (Lamar)

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

Regret to report the passing of KA5JZG of Picayune. Miss Ola was the XYL of WB5ZED and could often be seen at hamfests pushing Leon in his wheelchair. Sending a sympathy card to Leon would surely be helpful at this time.

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

MSPN 31/2895/39 (K5NRK)

Magnolia Section Net 31/968/5 (K5DSG)

MTN/OZK 31/178/22 (K4VIZ)

MS Slow Net 23/59/0 (W3TWD)

MS Digital Net 9/28/5 (K5DMC)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/25/0 (WF5F)

Jackson Co ARES Net 30/538/3 (K5MOZ)

Southern MS Friendship Net 22/185/0 (WB5OHN)

West Coastal MS 2M Net 10/89/0 (K5DMC)

Meridian Area EN 5/60/0 (AE5FE)

Tishomingo ARC 5/155/7 (WX5N)

Magnolia DX Assn 5/92/0 (AE5JG)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 5/51/2

SCMSRG Info Net 5/51/0 (AE5JG) (Southern Coast Medical Support Group)

Booneville and Prentiss County Net 5/66/2 (WX5N)

Stone County ARES 5/88/0 (KC5VCB)

MCARA 5/62/0 (K5KMU)

Itawamba County ARES 4/41/2 (KB5NMB)

Miss/Lou Em Net 4/17/2 (K5NRK)

Capital Area Em Net 4/68/0 (K5XU)

UM ARC Net 4/43/0 (K5LMB)

Hattiesburg AEN 4/127/0 (K5MIQ)

NE MS ARES 4/62/0 (W5LMW)

Rankin County ARES 4/28/0 (K5FV)

JARC Emergency Net 4/33/0 (N5DU)

South MS YL Net 3/45/0 (KB5CSQ)

Alcorn County ARES 3/44/0 (WB5CON)

PSHR: W5XX 78

Compilation of Net and PSHR statistics provided by KB5RCJ.

