

Mississippi Section Report for May 2015

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Clear your calendars for Field Day 2015 on June 27-28 just three weekends from now! 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. 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. Last year 25 club/individual Mississippi stations were listed on the FD Locator.

This was Public Service season for Mississippi Clubs. DEC/EC WB5CON reports that Alcorn County ARES provided communications for the Coca Cola Classic 10k foot race held on May 2nd. Race Officials noted that there were 1,500 entries, which was the cutoff, and they had to turn a few potential participants away. Over 1,300 finished the race! The following folks provided communications at the start/finish line and at each mile marker K5WHB, KD5VNJ, N5YAV, K0RIS, W5OA, AK4DI, N5ABS, AF5QC, KD5LAP, and NCS KM4GKC.

YL KM4GKC, is a new, young ham who did a great job at the start/finish line as a first time NCS. K9YVT, who is the EC for McNairy County Tennessee assisted and coached her. Also of note, KK4ZYY, a member of Alcorn County ARES, won the wheelchair division of the Race. He is also the fiancee of KM4GKC!

PIO KF5ZCI notes that the Petal ARC provided communications for the Petal YMCA 5K Race. Besides William the participants were K5DVD, NU5Y, KG5FXU, N5MZ, KG5ASA, NY9U, KG5ASB, KF5ZAV, NG5C, and KF5ZAT. No incidents were reported.

KA5DON reports that on June 6 the Jackson County Amateur Radio Association provided checkpoints for the first D-Day Poker Run sponsored by the Gautier American Legion Post 1992, in commemoration of the anniversary of the D-Day Invasion. Benefits were given to the Wounded Warrior Project. A total of 59 motorcycles moved thru 5 checkpoints manned by the JCARA Amateurs. Checkpoint Juno was manned by N2PKW, Utah by KG5CLG, Gold by AF5AQ and AF5DP, Omaha by N9RQX and N9RRI along with Net Control KA5DON, Motor Cycle Trail Rider K5MOZ, and Safety Driver AG5CC. A total of 10 pieces of formal traffic were handled along with each checkpoint checking in and reporting riders thru the checkpoint every 30 minutes. Total Time for the event was 7 hours.

K5BLL notes that on June 6 the Jackson Amateur Radio Club and the Central Mississippi Amateur Radio Association provided communications support for the 30 th annual Heatwave Classic Triathlon, It consisted of a 0.5 mile swim in the Ross Barnett Reservoir, a 24.5 mile bike ride along the Natchez Trace Parkway, and a 10K run along Ridgeland's heavily shaded Multi-Use Trail, ending in Old Trace Park. Just under 300 athletes participated in the triathlon.

Hams working the event were K5CID, K5KKD, K5XU, KD5SBP, KF5IZ, N5WKD, KA5TJW, WM5A, AF5QD, K5KLT, K5BLL, KE5WAC, and KE5JKC. These thirteen Hams from both clubs manned nine rest stops, critical intersections, the Net Control Station setup on the back porch of the Ridgeland Community Center (the hub of activity next to Old Trace Park), or were rovers on the event route. Some incidents of vehicles not giving the bikers enough space between them and the bikers for their safety were passed to net control, who passed them on to local law enforcement and race officials. Also, requests for SAG vehicles were passed through Net Control to the race officials for those athletes who tired out and just couldn't continue the race.

The Vicksburg ARC again participated in the Museum Ships on-the air Weekend operating from the site of the U.S.S. Cairo in the Vicksburg National Military Park making over 100 QSOs. Those participating were N5JGK, WB5YKR, K5NRK, K5IMT, W5GLA, KF5YGG, W5WAF, and W5XX.

On your long range calendar put down August 8 for the Mississippi SET which will be coordinated by K1REZ. This is one weekend before the Huntsville Hamfest and our peak hurricane season traditionally around the first of September.

The second item on you long range calendar is the Katrina 10 th Anniversary Special Memorial Event from August 26 through September 2. Complete details are on www.katrina5h.com or contact AG5Z.

And lastly, the 2015 ARRL Day in the Park will be September 19 and hosted by the Pearl River ARC. The event will be held at the Pearl River County Fairgrounds. POC is K5RDA at k5rda@arrl.net. More details to follow.

EC WX5N reports that the Tishomingo County ARC repeater on Woodall Mountain went out on about May 21, and TCARC is working with the Tishomingo County EMA director to get the repeater repaired. The May 26 TCARC Net was called from Woodall Mountain by AF5PO and KF5FXR using a reverse split and a vertical antenna, and the net was carried on as normal.

For many years KD5RGJ has been sending out welcoming packages to new Hams. Lately, Spencer has had an abnormally high number of these letters returned as the mailing address on QRZ.com and the FCC database were apparently wrong. VEs please be careful to ensure that exam candidates have the correct readable mailing addresses on their application paperwork.

