

## Mississippi Section Report for April 2012

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The Mississippi Section conducts a Simulated Emergency Test annually in parallel with the May MEMA Exercise. Two years ago MEMA had to cancel the exercise because personnel were assigned to deal with the Oil Spill. Last year an earthquake drill was planned, but the day after the final exercise planning session in Oxford was held, tornadoes swept across North and Central Mississippi followed a week later by flooding along the Mississippi. Again the planned exercise had to be canceled as MEMA and ARES had real situations to deal with.

This year MEMA has planned to conduct the Hurricane Natasha exercise on May 30 beginning at 9 AM. The major counties to be impacted in the MEMA Scenario are George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Lamar, Lauderdale, Marion, Pearl River, and Stone. Other counties may be players in that they will be receiving evacuees or providing logistical support. Contact your EC and find out how you can help.

Mississippi joined with other sections in the Delta and West Gulf Divisions in a digital exercise to test capabilities and identify problem areas. An addition objective in Mississippi was to demonstrate ARES/RACES/MARS interoperability. The Mississippi Digital Net was activated at 10 AM on May with with KM5EMA at MEMA as Net Control.

Army and Air Force MARS successfully activated at the same time. An equipment failure at KM5EMA necessitated that an alternate NCS take over. Fourteen digital stations collectively checked into the three nets. Another exercise will be planned once the difficulties at KM5EMA have been worked through. This was a successful exercise in the sense that a lot of problem areas were discovered.

Rankin County AEC KF5EZT reports that the Central Mississippi ARA again provide communications for the Susan G Komen Race for the Cure including several Jackson ARC members, who volunteered to help. KE5JKD was net control, WM5A drove the pink golf cart provided by EZ-GO, and N5DU acted as navigator and radio operator. WX5H and W5UQT provided security as well as communications. KF5EZT shadowed the race coordinator, and K5GCY, K1JHS, AF5CG and KE5WAC covered water stations and intersections. There was a minor incident when an elderly participant fell. AF5CG called the report in to net control, and WM5A/N5DU were sent to pick up fallen runner and transport her to the registration tent. She declined attention from AMR on scene but had family members take her to River Oaks Hospital for a check up. All of this information was relayed to the race coordinator in real time, giving her peace of mind.

And from Oxford, EC K5LMB reports that on April 28 the University of Mississippi Amateur Radio Club provided communications for the Double Decker Spring Run consisting of 10K and 5K Race Courses. Amateur Radio operators provided updates on participant progress from the race course to the race organizers and directional marshaling to participants, as well as assisting law enforcement in traffic control to provide for participant safety. Amateur operators assisting in this effort were: K5LMB, WB5VYH, KF5IUY, KF5OYC, K5PTM, KC5KLW, W5ETT, KF5IVD, KS5U, KF5IMA, KZ7H, KF5IUZ, WF5N, K5JNE, KE5EOP, and N5RB with XYL Susan.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in January: KF5PIC, Joshua – Water Valley; KF5PJU, Bertrand – Perkinston; KF5PJV, Donald – Picayune; KF5PJW, Ronald – Picayune; KF5PJX, Christopher – Picayune; KF5PJY, Peggy – Carriere; KF5PJZ, Michael – Carriere; KF5PKB, Harry – Carriere; KF5PLJ, Larry – Florence; KF5PLO, Kathy – Pelahatchie; KF5PLP, Steven – Jackson; KF5PML, Max – Vancleave; KF5PNF, Christopher – Southaven; KF5POD, Charles – Taylorsville; KF5POE, John – Taylorsville; KF5POF, Johnny – Carriere; KF5POH, Spencer – Poplarville; KF5POS, Haylee – Newton; KF5POY, Ryan – Petal; KF5PPK, Teresa – Vancleave; KF5PPL, Jonathan – Pascagoula; KF5PPP, Roger – Carthage; KF5PPT, Wesley – Byhalia; KF5PPU, John – Vancleave; KF5PRR, James – Ecru; KF5PRS, William – Iuka; and KF5PRT, Dwayne – New Albany.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in August: KF5ADJ – Olive Branch; N5FYN – Florence; K5JUM – Brooklyn; KB5HAV – Brandon; KE5KTR – Greenville; K5LFS – Belmont; AE5MI – Gulfport; KF5OGM – Brandon; KF5OGQ – Madison; KF5OJS – Hernando; KF5OKV – Hernando; KF5PLJ – Florence; KF5PPT – Byhalia; KE5QHV – Gulfport; KA5SKB – Louisville; KD5TXX - Madison; W0WIG – Water Valley; KE5YBV – Purvis; KD5YTB – Cleveland; and N5YTC – Petal. As of April 30 Mississippi has 1,114 ARRL Members. Although down 4 from last month, certainly respectable. Keep working!

