

Mississippi Section Report For October 2007

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On October 27 Mississippi held its first Simulated Emergency Test since 2004 (thanks to an extended interruption by Katrina). This year's focus was on conducting local exercises since we are well organized at the state and regional levels. Comprehensive comments on the SET will not be available until the ECs file their reports. However; there was plenty of tactical traffic passed on 3862 and health/welfare traffic on 3850. K5DMC reports there was also digital activity on 80. The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, the National Weather Service, and the Salvation Army were activated in addition to multiple county EOCs. More results next month.

EC KD5XG reports that the Hattiesburg Area Amateur Radio Community participated in the Severe Weather Awareness Drill Wednesday, October 17. The Forrest and Lamar EOCs were activated. Lex, KD5XG and Mark, N1AFG manned the Forrest County station. James, KC5TYL operated from the Lamar County EOC. There were 30 check-ins during the exercise. The following critical locations participated: three Petal Schools, Camp Shelby, William Carey University, University of Southern Mississippi, and Forrest General Hospital. The Forrest County EOC was very impressed with the support provided by the amateur radio community.

Little did these hams know when they were participating in the Severe Weather Drill that they would have a real exercise twelve hours later. Due to several tornado warnings for Lamar and Forrest Counties and surrounding areas the emergency net was activated. Twenty-two amateurs provided related weather conditions throughout the area. Tom, N5TNT, who was mobile on Interstate 59, reported trees across the interstate from Eatonville to the Monroe Road exits. This information, which had not been received, was relayed to the Forrest County EOC. James, KC5TYL, Lamar EC, provided the net with updated information received on the Lamar EOC pager. Robert, KE5JJC, provided valuable information from the weather station set up at his QTH.

Deputy Director KD5VMV reports that DeSoto RACES/ARES was very busy in October. On October 17th and 18th SkyWarn was activated. On October 18 through 20 they participated in

the Horn Lake Festival; and then on October 20th the Hernando Fire department Safety Fair. Now that is busy! Those participating in one or more of these events were KD5ARO, KE5BVL, KD5CKP, KE5EOW, KE5EOR, K5OMC, KE5OPL, KE5NBD, N5OUV, N5PYQ, W5SSR, KD5VMV, and KB0ZTX.

The Pearl River ARC had a nice write up and photo in the Picayune Item resulting from N5WLW and AE5DW operating in the Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air. The operation was conducted from the Fairgrounds in Poplarville.

The Vicksburg ARC again provided communications along the route for the Annual 10K Run Across the River. However, seeing that the Old Mississippi River Bridge is under repair, the racecourse was routed under the bridge and was shortened to 5K. Event Chairman K5NRK said things went well with help from N5OYJ, WB5YEE, and W5XX.

DEC W4WLF reports that the D-Star Internet Gateway at McHenry is activated. Another step forward in statewide emergency communications capability!

Mississippi Hams continue to take advantage of the ARRL Emergency Communications Courses. Seventy hams have completed at least ECC-001. The following have completed all three courses: KA5DON, K5DSG, W5EG, N5IPF, KA2KMU, K5MIQ, W5THT, W4TX, AB5WF, W4WLF, W5XX, KC5YCH, and KB5ZEA.

This Monthly Section Report was written before the end of the month because W5XX had to take his XYL to Houston for medical treatment. We will catch up on additional information in the next Monthly Report.

Welcome to new Mississippi hams: KE5QYH, Steven – Duck Hill and KE5QYI, James – Bruce.

Congratulations to W4DQK on his upgrade. Also congratulations are in order for Sundancer Solar Radio Club (Houston) whose request for ARRL Affiliation has been approved.

DEC/EC Monthly Reports: KD5FUO (Golden Triangle/Lowndes), K5WLP (Sunflower), and KD5XG (Forrest).

Club Newsletter/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E) and Pearl River ARC (N5WLW).

PIC Report: N5TBB

OO Report: W5FF

Regret to report the passing of K5JY, formerly of Greenwood.

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

DRN5 62/MS 100% Rep by KA1ZIA, WA5FB, WB5ZED, and W5XX (WB5ZED)

MSPN 31/3500/34 (K5NRK)

MS TFC Net 31/157/4 (KB5W)

Magnolia Section Net 31/960/10; 30/973/5 (September) (AD5J)

Jackson Co ARES 31/520/7 (KD5CQT)

MS Slow Net 20/47/1 (W3TWD)

Stone County ARES 5/143/0 (N5UDK)

Miss/Lou WX Net 4/33/0 (K5NRK)

Itawamba County ARES 4/33/0 (KB5NMB)

Monroe Co ARC Net 4/42/0 (AD5DO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/31/0 (WF5F)

Hattiesburg Area EN 8/176/3 (N5MZ)

Jackson ARC EN 5/74/1 (AB5WF)

Lowndes Co ARC Net 4/62/0 (AD5DO)

Meridian Area EN 6/56/4 (KD5GWM)

Pearl River/St. Tammany ARES Net 5/56/2 (KC5EAK)

Newton County ARES 4/33/0 (WB5GUD)

Metro Jackson ARES 3/39/1 (AB5WF)

South MS YL Net 3/71/0 (KB5CSQ)

PSHR: AB5WF 70, W5XX 85.

Traffic: WB5ZED 4044 (BPL)

Compilation of Net, PSHR, and Traffic statistics provided by KB5RCJ.

Web Counter:  107

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