

## Mississippi Section Report for May 2014

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Clear your calendars for Field Day 2014 on June 28-29! 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 Station Locator on the ARRL Web Site at [www.arrl.org/field-day-locator](http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator). If your site is not on the Field Day Station 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 from a private location, don't add it to the map. And as a point of interest, the Southern Mississippi YL's will be setting up their first all YL Field Day. YLs check with KB5CSQ if you want to help.

The Northeast Mississippi Radio Amateurs (NEMRA) had an excellent front page article in the Tupelo Daily Journal as the result of reporter Scott Morris' interview with WB5EIN, N5MIS, N5VGK, and KD5TTU on the NEMRA response to the April 28 Tornado. N5VGK, one of several storm spotters in the field, spotted the tornado from Chickasaw Village on the Trace and reported it through KB5NMB, who was the NCS for the Stateline Skywarn Net. Two minutes later the NWS issued a Tornado Warning. After the storm event the NEMRA members helped people get in touch with loved ones as the phone lines were clogged.

Congratulations to K5XU, who has a very nice write up on his life time Ham Radio activities in the June issue of 'Today in Mississippi' the official publication of the Electric Power Association of Mississippi. You can read the whole article at [http://issuu.com/nationalcountrymarket/docs/june\\_2014\\_statewide?e=1727072/8149578](http://issuu.com/nationalcountrymarket/docs/june_2014_statewide?e=1727072/8149578)

W5ILR reports that a Broadband Hamnet (MESH) Node W5ILR-2 is now on the air from the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport. The antennas are mounted on the roof of the residential building at 140 ft AGL. Preliminary testing is peer to peer in the local Gulfport/Biloxi area. Internet access is available and will be implemented as soon he figures out how to set that up. Local hams are encouraged to submit reports to help Allan build a network in this area.

K1REZ, Net Manager for the Mississippi Digital Amateur Radio Club, reports that participation in Mississippi's new digital nets continues to grow each month. In May 2014 there were 50 check-ins to the weekly digital nets. Eleven different Mississippi counties were represented in these check ins: Hinds, Rankin, Madison, Scott, Lauderdale, Clarke, Warren, Forest; Lamar, Panola, and Yalobusha. Two Hospitals were also represented in these check ins: River Oaks and Anderson Regional Medical Center. The Mississippi Peer-to-Peer Email Via Amateur Radio Net (MS-P2P-EmailNet) had four

weekly nets with 33 check-ins, 114 P2P Emails Exchanged, and 5 NTS Format Messages passed. The Mississippi Digital SKYWARN Net (MS-DSN) had one monthly training net with 4 check-ins and passed one Storm Spotter Report. The Mississippi Narrow Band Emergency Messaging System Net (MS-NBEMS) had one monthly training net with 6 check-ins. The MS Digital Amateur Radio Club Experimental Net (MS-DARC-EN) had one monthly net with 7 check ins. Our most frequent participants during the month of May have been: WB5BNV, KF5MWE, K1REZ, KC5IIW, WX5H, KF5DII, KD5NDU, KD5XG, KF5QLL, W5TUT, WB5AKR, WD5AES, K5FV, and N5TQF,

Rez notes that the digital modes are not only fun, but are also excellent for emergency communications, especially for sending NTS Format Messages, Radiograms, IC Forms, SKYWARN Storm Spotter Reports, Storm Damage Photos, and any information which is too sensitive to be sent via phone (voice) mode. (patient information, deceased lists, damaged house addresses, etc.)

Please send an email to K1REZ@ARRL.Net if your club would like to have a power point presentation on "How to get Started in the Digital Modes" presented at one of your club meeting. For more details on how you can get involved in the fun world of Digital Amateur Radio and/or check into Mississippi's new digital nets please visit or [www.MSDARC.org](http://www.MSDARC.org)

KD5LAP reports from Corinth that the Coke 10K Race went well. The event Homepage notes that there were 1286 participants this year. One of the new local hams, KK4ZYY, from Michie TN, was a wheelchair entry. Both W5AWP repeaters were utilized during the event. The 440 machine has been suffering from some TX problems since it has been moved to its new home, so the 146.925 machine was used to fill some gaps and worked great! Dustin reports that those Hams helping with the Race were K5WHB, K0RIS, W5OA, KD5VNJ, and AF5QC. This is the 8th or 9th time Alcorn County ARES has helped with the event, and the officials are always appreciative of the assistance.

