

# Mississippi Section Report for August 2018

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When it looked like Mississippi was going to skate through Hurricane Season without a hit, Tropical Storm Gordon showed up on the Mississippi/Alabama Line and dumped a lot of rain on some parts of Mississippi, but none on others. The Mississippi ARES Emergency Net was activated from 1800 local on September 4 until 0600 on September 5. Thanks to all of those who took a turn at NCS and those who stood by for any traffic.

The 2018 ARRL Mississippi Section Day in the Park will be hosted by the Chickasaw Amateur Radio Association and the Olive Branch Amateur Radio Club and will be held at the Olive Branch City Park on Saturday October 6, 2018. Chairman KW5GP invites you to come and meet local and statewide Hams, get on the air with their two GOTA stations, win door prizes (must be present to win), have some food, and in general have fun with your fellow Hams. There will be speakers, tailgating, VE testing, and other Ham Radio related activities. Bring the whole family.

Hours are 9 AM to 2 PM at the main pavilion in the Olive Branch City Park. Due to other events at the Park that weekend, parking will be at a premium and tailgaters are urged to bring folding tables, chairs, portable canopies, etc. There will have plenty of room in the grass area next to the pavilion for swap tables.

Further info is as follows: Park address 8267 Goodman Rd, Olive Branch, MS 38654; Park Entrance: GPS: 34.961510, -89.838486; Pavilion GPS: 34.955996, -89.836783; talk-in: W5OBM, 147.255 + 600 PL: 79.7.

Please email Glen at [kw5gp@arrl.net](mailto:kw5gp@arrl.net) if you are planning to attend to help make sure they have plenty of vittles to go around.

DEC N5ZNT is proud to report that for the 2018 SET the Southwest Mississippi ARES Team had a total of 7 counties out of 9 (SW MS) on the air each with at least two hams participating at some time during the SET. SUPERB JOB Southwest Mississippi Hams!!!

Forrest County EC KF7DLE notes that since the SET they have had many practice sessions using the digital modes to stay educated on their use. There is also some activity from new hams showing interest in being net control ops.

Lee County EC WA5TEF advises that the Northwest Mississippi Skywarn Net activated on August 20th due to a severe thunderstorm and tornado warning. There were 16 checkins with 9 on emergency power. No damage reported but they received sufficient information to track the various thunderstorms.

Lauderdale County EC KB5SZK reports that work is underway to repair the Meridian ARC W5FQ repeater after a lightning strike. They have a low power unit in place but hope to have the

normal unit repaired soon. The antenna and feedline it was using is also damaged and will need replacing. They hope to raise enough money to do this soon. They are working with a replacement antenna at the moment, testing it before it goes up. Hopefully, by the next report they will be back in operation. Also, they would like to thank NO5C for the use of the W5LRG Repeater during the W5FQ down time.

Carroll/Montgomery EC KF5IAY notes that they have lost all 3 repeaters in their area. He has a location to move a repeater to but needs to find a deal he cannot pass up on an antenna and hard line to get back on the air.

Washington county EC NS5M advises that ARES was forced to remove their repeater off the tower owned by a local TV station. They have no operational repeater at this time and may have to use only simplex.

It seems like all of sudden we have a lot of repeater problems in Mississippi.

K5GCY reports that the Jackson ARC provided communications for the Salvation Army's 'Labor of Love' 5K/10K/walk/run. All proceeds went to the Salvation Army battered women's house. Gary notes that the following Hams participated besides himself: WB5ALM, KG5QLS, AE5SK, KA0SPH, KE5WRB, K5KKD, K5GMC, K5CID, KG5THA, KE5JKD, and KE5WAC.

Gary further reports that the Jackson ARC combined with Vicksburg ARC to work the Cyclist Curing Cancer 100- mile Bike Ride. The event started in Clinton and went to Port Gibson and return. The clubs used the AF5OQ Port Gibson repeater. Hams working this event were: K5GCY, WB5ALM, K5WRB, K5IMT, WB5YKR, N5JGK, KD5DHR, K5VXV, KE5JKD, and KE5WAC.

On your long-range calendar pencil in the Papa Jack's Trade Day, October 13 in Tupelo (POC WA5TEF), the Jackson County ARC Hamfest, November 9-10 in Ocean Springs (POC K5MOZ), and last but not least the Capital City Hamfest, January 25-26, 2019 in Jackson (POC K5GCY).

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in August: KI5BCL, Max – Vicksburg; KI5BEG, Jim – Ocean Springs; KI5BEH, Chloe – Ocean Springs. KI5BEU – Dickie – Vicksburg; KI5BFF, Jerry – Clinton; KI5BHG, Shane – Hernando; and KI5BKM, William – Madison.

And, also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in August: KI5BCH, Kay – Bellefontaine; KB5DWX, Ronnie – Amory; KB5DXO, Donnie – Amory; KI5PZ, Peter – Kiln; and WA4WLS, Roger – Hernando;

As of September 31, ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 996 down 4 from the last report on August 31. We finally dropped below 1000.

