

Chickasaw Amateur Radio Association Newsletter



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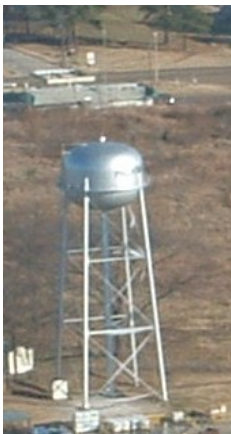
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Mississippi QSO Party

February 26, 2011 will be the Mississippi QSO Party. This year like last year we will activate Tunica County at Moon Landing. It looks



146.910 Repeater



like there will be three HF stations set up this may change as we could have more.

The Ninth Mississippi QSO Party sponsored by the Vicksburg ARC starts at 1500Z Feb. 26 and

ends at 0300Z February 27 (9AM to 9PM local time on Saturday Feb. 26)

Suggested frequencies are:
CW: 3545, 7045, 14045, 21045 and 28045
Phone: 3857, 3862, 3867, 7238, 14275, 21375, and 28375 KHz on SSB
VHF frequencies: SSB 50.130 and 144.220; FM 146.55 and 446.00
No 60-Meter, WARC Band, or repeater contacts.

Mississippi Stations:
Exchange: signal report and county. Receive a multiplier of one for each Mississippi County, state, province, and DXCC country. Final score is the number of QSOs times the num-

ber of Mississippi Counties, states, provinces and countries. Mississippi does not count as a state for multiplier purposes.

Stations outside of Mississippi:
Exchange: signal report and state, province, or country.
Contacts: count one point each.

Receive a multiplier of one for each Mississippi County.
Final score is the number of Mississippi QSOs times the number of Mississippi Counties.

Certificates will be awarded to the high scoring station in each **Continued on page 2**

The President's Corner

Greetings from N5PYQ. I have been out of pocket a good bit for the past few weeks because I am participating with my family in Desoto Family Theater's production of "The Sound of Music." I felt out of place until they gave me a back-stage radio to help with scene changes. A radio always makes me feel at home! The show runs Feb 18 - 27, if anyone is interested.

There has been a lot of buzz regarding upcoming ham radio events. The excitement is contagious! At the time of this writing, plans are being made for the MS QSO party at Moon Landing Park in Tunica on Saturday, Feb 26. Listen on the 146.91 repeater for more details.

One activity that I personally am looking forward to is the National Level Exercise May 16, 2011. Rumor has it that amateur radio will be used extensively in this exercise. What an opportunity to show off what hams can do!

Be aware that the season for severe weather is approaching. Thank you all for consistently checking into the practice net on Mondays at 8:30 p. m. on the 146.91 repeater. There are Basic and Advanced Weather Spotter classes being offered in March. Check out http://www.srh.noaa.gov/meg/?n=sykwarn_meetings for times and locations. Our ham community has consistently proven itself to be competent, caring, and efficient in handling emergencies. Thank you for constantly improving your skills in the art of communication and emergency preparedness.

73s
Timmy, N5PYQ

MS QSO Party (cont)

Mississippi County. Further, the winners of each state, province, or country are eligible for a certificate providing at least 10 QSOs are submitted in the log. In addition, plaques will be awarded to the high scoring Mississippi Station, the high scoring Out of State Station, the high scoring Mississippi Mobile, and the high scoring Mississippi Portable. Scores for the high scoring mobile and portable stations will be computed from the sum of the scores from each county that he/she operated from.

Each log must include a scoring summary showing the number of QSOs made, the multiplier, and score. Logs without a scoring summary will be considered as a check log.

Logs should be e-mailed to w5xx@vicksburg.com or snail-mailed no later than March 31, 2011 to: Vicksburg ARC
64 Lake Circle Drive,
Vicksburg, MS 39180

Emergency Communications News



I always liked this picture- the "When All Else Fails" Amateur Radio banner with the big rig, Desoto County Rescue 5. But I like what it represents event better. HAMS working with our public service agencies to support, educate, and prepare their community for tougher times. Those times "When All Else Fails".

So what's up around these parts with emergency communications? Well our biggest asset is all of YOU! Take care of yourselves first in a disaster, as well as your families, and with that done we sure have a large and growing number of able and willing hams that help us in times of need. Ya'll participate in our nets, help maintain our repeaters, help educate us when our region can be threatened... no end to what we can do as a team.