K5XU notes that on May 17 members of the Jackson Amateur Radio Club provided communications for the 100 Miles of Mayhem Bike Ride through Madison County. The Mississippi Methodist Rehabilitation Center was the beneficiary of this charity ride conducted by the Bike Crossing Bicycle Shop in Ridgeland. Approximately 225 cyclists participated in the event, which drew to a safe conclusion at approximately 2:00 PM. JARC members who participated were: K5GCY, KE5JKD, KE5WAC, N5GT, K5KKD, and K5XU. The 147.075 repeater, AA5JC, near Canton, provided coverage of the course.

And lastly in the area of Public Service, K5GCY reports that the Jackson ARC provided communications for the Heatwave Triathlon on June 6. No incidents were reported. Gary says those club members helping with this event were K5XU, K5KKD, KF5IZ, N5NKD, KD5JPB, KE5JKD, KE5WAC, K5RWB, KF5EZT, K5CID, AF5QD, WM5A, K5BLL, WB5ALM, N5GT, N5KLT, and K5GCY.

In spite of the heat, the Vicksburg ARC (K5ZRO) set up on the U.S.S Cairo in the Vicksburg National Military Park for operation during the 'Museum Ships on the Air' weekend. Those participating were N5JGK, K5NRK, K5IMT, KK5ED, WA5EBH, and W5XX.

EC WX5N reports the Tishomingo County EOC is on the air. The first TCARC 2 Meter net was called from the EOC on May 20.

KD5CKP notes that the Mid South Two Meter Sideband Net is meeting again at 2100 CDT on Saturday Nights on 144.255 USB and centered around the Memphis Area..

W5KK advises that during the April W1AW/5 operation in Mississippi that N5PYQ and KF5MYP were also second ops at his station. W1AW will visit Mississippi again on November 12-18.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in May: KG5BYO, Adam - Biloxi; KG5CAH, Timothy - Waveland; KG5CAI, Marc - Ocean Springs; KG5CAS, Melissa - Southaven; KG5CAY, Clayton - Carriere; KG5CBC, John - Natchez; KG5CCP, John Tate - Oxford; KG5CCQ, Greyson - New Albany; KF5CCR, Leslie - Water Valley; KG5CDG, Kevin - Hattiesburg; KG5CDH, Billy - Kosciusko; KG5CDK, Ocean Springs; KG5CEK, Chelsea - Moss Point; KG5CEL, John - Moss Point; KG5CHF, Cynthia - Horn Lake; KG5CHG, Ronald - Horn Lake; KG5CHK, David - Hernando; and KG5CIR, Trevor - Southaven. If one of these new hams lives in your community, give them a call and see if they are having any trouble getting on the air and invite them to the next club meeting!

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in February: KG5ABW, Edgar - Florence; KG5AOS, Timothy - Wiggins; KG5AUE, Jay - Grenada; KG5AVK, Cynthia - Olive Branch; KD5CDH, Billy - Kosciusko; N5EBS, Barry - Columbus; N5EOB, Ronnie - Moss Point; KD5HIJ, James - Ridgeland; KF5HWG, Billy - Pearl; WB5JHC, William - Biloxi; KF5OT, Billy - Morton; W5TDS, Biloxi - Robert; and KE5WO, Harvey - Port Gibson. ARRL Membership in Mississippi is 1,140 as of May 31. Although we were plus 1 for the month, a number of Silent Keys and Hams, who have recently moved from the State, were removed from the roll, so we were down from our record 1,149 last month. Keep pushing. Thanks for your continuing efforts!

