

Mississippi Section Report for April 2015

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We had a record turnout for the 2015 Mississippi QSO Party. As of April 30 163 logs had been received which broke the record of 120 from last year. Of the 163 we had 43 Mississippi Stations logs submitted as compared with 31 last year. A record year. Mississippi is really on the QSO Party Map! Thanks to KK4TE/M, W3DYA/M, NO5W/M, K4ZGB/M, W5OBM/P, K5YG/P, and W5ETZ/P for putting many rare counties on the air.

KK4TE/M made over 1,000 QSOs running low power 20 Meter mobile (no driver)! Now let the log checking begin!

WX5N reports that the Tishomingo County ARC set up with their EMCOMM Trailer on Woodall Mountain for the MSQP. The weather was nice and lots of folks came by and checked out what they were doing. Good PR for Ham Radio. Everyone had a great time and contacts were made on phone, digital and cw.

AG5Z reports that a Katrina 10 th Anniversary Special Memorial Event is being planned to honor those who were affected by Hurricane Katrina when it impacted the Mississippi Gulf Coast on August 29, 2005. Many lost everything they owned and many lost their lives. We also want to honor the hundreds of volunteers from all over the country that poured in to assist us in our time of dire need. We will have a 'Memorial Bonus Station' in memory of those who died, as well as a 'Thank You Bonus Station' for those who came to our aid.

Operating activity will consist of stations along the coast of Mississippi using special K for Katrina 1X1 calls. Operations will begin at 00:00z on Aug 26 th using home stations. At 13:00 on Aug 29 th, the time of Katrina landfall, all stations will reduce power to 100 watts except for bonus station K5Z at ground zero. This station will be a portable station set up on the beach using temporary antennas and powered by generator. The reduced power operation will continue until 23:59 on September 2 nd. A QRZ web page will be established under K5H in the future for up-to-date information. Contact AG5Z for additional details.

Regular MSPN Checkin K5ARN of Columbus is back on his way to his summer home in Sweden via ship (He doesn't like the Mississippi Humidity).

Arne was on a cruise liner between the East Coast and the Azores and successfully organized a Ham Club on board the ship. That's the way to promote Ham Radio!

N5CW reports that local hams from Hattiesburg and the surrounding area came together to operate special event station, W0W, April 4 through April 19. The station honored the contributions made by Native American code-talkers of all U.S. Wars as part of the 2015 PETAL-SOUTHERN MISS POWWOW. USM officials were aware of W0W progress by viewing look-ups on qrz.com with a final QSO tally was given to USM.

W0W results were: 5,562 QSOs, in all states, all continents, 1001 counties, 92 countries and 31 CQ zones. On SSB 2,786 QSOs were logged and 2,776 on CW. The W0W QRZ.com site showed over 14,000 look-ups in the 12 day span. SSB operators were AG5Z, NJ1Z, K5TLL, and NU5Y and CW ops were W5UE, K5WK, and N5CW. The ops enjoyed the warm comments as seen on the spotting networks.

April was public event communications support month by Mississippi Clubs.

K5KMB reports that the University of Mississippi Amateur Radio Club provided communications for the 5K and 10K Run Course Route of the Double Decker Spring Run. Members kept track of run participants and relayed information on the progress of the 5K and 10K to event organizers. Members assisted Oxford Police at intersections providing marshaling for participants. Members participating this year were:

K5LMB (Net Control), WB5VYH, KS5U, W5XF, KF5OYC, KZ7H, KE5TMY, KG5EIK, KF5IVD, AB5TR, KC9NPF, KC5KLW, W1IBL, KF5IMA, KE5NQP, KG5AUW, K5SMB, KD5JHE, N5RB, and WF5N.

WM5A notes that on April 11 the Central Mississippi Amateur Radio Association provided communications for 'The Race for the Cure' in downtown Jackson.

Assisting in this event were WM5A, KF5IZ, KA5TJW, KF5WDL, KE5JKD, KE5WAC, K5CID, KF5YGG and at the turn around for the 10K KF5IIW.

KF5ZCI reports the on April 18 the Petal Amateur Wireless Society provided race communications for the Mad Hatter Dash 5K Run at the Petal High School Relay for Life. Race operators were KF5ZCI, KG5FXU, N5MZ, and NG5C.

On your long range planning calendar note that the annual Section Emergency Test (SET) will be held August 8 and will be coordinated by K1REZ, Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator.