K2FF reports that the 599 DX Association was 8 th in the USA out of 38 entries in the 'Local' category in the 2014 ARRL 10 Meter Contest. Club member AG5Z made an amazing 1,333 QSOs.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in December: KG5HGL, Valarie - Madison; KD5HGM, Candace - Terry; KG5HGN, Justin - Yazoo City; KG5HGO, James - McComb; KG5HGP, Thomasina - Olive Branch; KG5HGQ, Robert - Monticello; KG5HGR, Barbara - Meridian; KG5HGS, Warren - Madison; KG5HGT, Harold - Lucedale; KG5HGU, Chris - Inverness; KG5HGV, Scott - Bogue Chitto; KG5HGW, Donald - Myrtle; KG5HGX, Janice - Madison; KG5HGY, Garwood - Meridian; KG5HGZ, Joseph - Canton; KG5HHA, Teresa - Brookhaven; KG5HHB, Jeremiah - Jackson; KG5HHE, Donald - Buckatunna; KG5HHG, Sergio - Starkville; KG5HJS, Robert - Columbus; KG5HJT, Kelvin - Columbus; KG5HJU, R.D. - Columbus; KG5HKT, Dan - Gulfport; KG5HKU, John - Waveland; KG5HKV, John - Pass Christian; KG5HKW, Christopher - Pass Christian; KG5HLV, Yancey - Wiggins; KG5HLW, Vincent - McHenry; KG5HLX, Donovan - Wiggins; KG5HLZ, Brenton - Nettleton; KG5HNV, Randy - Starkville; KG5HQJ, Chelsea - Byhalia; and KG5HQY, Bruce - Southaven.

If any of these new hams live close to you give them a call and see if they need any help getting on the air and invite them to your next club meeting.

Welcome to the following new ARRL Members in May: KG4AFT, Andrew - Hattiesburg; K5ALT, Justin - Collinsville; WK4DX, Fred - Nesbit; W5FMO, Raymond - Picayune; KG5GCC, Charles - Bay Saint Louis; AE5H, Michael - New Albany; KG5HAH, Mark - Biloxi; KG5HFW, Charles - Senatobia; KG5HGT, Harold - Lucedale; KG5HGZ, Joseph - Canton; KD5KMC, Randy - Madison; and KC6KUA, Janet - Forest. As of May 31 ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 1,121 down 17 from last month. Not good! Let's go back to work on membership!

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KD5BLT, William - Carriere; KG5BRM, Nathan - Randolph; KG5FGC, James - Perkinston; KG5GBH, Richard - Byhalia; KC5GCW, Jason - Starkville; KG5GMI, Eugene - Byram; KG5GOO, Daniel - Lumberton; KG5GOP, Steve - Hattiesburg; KG5HFW, Charles - Senatobia; and KF5UWH, Gary - New Albany;

And congratulations to N5FG who was presented a plaque for his service as CQ Worked all Zones Manager for the past 11 years. The plaque was presented at the Spring Picnic of the 599 DX Association by sponsor W5UE in behalf of co-sponsor K2RED.

And last, but not least, congratulations to NS5M, who completed the ARRL on-line course EC-001, Introduction to Emergency Communications.

Regret to report the passing of KA5WRX of Brandon. Richard was Mississippi Section Manager from 1991 to 1995. Also we regretfully note the passing of KD5YTC of Columbus a retired Navy veteran and radio and television engineer.

DEC/EC Monthly Reports for May 2015: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), WX5SE (Itawamba), WA5TEF (Lee), KE5WJN (Pearl River).

Club Newsletter/Reports (Editor): Delta ARES (K5JAW) and the Marion County ARC (AF5NG).

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

Magnolia Section Net 31/1053/17 (K5DSG)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/36/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 31/1962/20 (K5NRK)

MS Slow Net 20/61/0 (W3TWD)

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

Booneville and Prentiss County Net 4/37/0 (WX5N)

Capital Area Em Net 5/71/0 (K5XU)

Chickasaw ARA Net 4/85/0 (N5PYQ)
Delta ARES Simplex Net 5/36/0 (K5JAW)
Hattiesburg ARC 2M Emergency Training Net 5/108/0 (K5TLL)
Hattiesburg 2M Simplex Net 1/14/0 (K5TLL)
Hattiesburg ARC 10M Net 5/57/0 (K5TLL)
Itawamba County ARES 4/57/2 (WX5SE) 2 Skywarn Nets
Jackson ARC EN 3/33/0 (N5DU)
Lowndes County ARC Net 4/47/0 (KF5AZ)
MDXA Net 4/36/0 (W5DAW)
Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/36/0 (AE5SK)
Miss/Lou Em Net 5/38/0 (K5NRK)
MS Preparedness Project EN 4/26/0 (KF5RFB)
Northeast MS Skywarn Net 4/36/0 (WA5TEF)
Pearl River ARES Net 3/27/0 (KE5WJN)
Pearl River ARC Net 4/56/0 (K5RDA)
Petal Amateur Wireless Society Net 4/29/0 (NG5C)
Scott County ARES 4/26/0 (KC5IIW)
Stone County ARES Net 4/56/0 (N5UDK)
Tishomingo ARC Net 4/64/0 (WX5N)
UMARC UHF Net 5/26/0 (K5LMB)
UMARC VHF Net 5/50/0 (K5LMB)
Yazoo County ARES Net 4/13/0 (KF5DJS)

PSHR - KA5DON 123 and W5XX 70.

Traffic: KA5DON 48

Compilation of Net statistics provided by KB5RCJ.