Are you aware of the ARRL Club Commission Program? ARRL Affiliated Clubs receive a commission for every new ARRL membership and renewal they submit to ARRL Headquarters.

Clubs retain \$15 for each new membership OR lapsed membership (of two years or more). A NEW MEMBER is defined as any individual who has never been a member of ARRL or any individual who has not retained a membership for two or more calendar years prior to the application submission. Also, Clubs retain \$2 for each renewal. A RENEWING MEMBER can renew at any time, even before their current membership term expires

Welcome to K5CRJ as AEC for Harrison County and AD5TJ as AEC for Jones County.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades in August: KI5BCH, Kay – Bellefontaine; WB5DXG, Russell – Brandon; KC5IBO, Wanda – Port Gibson; KG5PSQ, Leo – Ocean Springs; KG5RNM, Mark – Union; KD5UHC, Brian – Collinsville; KG5WDX, Trudy – Vicksburg; KG5YEE, Jenny – Vicksburg; KG5ZCY, Burhman – Vicksburg; KG5ZJO, Nellie – Saltillo; KB5ZKY, Mary – Pickens; and KG5ZTW, Juan – Ridgeland.

SEC/DEC Reports for August 2018: KC5IMN (SEC), N5ZNT (SW MS), KB0ZTX (NW MS)

EC Reports for August 2018: KG5AVT (AEC)(Rankin), KE5BSB (Itawamba), WB5CON (Alcorn), KF7DLW (Forrest), AE5FK (Walthall), AD5GN (Lamar), KF5IAY (Carroll/Montgomery), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KF5IMA (Lafayette), N5KDA (Adams), AD7KJ (Franklin), NS5M (Washington), WX5N (Prentiss), KD5NDU (AEC)(Yalobusha), AE5SK (AEC)(Hinds), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), WA4TEF (Lee), N5ZNT (Lincoln/Wilkinson), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

OES Reports: AD5TJ, WB5AKR

Club Newsletter/Reports (Editor): the Meridian ARC Spark Gap (W5MAV).

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

Hattiesburg ARC 10M Net 4/31/0 (KD5XG)

Hattiesburg FLDIGI Net 3/12/8 (KD5XG)

K5TAL American Legion 80M Net 4/27/0 (KA5DON)

K5TAL American Legion 40M Net 5/18/0 (KA5DON)

Magnolia Section Net 31/1163/4 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/15/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 31/2539/12 (W5JGW)

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

Adams County ARES 4/68/0 (N5KDA)

Alcorn County ARES Net 4/73/0 (WB5CON)

Booneville and Prentiss County Weekly Net 4/55/0 (WX5N)

Capital Area Emergency Net 4/40/0 (K5XU)

DeSoto County Emergency Training and Information Net 4/75/0 (KF5WVJ)

Forrest/Perry Counties ARES 6/33/2 (KF7DLW)

Hattiesburg ARC 2M Net 4/52/0 (KD5XG)

Hattiesburg 2M Simplex Net 1/8/0 (KD5XG)

Itawamba County ARES Net 5/43/0 (KE5BSB)

K5TAL – American Legion 2M Net 5/22/0 (KA5DON)

Lafayette County ARES 4/34/0 (KF5IMA)

Lamar County ARES Net 2/17/0 (AG5GN)

Lowndes County ARC Net 5/46/0 (KF5AZ)

Madison County ARES 4/31/0 (W5DIX)

Marshall County ARES – meets with Desoto County – (KB0ZTX)

MDXA Net 4/25/0 (N5GD)

Meridian Area Emergency Net 4/50/0 (KB5SZJ and KF5ETN)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/28/0 (AE5SK)

Mississippi Coast ARA 4/67/0 (N5AHM)

MSU ARC 4/61/0 (N5OMK)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net 4/57/0 (WA5TEF) One Skywarn Activation

Olive Branch ARC 14/69/0 (K5OLV)

Rankin County ARES Net 5/61/0 (KG5AVT)

Scott County ARES Training Net 4/33/0 (KC5IIW)

Scott County ARES Simplex Net 1/3/0 (KC5IIW)

Southwest MS ARES Team 5/28/3 (N5ZNT)

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 4/49/0 (KA5ICO)

University of Mississippi ARC Net X/XX/X (KF5IMA)

Vicksburg ARC MLEN Net 5/135/0 (KD5DHR)

Vicksburg ARC UHF Net 1/14/0 (KD5DHR)

Walthall County ARES 5/42/0 (AE5FK)

Yalobusha County Skywarn Net 2/4/0 (KD5NDU)

Digital Net Reports

MS NBEMS Traffic Net 4/31/5 (W5DIX)

EMTARG/Sandpounder Group – 299 (WB5AKR)

PSHR – AD5TJ 109, KA5DON 71, and W5XX 71.

Traffic: K5LAM 637, KG5FRZ 54, KA5DON 21, and W5XX 1.