In 1945 W1NJM organized the National Traffic System (NTS) to provide the nation with an emergency communications capability. Since the advent of cell phones and the internet, NTS interest seems to have seriously declined. Many people won't take traffic because the messages seem to have trivial value, or they don't know how to take or send messages. In spite of these excuses, if we did have a national emergency, it would be impossible to activate the NTS from scratch on a moment's notice. Therefore the NTS keeps functioning on a daily basis. Mississippi does not have consistent representation from our HF Nets to the next level up (Region 5). If you are willing to help as a liaison contact W5XX.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in April: KG5GWB, Tanner – Oxford; KG5GXT, Raymond – Starkville; KG5GYN, Joe – Walls; KG5HAA, David – Oxford; KG5HAB, Norman – Oxford; KG5HAC, Jacob – Starkville; .KG5HAD, Christopher – Gulfport; KG5HAE, Robert – Philadelphia; KG5HAF, Justin – Philadelphia; KG5HAG, Christopher – Brandon; KG5HAH, Mark – Biloxi; KG5HAI, Royce – D'Iberville; KG5HAJ, Derek – Ellisville; KG5HAK, Robert – Coldwater; KG5HAL, Jac – Winona; KG5HAM, Phillip – Madison; KG5HAS, Francis – Clinton; KG5HCE, Andrew – Brandon; KG5HEL, Mason – Belmont; KG5HEM, Mark – Amory; KG5HER, Billie – Meadville; and KG5HFW, Charles – Senatobia.

If any of these new Hams are in your area give them a call and see if they need any help getting on the air and invite them to your next local club meeting.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in April: KG5AVJ, James – Southaven; KG5BRM, Nathan – Randolph; KE5EYI, Houston – Merigold; KE5FAY, Paul – Starkville; KG5FTX, Charles – Corinth; KG5FYT, Daniel – Pelahatchie; KG5GMI, Eugene – Byram; KG5HAA, David – Oxford; K5JNC, Eugene – Madison; W5MDX, Mark – Perkinston; W5OVN, Charles – Laurel; W5PSC, Patrick –

Ridgeland; KC5QYG, Jeffry – McLain; KL7SLM, Scott – Enterprise; KF5TAU, Reginald – Hattiesburg; and KK7Z, Robert – Greenwood. As of April 30 ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 1,138 down 2 from last month. Keep working! Thanks to all who promote ARRL Membership!

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KG5EIK, Joshua – Oxford; KG5GWW, Mitchell – Olive Branch; KF5HAJ, Russell – Olive Branch; KF5HNO, Charles – Oxford; and KE5OEH, Roy – Moss Point.

ASEC/DEC/EC Monthly Reports for April 2015: K5JAW (Delta), K5MOZ (Jackson), N5MZ (Forrest), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), K1REZ (ASEC), WA5TEF (Lee), and KE5WJN (Pearl River)

Club Newsletter/Reports (Editor): Delta ARES (K5JAW) and Meridian ARC (W5MAV).

Regret to report the passing of KJ5YC of Toomsuba and KF5PHM of Batesville. Cam was a dispatcher for the Panola County Sheriff's Department and a firefighter in the Sardis Volunteer Fire Department.

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

Magnolia Section Net 30/1054/12 (K5DSG)
MS Baptist Hams Net 4/24/0 (WF5F)
MSPN 30/2169/13 (K5NRK)
MS P2P-Email Net 20/101/101 (K1REZ)
MSNBEMS Net 22/276/276 (K1REZ)
MS Slow Net 22/43/0 (W3TWD)

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

Booneville and Prentiss County Net 4/44/0 (WX5N)
Capital Area Em Net 4/59/0 (K5XU)
Chickasaw ARA Net 4/78/0 (N5PYQ) March 5/104/0
Delta ARES Simplex Net 4/33/0 (K5JAW) 1 Skywarn activation

Hattiesburg ARC 2M Net 4/115/3 (K5TLL)
Hattiesburg 2M Simplex Net 1/12/0 (K5TLL)
Hattiesburg ARC 10M Net 4/45/0 (K5TLL)
Itawamba County ARES Net 4/53/1 (WX5SE)
Jackson County Em Net 27/508/7 (K5MOZ)
Lowndes County ARC Net 4/51/0 (KF5AZ)
MDXA Net 4/33/0 (W5DAW)
Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/39/0 (AE5SK)
Miss/Lou Em Net 4/35/0 (K5NRK)
MS Coast ARA Net 4/61/0 (N5AHM) 1 Skywarn Activation
MS Preparedness Project EN 4/30/0 (KF5RFB)
Northeast MS Skywarn Net 4/41/0 (WA5TEF)
Olive Branch ARC Tech and Info Net 13/131/0 (KD5CKP)
Pearl River ARC Net 5/72/1 (K5RDA)
Pearl River ARES Net 4/37/0 (KE5WJN)
Petal Amateur Wireless Society 5/32/0 (NG5C)
Scott County ARES 4/43/0 (KC5IHW)
Scott County ARC Skywarn 1/4/0 (KC5IHW)
Stateline Skywarn Net 4/52/1 (WX5SE)
Stone County ARES Net 4/52/0 (N5UDK)
Tishomingo ARC Net 4/59/0 (WX5N)
UMARC UHF Net 3/29/0 (K5LMB)
UMARC VHF Net 4/60/0 (K5LMB)
Yazoo County ARES Net 3/13/0 (KF5DJS)

PSHR – KA5DON 106 and W5XX 78.

Traffic – KA5DON 36 and W5XX 8

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