

Mississippi Section Report for November 2013

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The 2013 Field Day Results are in (See page 72 in the December QST). Congratulations to the 599 DXA (NA5NN) who made 5,202 QSOs and were 8th across all categories among 2500 plus Field Day entries and 2nd in category 5A. Also congratulations to the Northeast Mississippi Radio Amateurs (W5NEM), who had the top score among the EOC entries (and a nice writeup in the Itawamba County Times on their efforts). Also running up 1000 plus QSO totals were the Great Southern DXA/Magnolia DXA (K5MDX) (2,593 QSOs), the Mississippi State ARC (W5YD)(1,721 QSOs), and the Olive Branch ARC (W5OBM)(1,847 QSOs). In total Mississippi had 24 Field Day entries.

Hamfest Chairman AE5JG reports approximately 275 Hams were in attendance at the Jackson County ARA Hamfest in Ocean Springs with a waiting list of vendors. The volunteers who made the Hamfest a success were AB5RS, AE5WU, AF5AQ, AF5DP, AF5DQ, K5KDO, KC5LCW, KE5QHZ, KF5CXI, KF5EYM, KF5PPK, N2PKW, N5GJ, N9RQX, N9RII, WU5D, Ms. Vicki, and Harold. N5UDK provided a forum on Winlink and N2PKW coordinated the VE session. The major prize winners were AF5AQ, K5PGW, and KF5OPB. This was Dan's third and last year as Hamfest Chairman. Thanks for your efforts Dan!

..... and don't forget we have one more great Hamfest to finish up 2013. The Pearl River ARC Hamfest will be held on Saturday December 14 at the old National Guard Armory at the intersection of Highways 11 and 26 in Poplarville. For more info contact K5RDA or K5WNU.

EC WA5TEF reports that the Tupelo ARC is upgrading their 147.24 Repeater which will be linked in with three other repeaters for expanded SKYWARN and ARES coverage. This link will be part of the recently started North Mississippi Storm Chasers and Spotters Network. Once in operation this hopefully will provide coverage from Selmer, Tennessee, to Tupelo.

N2PKW reports (via EC K5MOZ) that the Jackson County ARA (JCARA) conducted a 4 hour training seminar for the Boy Scouts which included a special JCARA Emergency Net called for the Seminar. Sixteen Scouts ages 11 to 15 years successfully completed all the required items in the Radio Merit Badge Workbook and qualified for the Radio Merit Badge. There were 53 items that had to be discussed and required in the Workbook. This included a QSO on the air involving Phonetics and Q-Signals. N2PKW thanks the following who supported the Seminar Training Net: AF5AQ, AF5DP, K5BQJ, N9RQX, N9RRI, AE5JG, KE5QHZ, and K5KDO.

KB5CSQ relays that each year the Southern Mississippi YLs raise money for a Christmas Charity. This year the funds were donated to Hope Haven Children Services in Bay St. Louis.

KB5SZJ reports in the December Edition of the Meridian ARC Spark Gap that MARC was asked to help out with communications with the 'LEO Run to Remember' Marathon. LEO stand for Leadership, Experience, Opportunity which is a program of the Lions Youth Club to raise funds for the research of Alzheimer's Disease. MARC in turn asked ARES and local amateur radio operators if they would like to participate in the event as well, as a chance to work together on our comm skills and get both groups out in the public eye in an effort to promote Amateur Radio and its capabilities. Those participating were KL7SLM, KI6DES, KD5GWM, KF5ETN. Thanks to W5MAV and AE5FE for assisting with compiling the above information on this event.

