

## Mississippi Section Report for March 2012

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The logs for the 2012 Mississippi QSO Party are in. A quick inspection of the 110 logs received indicates that activity increases every year. The top 10 claimed scores in Mississippi are AG5Z, K5DWI, NA5DX, K2FF, W5UE, AE5BR, AD5YB, WQ5L, N5GD, and K5IJ. The top mobiles were W4SIG, N5NA, W3DYA, K4ZGB, W4OQG, K5WBM, AE5SK, and WB4CHH. Of particular note W4SIG made over 1,100 QSOs from 23 counties! Collectively the mobiles and portables made 4,993 QSOs! Good Job by all!!

The top portables are the Chickasaw ARC (W5GWD) from Tunica County, the Olive Branch ARC (W5OBM) from Benton County, and N5VI from Issaquena, Sharkey, and Humphreys Counties. The Northeast Mississippi ARA (W5NEM) also operated portable from Itawamba County. A preliminary scan of the logs indicates that all 82 counties were on the air with K5WBM making the only contact from George County. That was close!

In the out of state category the top five were NT2A (NY), N6MU (CA), KV8Q (OH), K9WA (IL), and AD5WI (AR). NT2A managed to catch 65 of the 82 counties! Remember all listings mentioned above are based on claimed scores. There is a lot of log checking to be done. Thanks to all who participated!

Hurricane Season is on the horizon again. Mississippi has been very lucky over the past three years, but our luck will eventually wear out. In preparation for the next storm event Mississippi Hams will have three opportunities to participate in the annual ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET). On May 5 Mississippi will join in a digital HF interoperability exercise between ARES, MARS, and RACES with Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas participating. This will be an RF only exercise in that the scenario calls for a complete failure of the power grid, internet, and telephone systems and will emphasize Pactor I, II, and III ( and its variations). Details will follow. Contact W5XX if you are interested in participating.

The second SET participation opportunity will be on May 30 in conjunction with the annual MEMA Hurricane Exercise. Although the MEMA focus will be on the lower six counties, all counties are invited to participate in that many counties north of the Coast will be receiving evacuees in an actual storm event and providing logistical support. Note that May 30 is on a weekday and will be a constraint for many. In the event that participation in the May 30 MEMA Exercise is not possible then as a third SET participation opportunity, DEC/EC are encouraged to organize a local SET exercise at a time and date suitable for participants and served agencies.

In response to a Congressional mandated directive, the FCC is conducting a 180 day study to assess

Amateur Radio's role in emergency and disaster communications and the impact of private land use regulations to provide such communications. The ARRL is preparing a response. The FCC public comment period ends May 17, 2012. The ARRL must have your input by April 25, 2012 to allow sufficient time to prepare the response. Please go to [www.arrl.org/ccr-study-information](http://www.arrl.org/ccr-study-information) to find more info and pre-formated data entry forms for you to submit your input.

Thanks to Tallahatchie County EC W5JWW, and his assistants KC5RFL and W5MTW, who organized and hosted a Tech Class and VE test Session at the Sumrall Fire Station (including lunch for 22). AD5IT was the instructor.

WV1Q reports that on March 21 the South Central Skywarn and Jasper Co. ARES Net was activated in a Emergency Session for adverse weather in the Jones and Jasper counties area. Ten Radio Operators ranging from Storm Spotters to ARES Members were active during the event. Jasper County was hit in Paulding, Mississippi, with an EF0 Tornado resulting in tree and power line damage; however, no injuries were reported.

From Lauderdale County, EC AE5FE reports that a communications exercise between NAS Meridian and the Regional Operations Center (ROC) at Jacksonville, FL will be tested using WINMOR. The Navy Hurricane Net has been disbanded for many years; however, NAS Meridian would like to test traffic handling both ways using Amateur Radio. Additionally, ARES has been tasked with assisting with VHF communications by the Lauderdale EOC to include voice and digital capabilities at one shelter site in Lauderdale County and one shelter site in Kemper County. This will be in addition to the requirements for the Lauderdale EOC, the Kemper County EOC, and one communications trailer that will be set up at a location TBD by the Lauderdale EMA director.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in March: KF5OKU, Charles – Carriere; KF5ORO, Virginia – Hernando; KF5OVO, Jonathan – Petal; KF5OVR, John – Brandon; KF5OVS, Ceasar – Yazoo City; KF5OVT, Ronald - Canton; KF5OVZ, Russell – Lucedale; KF5OWU, Lewis-Petal; KF5OXW, Travis – Oxford; KF5OYB, Zach – Horn Lake; KF5OYC, Corey – Waterford; KF5OYD, Phillip – Smithdale; KF5OYE, William – Starkville; KF5OYF, Travis – McCall Creek; KF5OYG, Kevin – Biloxi; KF5OYO, Stephen – Biloxi; KF5OYP, Mark – Saucier; KF5OYQ, Branden – Gulfport; KF5OYR, Christian – Gulfport; KF5OYS, Burgess – Diamondhead; KF5OYT, Jason – Wiggins; KF5OYU, Colleen – Bay Saint Louis; KF5OYV, Lawrence – Diamondhead; KF5OYW, Janice - Waveland; KF5OYX, Todd – Bay Saint Louis; KF5PAG, Clint – Columbus; KF5PAH, Arne – Columbus; KF5PBJ, Crispus – Carthage; KF5PHH, Timothy – Batesville; KF5PHI, David – Sardis; KF5PHJ, Billy - Batesville; KF5PHK, Garrett – Grenada; KF5PHL, Roger – Batesville; KF5PHM, Christopher – Batesville, and KF5PIB, Layth – Water Valley. Wow! Another good month with 37 new Hams. Thanks to all of the instructors, facilitators, and VE Teams, who made all of this happen!

