

## Mississippi Section Report for May 2012

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Clear your calendars for Field Day 2012 on June 23-24! Mississippi Hams will charge off into the boonies to wrestle with coax and guy wires, scratch their heads when rigs won't load, fight the heat and humidity, and swat mosquitoes. (However, don't forget Category F if you want to operate from a nice cool EOC, if you can't stand the heat and humidity). If you don't know where there is a Field Day Site near you check the Field Day Locator on the ARRL Web Site. If your site is not on the Field Day Locator be sure to add it ASAP. Remember the Locator is intended to show public Field Day sites that members of the public and media can visit. If you're going to be operating a private location, don't add it to the map.

Through the efforts of State Government Liaison AK5J, Governor Phil Bryant has proclaimed June 18-24 as Amateur Radio Week in Mississippi. You can receive a copy of the Proclamation for local Field Day PR purposes by sending an email to [ak5j@arrl.net](mailto:ak5j@arrl.net). In addition, a copy will be placed on the Section Web Site.

If all goes as planned W5XX will be on his annual Field Day Expedition to visit as many sites as possible. He will, as usual, have a trunk full of 2012-2013 Repeater Directories for new ARRL members and renewals. If you already have a Repeater Directory, he may be able to order you another free book that will come through the mail later.

Each year the Mississippi Section participates in May with MEMA in a pre-hurricane season exercise. The exercise was canceled in 2010 because of the Gulf oil spill and in 2011 because of tornadoes in Central and North Mississippi and flooding on the Mississippi. This year Mother Nature did not manage to derail the exercise. Twelve hours before simulated Hurricane Natasha made land fall on the Gulf Coast MEMA activated with Mississippi ARES providing back up communications. Those counties known to participate were Attala, DeSoto, Greene, Harrison, Jackson, Jasper, Lauderdale, Pearl River, Rankin, Scott, Stone, and Warren. Thanks to all who participated. Hurricane Season is here, already. Surely we can't make it zero hurricane landfalls four years in a row! Be prepared!

The Vicksburg ARC set up for the annual 'Museum Ships on the Air' Weekend at the site of the USS Cairo in the Vicksburg National Military Park. K5ZRO made about 150 QSOs in the US and Europe. Those participating were K5NRK, N5JGK, KC5QZW, KD5WCR, and W5XX.

Mississippi Coast ARA Net Manager K5KMU advises that after the Club's regular Net on Tuesday at 1900 a recorded current version of News Line is being played for the checkins. In addition at 2000 a new Tech Night Net has been started to discuss technical issues. All of this action is on 146.73.

Rankin County AEC KF5EZT reports that on May 24 WX5H (AEC Rankin County) began a test of their automated calling system provided by River Oaks Hospital Flowood. At 4 P.M. a call was sent to all Rankin ARES members announcing the test and requesting checkins on the Rankin County 147.345 repeater. WX5H was net control and 7 ARES members responded as well as 2 non members, who monitor the frequency. An encouraging turnout indeed!

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in February: KF5PYE, Bryce – Mississippi State; KF5PYG, Lyman – Columbus; KF5PYH, Calvin – West Point; KF5PYI, Maya – Mississippi State; KF5PYJ, Khanh – Mississippi State; KF5PYK, Graciela – Jackson; KF5PYL, Joseph – Starkville; KF5PYM, Clifford – Ackerman; KF5PYN, Daran – Columbus; KF5PYO, Richard – Ackerman; KF5PYP, Michael – Starkville; KF5PYQ, Patrick – Starkville; KF5PYR, William – Madison; KF5QAV, Patricia – Bay Saint Louis; KF5QAW, Michael – Gulfport; KF5QEA, Andrew – Columbus; KF5QEO, John – Brookhaven; KF5QGF, Craig – Olive Branch; KF5QHM, Robert – Carthage; KF5QIG, Charles – Petal; KF5QIH, Travis – Petal; KF5QII, Jason – Hattiesburg; KF5QIJ, William – Hattiesburg; KF5QIQ, Lawrence – Olive Branch; and KF5QLL, John – Philadelphia. Wow! 26 new hams in one month! Thanks to all of the instructors and VE Teams, who made this happen.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in May: N5ARO – Hattiesburg; KH0DW – Byhalia; WB4IZC – Horn Lake; KF5KSB – Columbus; KF5OGI – Brandon; KF5OJT - Biloxi; KF5POD – Taylorsville; KF5PRR – Ecu; KF5QGZ – Columbia; KF5QIJ – Hattiesburg; KF5QIQ – Olive Branch; KE5RZS – Gulfport; W5TAD – Meridian; and KD5VTY – French Camp. The Mississippi ARRL Membership is now 1,119 up 5 from last month. Another record! Thanks for your efforts!

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KB5KNA – Southaven; KF5KVL – Southaven; KF5OGQ – Madison; KF5OHD – Corinth; KF5OYF – McCall Creek; KF5OYG – Biloxi; KF5PYF – Madison; WA5UDQ – D'Lo; KE5VNO – Brookhaven; WB5YCR – New Albany; and KD5ZDS – Starkville.

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 (WC MS/Hinds), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss/Tishomingo), WV1Q (Jasper), K1REZ (Scott), N9OKV (Harrison), N5UDK (Stone), W5UQT (Madison), KD5VMV (DeSoto), KE5WJN (Pearl River), and AG5Z (SE MS)

Regret to report the passing of K5IMT of Vicksburg and WB5USN of Aberdeen. Lloyd and Doyle were regular MSPN checkins for many years. Lloyd served as a weekly NCS for many of these years.

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

Magnolia Section Net 31/1086/5 (K5DSG)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/25/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 31/2393/9 (K5NRK)

MS Slow Net 23/52/2 (W3TWD)

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

Booneville and Prentiss County ARES 4/64/1 (WX5N)

Capital Area Em Net 4/66/0 (K5XU)

Delta ARES Net 4/19/0 (K5JAW)

Grenada/Yalobusha County 4/48/0 (AD5IT/KE5MIS)

Hattiesburg AEN 4/84/0 (K5MIQ)

Itawamba County ARES 5/92/3 (KB5NMB)

Jackson ARC Em Net 5/60/1 (N5DU)

Jackson Co ARES Net 28/453/2 (K5MOZ)

Madison County ARES 5/62/0 (W5UQT)

Magnolia DX Assn 5/91/0 (K5OAZ)

Meridian Area EN 7/60/21 (AE5FE)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/36/0 (K5GCY)

Mississippi Coast ARA 5/73/0 (K5KMU)

Mississippi Coast ARA Tech Net 5/42/0 (K5KMU)

Miss/Lou Em Net 4/44/1 (K5NRK)

NE MS Skywarn 4/63/0 (W5LMW)

Olive Branch ARC Tech and Info Net 8/51/0 (KD5CKP)

Panola County ARES 4/38/0 (KC5DPJ).

Pearl River County ARES 4/63/0 (KE5WJN)

Rankin County ARES 6/79/0 (KF5EZT) 1 Call Out Test Session

Scott County ARES Net 6/83/2 (K1REZ/W5JMJ) 1 SET Activation and 1 Skyward Activation.

South Central Skywarn and Jasper County ARES 4/44/0 (WV1Q)

Southern MS Friendship Net 9/41/0 (WB5OHN)

Stone County ARES 4/48/0 (N5UDK)

Tishomingo ARC Net 5/65/0 (WX5N)

UMARC Net 4/30/0 (K5LMB)

PSHR: W5XX 224

Compilation of Net and PSHR statistics provided by KB5RCJ.