Congratulations to to the following on their upgrades: KF5CXG – Gulfport; KF5CZF – Biloxi; KC5LCW – Gautier; KF5LHX – Van Cleave; KF5MHS – Long Beach; KF5MQU – Meridian; KF5OGQ – Madison; KF5OKU – Carriere; KF5OYT – Wiggins; KF5PNQ – Bogue Chitto; and KB5YOA – Jackson.

DEC/EC Monthly Reports: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), KF5DJS (AEC)(Yazoo), KF5EZT (AEC)(Rankin), KE5KTU (WC MS/Hinds), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss/Tishomingo), WV1Q (Jasper), W5UQT (Madison), and KE5WJN (Pearl River).

Club Newsletter/Reports (Editor): Chickasaw ARA (KE5RHM), Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), Mississippi Coast ARA (KB9ZR), and the Northeast Mississippi ARA (KE5SSB).

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

Magnolia Section Net 30/1151/14 (K5DSG)

MS Baptist Hams Net 5/39/0 (WF5F)

MS/OZK CW TFC Net 26/63/9 (K5DMC)

MSPN 30/2434/8 (K5NRK)

MS Slow Net 21/52/0 (W3TWD)

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

Booneville and Prentiss County Net 4/59/1 (WX5N)

Capital Area Em Net 5/105/0 (K5XU)

Delta ARES Simplex Net 5/30/0 (K5JAW)

Grenada/Yalobusha ARES Net 4/52/0 (AD5IT)

Hattiesburg AEN X/XX/X (K5MIQ)

Itawamba County ARES Net 4/79/2 (KB5NMB)

Jackson ARC Em Net 3/35/0 (N5DU)

Jackson County Em Net 27/405/0 (K5MOZ)

Madison County ARES Net 4/42/0 (W5UQT)

Magnolia DX Assn Net 4/80/0 (K5OAZ)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 5/65/1 (K5GCY)

MS Coast ARA Net 4/47/0 (K5KMU)

Miss/Lou Em Net 5/62/1 (K5NRK)

NE MS Skywarn Net 5/78/0 (W5LMW)

Panola County ARES Net 3/28/0 (KC5DPJ)

Pearl River ARES Net 5/89/0 (KE5WJN)

Rankin County ARES 5/70/0 (KE5EZT)

SCMSG Info Net 4/38/0 (AE5JG) (Southern Coast Medical Support Group)

Scott County ARES Net 5/63/1 (K1REZ/W5JMJ)

South Central Skywarn and Jasper County ARES 5/41/0 (WV1Q)

Southern MS Friendship Net 8/66/0 (WB5OHN)

Southern MS YL Net 3/22/0 (K5IJ)

Stone County ARES Net 4/72/0 (N5UDK)

Tishomingo ARC Net 4/73/0 (WX5N)

UMARC Net 5/43/0 (K5LMB)

Yazoo County ARES 5/32/0 (KF5DJS)

Public Service Honor Roll: W5XX 111

Compilation of Net statistics provided by KB5RCJ.