

Mississippi Section Report for September 2009

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Was the ARRL Day in the Park at Camp Shelby GREAT or What? Over one hundred hams plus families attended the event at the Lake Dogwood Recreation Area. Thanks to Chairman KA5DON and the Hattiesburg ARC, the MDXA, and the Lamar County ARC for supporting the event, and thanks to the Camp Shelby Commander and his Staff for allowing us to use the facilities.

In addition, thanks to MEMA, the Salvation Army, K5XXV, and K5GVR for bringing their EMCOMM vehicles for display which sparked a lot of discussion regarding emergency communications. As a topping for the festivities, Delta Division Director K5MC came over from West Monroe to visit, and AG5Z was presented a plaque for high in-state score for the 2009 Mississippi QSO Party. After the Day in the Park had concluded, many of the attendees visited the on-base world class Armed Forces Museum which focuses on Mississippi military personnel.

EC AE5FE reports that though the coordination efforts of W4IOS arrangements were made for Dave, W1HKJ, to brief some 20 plus hams in Meridian on the Narrow Band Emergency Messaging System (NBEMS). Dave is the software developer of the MT63 based NBEMS program which provides a low cost digital method to transmit lists of information in a weak signal environment. The system can be as simple as a lap top speaker transmitting into a 2 Meter rig's microphone with another 2 meter rig and computer on the other end (through a repeater, if necessary). More information on this system can be found in the August 2009 QST on pages 73-74 in an article by KB3FXI and W3YJ.

The Sun Herald reports that the Jackson County Board of Supervisors will assist the Jackson County ARA in securing use of the old Corps of Engineers tower in Vancleave. This will include use of the storage building at the foot of the tower, securing a MEMA cottage, and possibly locating some funding to improve the site. (Thanks, K5XXV)

From the no mans land below the AM Broadcast band WD2XSH/6 (W5THT) reports that the ARRL-sponsored 600 meter experiment group has been recharged with the granting of a revised license. There are now 45 stations authorized on 600 meters counting the individuals, who obtained licenses on their own. Further, the first one-way signals have been copied both ways across the Atlantic, but the FCC did not allow WD2XSH international communication authority. Many digital modes are now authorized for everyone and stations in the northeast are authorized USB. W5THT requests that all hams and SWL's listen or watch the frequencies from 495 to 510 KC and report receptions on the form provided on www.500kc.com.

The annual bike tour for the Louisiana chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society was an outstanding success in spite of the heavy rain storms that caused the Tour Director to close the event two hours early. Over 1,000 cyclists pedaled the 150 miles of the two-day round trip from Hammond, Louisiana to Percy Quin State Park near McComb, Mississippi and back, to benefit research and therapies for those afflicted with Multiple Sclerosis. Members of the Southeast Louisiana Amateur Radio Club (SELARC) were joined by members of the Southwest Mississippi Amateur Radio Club (SMARC) to provide communications with the rest stops and medical, command and supply vehicles along the route using the SELARC VHF repeater. The twenty-four hams who provided this public service and

demonstration of amateur radio were: KB5SKW, KC5BXU, KE5YRN, KI5MW, KE5NG, KD5PCK, KE5JZM, KC5WDH, KE5ILT, WB5ERM, K5FMM, WB5FBS, KC5SAS, KE5KMP, KE5GOC, K5QNT, W5KCH, K5CAV, N5XVJ, AE5FK, KR5T, WB5LSH, KF5CJU and N5ZNT.

Welcome to new Mississippi hams: KF5CXE, Benjamin – Magnolia; KF5CXG, Carl – Gulfport; KF5CXH, Rachael – Long Beach; KF5CXI, Egan - Diamondhead; KF5CXJ, Sara – Bay Saint Louis; KF5CXK, Tommy – Biloxi; KF5CXL, Michael – Ocean Springs; KF5CXM, Fred – Saucier; KF5CXN, Daryl - Gulfport; KF5CXO, Alan – Bay Saint Louis; KF5CXP, Richard – Bay Saint Louis; KF5CXQ, Donald – Ocean Springs; KF5CXR, Joseph – Saucier; KF5CZF, Steven – Biloxi; KF5CZI, Charles – Magnolia; KF5CZJ, Nicholas – Starkville; KF5CZK, William – Mississippi State; KF5CZL, Jordan – Starkville; KF5CZM, Jameson – Cleveland; KF5DBG, Tim – Richland; KF5DDP, Christopher – Horn Lake; KF5DFI, William – Senatobia. Thanks to all of the instructors and VE Teams that keep new hams coming into the ranks!

Also welcome to new ARRL Members: KF5ASF - Poplarville; KF5CST – Pass Christian; KF5CXG – Gulfport; KF5CXI – Diamondhead; KF5CXP – Bay Saint Louis; KF5DBG – Richland; WB5DO – Rienzi; WM5DX – Gulfport; KE5JYV – West Point; N5KDV – Natchez; AE5MI – Gulfport; KE5NOU – West Point; K5RCF – Olive Branch; KC5VCB – Perkinston; WA4VSF – Gulfport; KE5WJN – Picayune; KD5ZIO – Brookhaven; and KE5ZJX – Carriere. ARRL Membership in Mississippi is now 1,061. Keep working!

KC5EAK will retire as EC for Pearl River County at the end of October due to a job change. Thanks for your work over the years, Tim! Welcome to the new EC KE5WJN in Picayune. In addition, welcome to KE5WUN as EC for Panola County.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KF5ARQ – Bay Saint Louis; KF5CFE – Pittsboro; KF5CJJ – Perkinston; KF5CKZ – Oxford; KF5CLB – Olive Branch; and KE5YPT – Biloxi.

DEC/EC Monthly Reports: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), KC5EAK (Pearl River), AE5FE (Lauderdale/Clarke), WB5GUD (Newton), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), and KB5NMB (Itawamba)

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

Regret to report the passing of W5EKB of Mount Olive, N5FRE of Gulfport, and W5GED of Cleveland.

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

MSPN 30/2802/28 (K5NRK)

Magnolia Section Net 30/665/4 (K5DSG)

Jackson Co ARES Net 30/621/9 (K5MOZ)

MS Slow Net 22/36/0 (W3TWD)

Meridian Area EN 5/73/0 (AE5FE)

Tishomingo ARC 5/167/11 (Wow!) (WX5N)

SCMSRG Info Net 5/61/0 (AE5JG) (Southern Coast Medical Support Group)

Pearl River County ARES 5/68/0 (KC5EAK)

MCARA 5/43/0 (KA2KMU)

Magnolia DX Assn 5/123/0 (AE5JG)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 5/69/0 (N5DU)

Keesler ARC 5/17/0 (KA2KMU)

Newton County ARES 5/28/0 (WB5GUD)

Itawamba County ARES 4/41/3 (KB5NMB)

South MS YL Net 4/108/0 (KB5CSQ)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/22/0 (WF5F)

Miss/Lou Em Net 4/23/1 (K5NRK)

Jackson ARC Em Net 4/47/0 (N5DU)

Stone County ARES 4/64/0 (KC5VCB)

Capital Area Em Net 4/57/0 (K5XU)

UM ARC Net 4/18/0 (K5LMB)

Booneville and Prentiss County 4/73/4 (WX5N)

Hattiesburg AEN 4/114/0 (K5MIQ)

Alcorn County ARES 4/39/0 (WB5CON)

PSHR: W5XX 72

Compilation of Net and PSHR statistics provided by KB5RCJ.