And speaking of teamwork, we have great clubs and a very active ARES and RACES organization in our region. These groups boost our planning and coordination to prepare for an emergency as do our operating activities, contests, and PR events. Joining your clubs or local ARES/ RACES orgs is a great way to be part of a bigger team for a broader good. There is real strength in numbers.

We also have numerous training opportunities. The aforementioned groups and many others sponsor training and license upgrade services through testing and classes. There are so many ways to be better skilled, prepared, and educated with minimal investment of your personal time. I and the club officers are happy to steer you to those opportunities which are always ongoing throughout the year.

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"Support your local nets and Check in"



Emergency Communications News (cont)

So if you are new to emergency communications, where do you start? A Net is a great place, like our Desoto County Emergency Training and Information Net which meets every Monday night at 8:30 PM on the CARA 146.91 Repeater. The HF nets for General or higher class licenses on 3862 KHz are another terrific opportunity and they pass NTS traffic, another critical role for emergency amateur communications. Severe weather is one of main hazards in this area, and Skywarn Spotter Training will be commencing soon in Desoto County (see http://www.srh.noaa.gov/meg/?n=skywarn_meetings). For those interested in working directly with our public service agencies, our RACES group will be happy to sit down and discuss those opportunities. These are just a few of the many ongoing activities to participate in emergency communications.

I'll be sharing more specific topics in the future through this publication monthly. I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to write to our CARA members and local HAMS about the importance of supporting emergency communications. It is an aspect of his hobby that brought me to HAM radio, and to which I always find myself drawn back to. Don't hesitate to contact me personally for any reason. I look forward to seeing, operating, and working with so many of you as we go down the log this year.

73,
Ken Johnson
KBOZTX/ CD8/ SAR 40
901-240-3051



Severe Weather Awareness Week

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February 21 - February 25, 2011

Tornadoes become the most prolific threat across the state of Mississippi during the Spring months and everyone should be prepared in case your area is threatened.

The state averages around 28 tornadoes per year but over the past few years, the state has been experiencing above aver-

age and even record tornado activity.

[In 2009, 45 tornadoes were confirmed from severe thunderstorms across the state.](#)

And over 70 percent of those tornadoes occurred during the Spring months from March through May.

In 2008, thirty-seven out of a

record number of 109 tornadoes were confirmed during the Spring months.

Tornado activity increases drastically during the month of March, which is the 2nd most active month for tornadoes with 213 tornadoes confirmed since 1950.

April is historically the peak month for tornadoes in the state of Mississippi.

Hams and 4-H

On February 2, 2011, some of our club members met with the Tate County Voyagers 4-H group in Senatobia. Tommie Rodgers (KE5NBD) gave a brief presentation on SKYWARN and told the group about the importance of HAM radio to the local SKYWARN Spotter network. The time was then turned over to Ken Stroup (W5KK)



and Denver Woods (W5LJD). Ken gave an informative presentation on HAM radio and shared some of his QSO card collection. He and Denver got an opportunity to answer questions from both children and parents who were present. Everyone was anxious to hear a DX contact from some exotic



location but the bands were not open in our favor. We were able to make several 2 meter contacts around the area.

Story and photos by Tommie Rodgers, KE5NBD.

We are on the Web

<http://www.qsl.net/w5gwd/>

The Sound of Hams

Some of our club members we have discovered have other talents. On February 18th through the 27th Tim Jones, N5PYQ, Kim Jones, KB5LIN and Nina Jones, KE5CSC are starring in the Desoto Family Theater's production of "The Sound of Music" at the Desoto Civic Center in Southaven, MS.

Performances are 7:00 PM on Fridays, 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM on Saturdays and 2:00 PM on Sundays.



CARA Website

We are still soliciting pictures or other content you would like to see posted on the website. If you have something you would like to contribute or see posted please send me an email at kf5bti@gmail.com

Annual Membership

Time for everyone to send in your annual dues. The dues that you pay are vital in keeping our repeaters on the air and are tax deductible. As you may or may not know we have two additional repeaters the 147.225 in Holly Springs and the 145.350 on the Baptist DeSoto Hospital. So your annual dues are much needed in order to keep all three on the air so they will be available during emergencies and for normal activities. If you are not a member of C.A.R.A. please consider becoming a member. We have a club meeting every third Monday at 7 P.M. at the Lewisburg Fire Department. Application for membership is on page 5 of this newsletter.

