

# Mississippi Section Report for February 2018

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The fifteenth running of the Mississippi QSO Party will be from 1400Z April 7 to 0200Z on April 8 (9AM to 9PM on Saturday). This will be the one time of the year when stations around the country can find a Mississippi Station to complete their WAS or find a new county. Ideally Mississippi operators can put on a portable or mobile operation from a rare county. There will be plenty of plaques and certificates available for participants. Complete rules are on the section web site at [www.arrrlmiss.org](http://www.arrrlmiss.org).

Chairman N5KWT reports that the Vicksburg ARC provided communications for the 39 th Run through History held at the Vicksburg National Military Park. Sponsor reports indicate that over 800 runners/walkers negotiated the 10K of heartbreak hills. No serious incidents occurred, but the runners were slowed down by deer running back and forth across the race course. In addition to Don, those VARC members participating were: KD5DHR, K5IMT, W5XX, N5JGK, WB5YKR, KC5VTN, AC5UL, KJ5RC, K5VXV, KD5WYJ, KG5OVR, KG5YEE, AF5QD, W5GLA, W5WAF, and AF5OQ.

EC KE5BSB advises that the Northeast Mississippi ARA now has a new home for their meetings and test sessions. They might even be able to hold Field Day and other Ham related events from there in future. The facility is in an old school house that is being refurbished as office space in Fulton. NEMRA thanks AC5QT and the Mayor of Fulton for their help in securing this facility.

DEC/EC AA5SG notes that the Jones ARES Net now includes, in addition to FM-voice, EchoLink, Winlink, C4FM, and DMR communications. Further, Steve welcomes N5IDX as the new AEC for Wayne County.

EC KF7DLW says ARES in Forrest County is starting to get ready for Field Day. ARES is also getting ready for the Rise and Shine Marathon on April 7 th. Currently six operators are signed up, but 30 are needed and 40 to 50 are really needed to solidly cover the event.

EC WA5TEF reports that Lee County ARES participated in the statewide Tornado Drill on February 21. During the Net there was discussion on reporting duties and the need for additional net control stations.

Lamar County EC AG5GN advises that analog WIRESEX has been added to one of their repeaters for emergency use only, as voted on by the Hattiesburg club. WIRESEX will be added to the other repeater in near future.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in February: KG5YED, Alysha – Clinton; KG5YEE, Jennifer – Vicksburg; KG5YEF, Colton – Wesson; KG5YEG, John – Ridgeland; KG5YEH, Hamlin – Kosciusko; KG5YEI, Earnest – Jackson; KG5YGD, Michael – Tupelo;

KG5YHU, Ricky – Gulfport; KG5YKZ, Daniel – Flowood; KG5YLA, James – Byram; and KG5YLB, James – Brandon.

And, welcome to the following new ARRL Members in February: W7COH, Paul – Hernando; N0CQP, Leo – Fulton; N5IDX, Billy – Waynesboro; KB5JNB, Derek – Blue Springs; KC5KPX, Robert – Biloxi; AG5OC, Claire – Vancleave; K5OMC, Olin – Lake Comorant; KF5TJO, Chris – Lucedale; KG5WUP, Douglas – Vancleave; KG5YAU, Mark – Brookhaven; KE5YFA, Joyce – Madison; KB5ZDO, Patricia – Vicksburg; and KB5ZKX, Steve – Vicksburg.

As of February 28, ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 1,035 down 4 from the last report on January 31.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades in February: KB5BJT, Wilburn – Philadelphia; KG5EVY, Henry – Kosciusko; KI5MW, John – Biloxi; KF5TQR, Jeffrey – Wesson; and KG5YAE, Jericho – Columbus.

SEC/DEC Reports for February 2018: KC5IMN (SEC), KC5IIW (EC MS), AF5PO (NE MS), N5ZNT (SW MS), and KB0ZTX (NW MS).

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

Regret to report the passing of KD5CKP of Olive Branch. Tim was very active in the Olive Branch Club for many years and served as Northwest Mississippi District Emergency Coordinator until his health began to seriously fail him. He was a mentor to many new hams in the Olive Branch Area.

Also regret to report the passing of KB5QBK of Poplarville. Art was great supporter of Ham Radio and served in the U.S. Navy and was a Viet Nam Veteran.

And lastly regret to report the passing KE5QHZ of Saucier. Barb was a DXer and very active in the Jackson County ARC faithfully working in the Kitchen during every Jackson County Hamfest and always giving W5XX some extra Red Beans and Rice.

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

Hattiesburg ARC 10M Net 4/48/0 (KD5XG)

Magnolia Section Net 28/1111/9 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 3/15/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 28/2367/3 (W5JGW)

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

Adams County ARES 4/52/0 (N5KDA)

Alcorn County ARES 3/52/0 (WB5CON)

Booneville and Prentiss County Weekly Net 4/51/0 (WX5N)

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

DeSoto County Emergency Training and Information Net 4/102/0 (KF5WVJ)

Forrest/Perry Counties ARES 2/24/0 (KF7DLW)

Hattiesburg ARC 2M Net 4/68/1 (KD5XG)

Hattiesburg ARC 2M Simplex Net 1/14/0 (KD5XG)

Itawamba County ARES Net 4/64/0 (KE5BSB)

Jones/Wayne Counties ARES Net 4/102/0 (AA5SG)

K5TAL – American Legion Net 4/64/0 (KA5DON)

Lamar County ARES 2/24/0 (AG5GN)

Lowndes County ARC Net 4/45/0 (KF5AZ)

Madison County ARES 4/21/0 (W5DIX)

Marion County ARES Net 4/42/0 (AF5NG)

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

MDXA Net 4/30/0 (N5GD)

Meridian Area Emergency Net 4/40/1 (KB5SZJ and KF5ETN)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/48/0 (AE5SK)

Mississippi Coast ARA 4/76/0 (N5AHM)

MLEN WX Net 5/92/0 (KD5DHR) One Skywarn activation

MSU ARC 4/66/0 (N5OMK)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net 6/66/0 (WA5TEF) One Skywarn activation.

Olive Branch ARC 15/94/0 (K5OLV)

Rankin County ARES Net 4/50/0 (KG5AVT)

Scott County ARES Training Net 4/21/0 (KC5IIW)

Scott County ARES Simplex Net 2/3/0 (KC5IIW)

Southwest MS ARES Team 3/15/0 (N5ZNT)

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 4/46/0 (KA5ICO)

Tishomingo County ARC Net 4/79/0 (AF5PO)

UMARC UHF Net 4/13/0 (K5LMB)

UMARC VHF Net 4/27/0 (K5LMB)

Walthall County ARES 3/25/0 (AE5FK)

Yalobusha County ARES 5/13/0 (KD5NDU) One Skywarn activation.

Digital Net Reports

MS NBEMS Traffic Net 4/35/3 (W5DIX)

PSHR – W5XX 72 and KA5DON 51.

Traffic: K5LAM 379, WB5AKR 225, AD5O 222, KG5FRZ 11, KA2DON 2, and W5XX 2.