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in September: KD5AXK – Hattiesburg; AB5BB – Grenada; W5BJC – Oxford; WA5CJP – Hattiesburg; KF5FND – Port Gibson; KA9ISW – Ripley; KF5JAK – Senatobia; K5JBA – Petal; KE5LPM – Carriere; KF5LUB – Florence; KF5MLU – Ethel; W5MUS – Picayune; KF5MSO – Brandon; N5MZX – Byram; AB5OR – Tupelo; KF5OYE – Starkville; N5TNT – Hattiesburg; AD5XK – Picayune; and KD5ZIO – Brookhaven. The Mississippi ARRL Membership is now 1,118. Wow! Mississippi is no longer one of the 'smaller sections.'

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: W5BAM – Grenada; KF5EYM – Diamondhead; K5FZI – Long Beach; KD4GDH – Harrisville; KF5JAK – Senatobia; KF5KQV – Biloxi; KE5KVF – Southaven; KF5LUB – Florence; KF5MZB – Cleveland; KD5NDQ – Oxford; KF5NYP – Gulfport;

KF5NYQ – Gulfport; KF5NYS – Biloxi; KF5OGI – Brandon; KF5OGK – Bentonia; KF5OLY – Decatur; and KD5ZBQ – Scobey.

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

DEC/EC Reports: AE5FE (Lauderdale/Clarke), KE5KTU (Hinds), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), KB5NMB (Itawamba), WV1Q (Jasper), W5UQT (Madison) and KE5WJN (Pearl River).

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

Magnolia Section Net 31/1201/28 (K5DSG)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/30/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 31/2783/29 (K5NRK)

MS Slow Net 21/61/0 (W3TWD)

MTN/OZK 20/68/6 (K5DMC)

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

Booneville and Prentiss County ARES 4/57/2 (WX5N)

Capital Area Em Net 4/79/0 (K5XU)

Delta ARES Net 4/29/0 (K5JAW)

DeSoto County EM Training and Info Net 4/70/0 (N5PYQ)

Grenada/Yalobusha ARES Net 4/27/0 (KE5MIS/AD5IT)

Hattiesburg AEN 4/94/0 (K5MIQ)

Itawamba County ARES 5/93/2 (KB5NMB)

Jackson ARC Em Net 4/42/0 (N5DU)

Jackson County ARES 27/349/0 (K5MOZ)

Madison County ARES Net 5/46/0 (W5UQT)

Magnolia DX Assn 4/96/0 (K5OAZ)

Meridian Area EN 5/54/0 (AE5FE)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/51/2 (K5GCY)

Mississippi Coast ARA 5/61/0 (K5KMU) One Skywarn Activation with 15 checkins

Miss/Lou Em Net 4/54/1 (K5NRK)

NE MS Skywarn 5/101/2 (W5LMW)

Olive Branch ARC VHF Net 1/9/0 (KD5CKP)

Panola County ARES 3/28/0 (KC5DPJ)

Pearl River County ARES 4/44/0 (KE5WJN)

Rankin County ARES 4/73/0 (KF5EZT)

SCMSRG Info Net 4/32/0 (AE5JG)

Scott County ARES Net 4/45/1 (K1REZ/W5JMJ)

South MS YL Net 4/22/0 (K5IJ)

South Central Skywarn and Jasper County ARES 4/34/0 (WV1Q)

Southern MS Friendship Net 9/72/0 (WB5OHN)

Stone County ARES 4/56/0 (N5UDK) Two Skywarn Activations with 15 checkins

Tishomingo ARC Net 4/87/0 (WX5N)

UMARC Net 4/39/0 (K5LMB)

Public Service Honor Roll: W5XX 75

Compilation of Net and PSHR statistics provided by KB5RCJ.