

## Mississippi Section Report for March 2013

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The logs for the 2013 Mississippi QSO Party are in. A quick inspection of the 127 logs received indicates that activity increases every year. The top 10 claimed scores in Mississippi are WQ5L, K5TLL, K5DWI, W5UE, W5OBM, W5GWD, N5GD, W5UMS, K5JUM, and NM5Z. In all, 36 logs were submitted by Mississippi Stations. The top mobiles were W3DYA (Single Op) and NO5W (driver assisted) and the top portable was W5OBM (Olive Branch ARC). Collectively the mobiles and portables made over 2,000 QSOs! Good Job by all!!

In the out of state category the top five were K4BAI (GA), NT2A (NY), W7GKF (WA), WA6KHK (CA), and KQ3F (PA). Of particular note DL3GA made 31 Mississippi QSOs from Germany! 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!

The rules for the Mississippi QSO Party have not changed since the QSO Party was reactivated in 2004. Since then a number of issues have come forward impacting the QSO Party. In 2004 the last weekend in February was relatively competition free from other on-the-air events. This is no longer the case. In addition, all AM foreign broadcasters have moved out of the 7100 to 7200 allocation by International Agreement, so 7200 to 7300 is now a mass of heterodynes from sunset on, and 7238 is virtually covered up. Further, the Mississippi QSO Party has become more tilted to SSB operation. Thus, the following changes in the rules will be made to deal with these problems: the QSO Party will move to the first weekend in April (April 5 in 2014); a new frequency will be selected for 40M SSB; and digital QSOs (CW, RTTY, etc.) will have a QSO point value of two which will encourage CW/RTTY activity. The SSB QSO Point value will remain at one.

Congratulations to our own W5JDX who was named winner of the 2013 Dayton Hamvention Special Achievement Award for his innovative efforts in the development of 'Amateur Logic TV' and 'Ham Nation,' both Internet broadcasts featuring Amateur Radio. George, who co-founded 'Amateur Logic TV' in 2005, serves as the show's producer and co-host. He has also produced the 'Smoke and Solder' segment on 'Ham Nation' for more than 80 episodes. The Special Achievement Award is given to an amateur or amateurs, who have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of Amateur Radio.

The Hattiesburg ARES Group got a nice write up in the ARRL March E-Letter regarding their response to the three weather events in Forrest County during February. If you don't take advantage of the various ARRL Email Newsletters, you can sign up by going to the ARRL Website, then go to Edit Your Profile at the top center of the page, and then Edit Email Subscriptions.

Do you have a Hazer (see [glenmartin.com](http://glenmartin.com)) to raise and lower your HF/VHF array as bad weather approaches? Check out W5THT's solution for a safer and easier way to operate your Hazer in the April QST Hints and Kinks on page 62. Good engineering, Pat!

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in March: KF5UFB, Glenn – Corinth; KF5UHI, Benjamin – Diamondhead; KF5UHR, Austin – Caledonia; KF5UHS, Timothy – Caledonia; KF5UHT, Matthew – Oxford; KF5UHU, Jeffrey – Olive Branch; KF5UHV, William – Oxford; KF5UHW, Ibrahim – Oxford; KF5UHX, Alan – Saltillo; KF5UJD, David – Wiggins; KF5UJE, Chester – Perkinston; KF5UJF, Aaron – Perkinston; KF5UJG, Carol – Diamondhead; KF5UKM, James – Columbus; KF5UKW, Jonathan – Thaxton; KF5UPN, Richard – Pearl; KF5UOM, Jared – Olive Branch; and KF5USM, Dayton – Natchez.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in March: AC5CH – Florence; KS4FM – Gulfport; N5KDA – Natchez; KF5IZ – Brandon; KC5JNA – Brandon; N5NKD – Brandon; KF5RSR – Hernando; KF5RSS – Hernando; KD5SBB – Baldwin; AD5SG – Biloxi; KF5TEQ – Jackson; KF5TPT – Olive Branch; KF5UBZ – Morton; KE5WPW – Tremont; KD5WVP – Meridian; and KE5YEA – Philadelphia. The Mississippi ARRL Membership is now 1,146. Down one from last month. Keep Working! Thanks for your continuing membership recruitment efforts.

Welcome to N5KDA as the new EC for Adams County replacing KB5JN, who has served since 2003. Thanks, Dale! Also welcome to AE5QP as the new EC for Greene County. And last but not least welcome to WB5BNV as Asst. EC for Lauderdale County and KF5MWE as Asst. EC for Clarke County.

Further, N5WLW has retired as Section Public Information Officer in that he now been ordained as a priest and his ministerial duties are taking up most of his time.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KD5BQT – Smithdale; KD5HFQ – Smithdale; KD5PIT – Walls; KF5SFJ – Gulfport; KF5TIG – Gulfport; KF5TJK – Coffeeville; KF5TPT – Olive Branch; and KF5TPU – Horn Lake.

Club Newsletters/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Lowndes County ARC (AD5DO), Mississippi Coast ARA (KB9ZR), and the Northeast Mississippi ARA (KB5NMB).

DEC/EC Reports: KF5EZT (Rankin), AE5FE (Lauderdale/Clark via WL2K), K5MOZ (Jackson), KB5NMB (Itawamba), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), WV1Q (Jasper), and KE5WJN (Pearl River).

Regret to report the passing of KN6TC of Wiggins and K5BBA of Tupelo..

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

Magnolia Section Net 31/1106/22 (K5DSG)

MS Baptist Hams Net 5/30/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 31/2737/38 (K5NRK)

MS Slow Net 21/52/0 (W3TWD)

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

Booneville and Prentiss County ARES Net 4/41/0 (WX5N)  
Capital Area Em Net 5/68/0 (K5XU)  
Delta ARES Net 5/31/0 (K5JAW) 1 Weather Net  
Grenada/Yalobusha ARES Net 3/8/0 (KE5MIS)  
Itawamba County ARES 4/64/1 (KB5NMB)  
Jackson ARC Em Net 4/45/0 (N5DU)  
Jackson County Em Net 26/444/5 (K5MOZ)  
Magnolia DX Assn 4/67/0 (K5OAZ)  
Meridian Area EN 6/57/5 (AE5FE)  
Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/47/0 (K5GCY)  
Miss/Lou Em Net 5/34/0 (K5NRK)  
MS Preparedness Project Emergency Net 4/45/0 (WX5H)  
NE MS Skywarn 4/71/1 (W5LMW)  
Olive Branch Tech and Info Net 12/123/4 (KD5CKP)  
Pearl River County ARES 4/45/0 (KE5WJN)  
Pearl River ARC Net 4/75/0 (K5RDA)  
Rankin County ARES 4/66/0 (KF5EZT)  
Scott County ARES Net X/XX/X (W5JMJ/K1REZ)  
South MS YL Net 4/32/0 (KB5CSQ)  
South Central Skywarn and Jasper County ARES 4/29/0 (WV1Q)  
Stateline Skywarn Net 4/58/0 (KB5NMB)  
Stone County ARES 4/52/0 (N5UDK)  
Tishomingo ARC Net 4/63/0 (WX5N)  
UMARC Net 5/40/0 (K5LMB)  
Yazoo County ARES Net 4/37/0 (KF5DJS)

Public Service Honor Roll: W5XX 70

Compilation of Net and PSHR statistics provided by KB5RCJ.