2011 Dues for Calendar Year (JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31)

\$30.00 - MEMBERSHIP DUES
Make checks payable to:
Chickasaw Amateur Radio Association (C.A.R.A.)
P.O. Box 2
Hernando, MS 38632

Training and Information Net

The primary purpose of this net is to practice net operations similar to those used in actual emergencies. This net will also be used for routine training and traffic handling, as well as local information for the amateur community. In the event of any severe weather, this net will act as the DeSoto County Emergency Net, Providing coordinated emergency communications in response to severe weather, or any other disaster. Also, severe weather information from the DeSoto County area will be passed on to DeSoto County EMA and the

National Weather Service in Memphis.

Date: Every Monday Night

Time: 8:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Location: 146.910 No Tone

146.91 Simplex if repeater is down

Net control schedule through February.

KE5RHM	Jim	2/28/11
N5PYQ	Tim	3/7/11
KE5NBD	Tommie	3/14/11
W5KK	Ken	3/21/11
W5LJD	Denver	3/28/11
KB0ZTX	Ken	4/4/11



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***When All Else Fails Amateur
Radio is There.***

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Become a member of CARA membership applications are on our website. If you have any questions concerning membership, you can contact any of the Board members or E-mail the reflector at cara-ms@yahoo.com
Web Site: <http://www.qsl.net/w5gwd>

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Nets

Mississippi Nets

Magnolia Section Net 3863 6:00 A.M. Mon-Fri
Magnolia Section Net 3862 7:00 A.M. Sat-Sun
Mississippi Phone Net 3862 5:30 P.M. Daily
Mississippi Slow Net (CW) 3543 7:00 P.M. Mon-Fri

Memphis & North Mississippi Area Nets

- **Chickasaw Amateur Radio Association (CARA) 146.91 8:30 P.M. Every Monday**
- OBARC Net 147.255 (79.7) 8:00 P.M. Tuesday
- Panola County ARES Net 146.610 (107.2) 8:30 P.M. Wednesday
- Mid-South Barefooted Bullfrog net 146.535 7:30p Daily
- Delta Club Traffic and Information Net 146.820-(107.2) 8:00p Daily
- Secret Service Net 224.780- 8:30p Monday
- Elmer Net 147.030+(107.2) 9:00p Monday
- The Short Winded Net 146.850- 8:30p Tuesday
- Med/MERS Net 146.730-(107.2) 12:00p Wednesday
- Six Meter Tech Net 53.01- 8:30p Wednesday
- The 440 Net 443.200+(107.2Hz) 9:00p Wednesday
- Two meter single Sideband Net 144.260 USB 8:30p Thursday
- ARES Training Net 146.880-(107.2) 9:00p 2nd & 4th Thursday

Newsletter Editor: Jim Sanders KE5RHM. I am soliciting any photos articles or any information you would like to share. Please include names and call signs of people in the photographs with a brief description of what is happening. If you did a radio project or made some interesting contacts sent it to me. Send all photos and articles to ke5rhm@arrl.net.

Monthly CARA Meeting

C.A.R.A meets every 3rd Monday of the Month at 7:00 PM. Meeting will be at the LEWISBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT, 8771 Byhalia Rd, Olive Branch, MS 38654. Hope to see you there.

Area Hamfest

Memphis Freefest

One Day Only
Saturday April 9, 2011
9 am to 3 pm

Bartlett Station Municipal Center
5868 Stage Road Bartlett
North side of Stage Road just west of
Bartlett Blvd.

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Hernando, MS 38632

2011 Membership Application Form

Application Date ____/____/____

Call sign _____ Class of License _____ Exp Date ____/____/____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Publish? Yes ___ No ___

Cell (____) _____ Publish? Yes ___ No ___

Work Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

Date of your original Amateur License ____/____/____

ARRL Member Yes ___ No ___ Life ___

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

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If you have any questions concerning membership, you can contact Timmy Jones N5PYQ@arrl.net 901.870.2849 or Jim Sanders KE5RHM@arrl.net

Office Use Only:

Date received: ____/____/____

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