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KG5BJC, David - Horn Lake; N5FDB, Rhoda - Meridian; WB5KFN, Charles - Hattiesburg; KE5RJU, Ashley - Petal; KF5SPN, Alex - Petal; KF5VBB, John - Purvis; N5YCJ, Lisa - Petal; KF5YGG, Joel - Morton; and KF5ZCI, William - Petal. Give these folks a pat on the back the next time you see them!

Also congratulations to Morgan, KE5VFK, of Tishomingo who has been awarded the ARRL K2TEO Memorial Scholarship and the ARRL Mississippi Scholarship.

And last but not least, congratulations to KD5CKP for receiving his VUCC Certificate and to AB5RS for being one of five Delta Division Amateurs to be on the ARRL VE Honor Roll (217 Sessions!).

Club Newsletters/Reports: Hattiesburg ARC (AC5E), Lowndes County ARA (AD5DO), Meridian ARC (W5MAV), Mississippi Coast ARA (KB9ZR), the Northeast Mississippi ARA (KB5NMB), and the Tishomingo County ARC (KG5BJA).

DEC/EC Reports: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), KF5EZT (Rankin), AE5FE (Lauderdale/Clarke), KE5KTU (Hinds), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), KB5NMB (Itawamba), WV1Q (Jasper), K1REZ (EC MS), WA5TEF (Lee), and KE5WJN (Pearl River).

Regret to report the passing of K5GEN of Tupelo.

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

Magnolia Section Net 31/1178/6 (K5DSG)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/19/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 31/1934/3 (K5NRK)

MS Slow Net 21/36/0 (W3TWD)

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

Booneville and Prentiss County ARES 4/46/0 (WX5N)

Capital Area Em Net 4/60/0 (K5XU)

Chickasaw ARA 4/85/0 (N5PYQ)

Delta Simplex ARES Net 3/15/0 (K5JAW)

Hattiesburg Area 2M EN 4/95/0 (K5TLL)

Hattiesburg Area 10M EN 4/41/0 (K5TLL)

Itawamba County ARES 5/91/2 (KB5NMB)

Lowndes County ARC Net 4/38/0 (AD5DO)

Jackson Co ARES Net 28/413/2 (K5MOZ)

Magnolia DX Assn 4/42/0 (W5DAW)

Meridian Area EN 4/46/0 (AE5FE)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/38/0 (K5GCY)

Mid-South 2M SSB Net 3/27/0 (KD5CKP)

MS HEARN District 6 5/42/3 (KF5QLL)

MS-P2P-Email Net 4/33/5 (K1REZ)

MS-DSN 1 /4/1 (K1REZ)

MS-NBEMS 1/6/0 (K1REZ)

MS-DARC-EN 1/7/0 (K1REZ)

Miss/Lou Em Net 4/29/0 (K5NRK)

Mississippi Preparedness Project EN 5/36/0 (WX5H)

Northeast MS Skywarn Net 4/48/0 (WA5TEF)

Olive Branch ARC Tech and Info Net 14/158/0 (KD5CKP)

Pearl River County ARES 4/37/0 (KE5WJN)

Pearl River ARC Net 5/91/0 (K5RDA)

Petal Amateur Wireless Association 10/34/0 (NG5C)

Rankin County ARES 5/55/0 (KF5EZT)

Scott County ARES Training Net 4/51/0 (KC5IIW)

South Central Skywarn/Jasper County ARES Net 4/37/0 (WV1Q) (5/50/0 - April Report)

Southern MS YL Net 4/37/0 (KB5CSQ)

Stateline Skywarn Net 5/79/0 (KB5NMB)

Stone County ARES 4/54/0 (N5UDK)

Tishomingo ARC Net 4/70/0 (WX5N)

UMARC UHF Net 4/18/0 (K5LMB)

UMARC VHF Net 4/25/0 (K5LMB)

Yazoo County ARES 4/23/0 (KF5DJS)

PSHR: W5XX 77, K5JAW 71

Compilation of Net and PSHR statistics provided by KB5RCJ.