Interested in operating 600 Meters? W5THT has his complete station available which has been beaconing for many years as part of the ARRL WD2XSH 600 Meter Experimental Group. Contact Pat at w5tth@arll.net

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in November: KF5YZA, Mykelti – Petal; KF5ZAT, Keith – Petal; KF5ZAU, Evan – Petal; KF5ZAV, Nicholas – Petal; KF5ZBP, Bobby – Columbia; KF5ZBQ, Zachary – Tylertown; KF5ZBR, Ryan – Tylertown; KF5ZBS, Abram – Foxworth; KF5ZCI, William – Petal; KF5ZCJ, Jonathan – Petal; KF5ZFJ, Nicholas – Greenville; KF5ZFT, Evert – Tupelo; KF5ZFU, Sharon – Petal; KF5ZFV, Edward – Petal; KF5ZFW, Morris – Vicksburg; and KF5ZGB, Steve – Natchez.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in November: W5BX, C.P., Quitman; KH0DW, James – Byhalia; KE5ELT, James – Biloxi; KB5JSG, Lionel – Picayune; KF5LOC, Jim – Olive Branch; KE5MWD, John – Petal; AF5NG, John – Columbia; WU0P, Charles – Sumrall; WX5P, Edwin – Fulton; KF5POH, Spencer – Poplarville; KF5UFB, Glenn – Corinth; KF5YYF, Dwayne – Biloxi; KF5ZAV, Phil – Jackson; KF5ZFT, Steven – Tupelo; and KF5ZFW, Morris – Vicksburg. ARRL Membership in Mississippi is 1,108 as of November 30. Down 5 from last month. Let's don't let it sink below 1,100. Back to Work!

And last but not least, welcome to N5MIS as OES for Lee County.

Also, congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KE5AJG, Daniel – Petal; KG4HTA, Mark – Sumrall; KF5MSU, Derrick – Pontotoc; N5VVD, David – Picayune; KF5YRT – Robert, Foxworth; and KF5YYF, Dwayne – Biloxi.

Club Newsletters/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Lowndes County ARA (AD5DO), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), Mississippi Coast ARA (KB9ZR), and the Northeast Mississippi ARA (KB5NMB).

Regret to report the passing of AB5WF formerly of Jackson. Ron was a tireless leader in the Mississippi Ham Community having served several years as Chairman of the Capital City Hamfest, President of the Jackson ARC, State RACES Officer, District Emergency Coordinator, and Emergency Coordinator for Hinds County. Also regret to report the passing of KA9ABZ of Tupelo. Tim was an active member of the Northeast Mississippi ARA. We are losing too many good hams too fast. RIP OMs.

DEC/EC Reports: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), KF5EZT (Rankin), AE5FE (Lauderdale/Clarke), KC5IIW (Scott), KE5KTU (Hinds), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss/Tishomingo), KB5NMB (Itawamba), N9OKV (Harrison), WV1Q (Jasper), WA5TEF (Lee), and KE5WJN (Pearl River).

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

Magnolia Section Net 30/1104/16 (K5DSG)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/19/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 30/2338/8 (K5NRK)

MS Slow Net 21/39/0 (W3TWD)

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

Booneville and Prentiss County ARES 4/49/0 (WX5N)

Capital Area Em Net 4/60/0 (K5XU)

Delta Simplex ARES Net 4/23/0 (K5JAW)

Itawamba County ARES 3/37/1 (KB5NMB)

Jackson ARC Em Net 4/39/0 (N5DU)

Jackson Co ARES Net 26/446/0 (K5MOZ)

Magnolia DX Assn 4/62/0 (K5OAZ)

Meridian Area EN 5/47/3 (AE5FE)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/47/0 (K5GCY)

Miss/Lou Em Net 4/26/0 (K5NRK)

Mississippi Preparedness Project EN 4/54/0 (WX5H)

Olive Branch ARC Tech and Info Net 12/83/0 (KD5CKP)

Pearl River County ARES 4/44/0 (KE5WJN)

Pearl River ARC Net 4/61/0 (K5RDA)

Rankin County ARES 4/51/0 (KF5EZT)

Scott County ARES Training Net 4/43/0 (KC5IIW)

South Central Skywarn and Jasper County ARES 4/29/0 (WV1Q)

Southern MS YL Net 3/26/0 (KB5CSQ)

Stateline Skywarn Net 3/29/0 (KB5NMB)

Stone County ARES 4/54/0 (N5UDK)

Tishomingo ARC Net 4/72/0 (WX5N)

UMARC Net 4/24/0 (K5LMB)

Yazoo County ARES 4/27/0 (KF5DJS)

PSHR: W5XX 70

Compilation of Net and PSHR statistics provided by KB5RCJ.