

Mississippi Section Report for June 2016

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Comments from the 109 logs received for the Thirteenth Mississippi QSO Party in April indicate that propagation was not good during the first half of the QSO party due to a fading solar storm. Further, as we slide down the backside of Cycle 24 we are going to have to do without 10 and 15 meters. In spite of the lousy conditions DL3GA managed to make 25 Mississippi QSOs from Europe and WB8WKQ made 52 QSOs from Stateside. The logs indicate that 75 Mississippi Stations were on the air in 46 of the 82 counties.

Special thanks to the mobiles and portables, who put a lot of counties on the air that would otherwise not have been available. A pat on the back for K4ZGB/M, KK4TE/M, W5OBM/P, K5ZRO/P, and AA0KW/M. And last, but not least, thanks to N5NA for coordinating mobile routes and portable locations with his website and AG5Z for helping to check logs.

Also thanks to the following for sponsoring plaques: 599 DX Association, NA5DX, the Central Mississippi ARA, the Jackson ARC, the Hattiesburg ARC, K1REZ, the University of Mississippi ARC, the Chickasaw ARA, and W4II. Those stations winning plaques were:

High Score Mississippi Station (single op) – K5TLL
High Score Mississippi Portable (unlimited ops/xmtrs) – Olive Branch ARC – W5OBM/P
High Score Mississippi Mobile (no driver) – K4ZGB/M
High Score Mississippi Club – 599 DX Association
High Score Out of State Station (W/VE) – WB8WKQ
High Score DX Station (outside W/VE) – DL3GA

The top ten Mississippi Stations (single op) were K5TLL, WB5EIN, W5UE, AG5BC, W5GAI, NM5Z, WB5ASP, KI5F, W8FR, and N5RB.

Special Event Coordinators K5IJ and N5GD note that as a special feature of the QSO Party, the Magnolia DX Association again secured the special event calls W5M, W5I, W5P, and W5S. Certificates were awarded to those stations that worked stations whose suffixes spelled out MISSISSIPPI with suffix letters being allowed to be used multiple times. Club station K5MDX was used as the 'wild card.'

MSQP results will be sent out in the next month by email to those who provided an email address or otherwise by snail mail. Those eligible for plaques and certificates will received them somewhat later by snail mail. Remember next year the QSO Party will be held the first full weekend of April. Put April 1-2, 2017 on your long range calendar!

Field Day 2016 is now history. A record number of Mississippi clubs/groups (27) were in the field experiencing some degree of crummy conditions, heat, humidity, rain, and lightening as

well as making QSOs, fun, and fellowship.

Those clubs known in the field were:

599 DX Assc. (NA5NN)
Alcorn County ARES (W5AWP)
ARC of Amite County (W5CCW)
Chickasaw ARA (W5GWD)
George County ARES (KD4VVZ)
Great Southern DX Assc. (K5GDX)
Hattiesburg/Lamar ARCs (K5PN)
Jackson County ARA (N5OS)
Magnolia DX Association (K5MDX)
Marion County ARC (KG5HKK)
Meridian ARC (W5FQ)
Mississippi Coast ARA (W5SGL)
Mississippi DOT (KM5DOT)
Multi-Club operation (W5P))
Northeast Mississippi ARA (W5NEM)
Olive Branch ARC (W5OBM)
Pearl River ARC (W5PMS)
Southwest Mississippi ARC (W5WQ)
Stone County ARES Group (K5STO)
Tishomingo ARC (W5TCR)
Tupelo ARC (KK5K)
University of Mississippi ARC (W5UMS)

In notes from Field Day, W5UE reports the 599 DXA went in a different direction this year with a 100% solar/battery/QRP effort. They had 5 QRP HF stations - 3 CW, 1 SSB and 1 Digital. In spite of the terrible conditions they made 1155 QSOs with 856 being on CW, 55 digital, and 244 SSB.

W5P was a Multi-Club effort by the Central Mississippi ARA, the Jackson ARC, the Scott County ARC, the Vicksburg ARC, and the Salvation Army operating from Muscadine Park in downtown Pelahatchie. This year 14 satellite QSOs were made in spite of the frequent freight train passing within 75 feet of the station.

Marion County EC N5LJC, EC reports that the Marion County HRC, who are all ARES members, added more modes of communication to their FD effort including digital and satellite this year, and operated 100% on solar power for the total FD operations.

SEC K1REZ notes that in preparation for an active 2016 hurricane season, Mississippi ARES in conjunction with the Magnolia Section Net and the Mississippi Section Phone Net, will be holding its annual state-wide ARRL/ARES Simulated Emergency Test (SET) on Saturday, August 6, 2016. All DECs and ECs have received participant handbooks for the 2016 SET. Also note on page 70 of the July 2016 QST that in 2015 that Mississippi Nets placed first nationwide

in net participation and second in ARES Activity. WOW!

By holding our SET in early August we insure that all of our ARES members and net controls are freshly practiced and their equipment freshly tested before Hurricane Season begins peaking in Mississippi in late August.

On August 29, 2005 the Mississippi Gulf Coast suffered massive damage from the impact of Hurricane Katrina, leaving 236 people dead, 67 missing, and an estimated \$125 Billion in damages. All of the counties in Mississippi were effected to varying degrees and declared disaster areas. 49 counties qualified for full federal assistance. More than one million people in Mississippi were affected, half of whom applied for assistance from FEMA.

According to NOAA, a major hurricane typically strikes the U.S. about once every two years. However, no major hurricanes have made landfall in the U.S. for more than 10 years. (Major Hurricanes are defined as category 3 and up). This is the longest stretch without major hurricanes in recorded history.

Unfortunately, a more active hurricane season is being predicted for 2016 and NOAA has expressed ‘concern that the unprecedented stretch between major hurricanes could induce Americans living in coastal areas to suffer from ‘hurricane amnesia’ and not be adequately prepared for the next hurricane strike.’

The reality is: eventually another major hurricane will hit our coast. Tornadoes are also an annual occurrence in Mississippi. For these reasons Mississippi ARES teams and net controls need to be trained, experienced, and ready to deploy at a minute’s notice to handle backup communications.

And on your long range calendar add August 27-30 for the Katrina 11th Anniversary Special Event (POC:AG5Z), October 15 for the ARRL Day in the Park in Columbia (POC:AF5NG), and December 10 for the Poplarville Hamfest (POC: K5RDA).

KD5NDU, Yalobusha County AEC, reports that the Yalobusha County ARES Team has set up a Facebook page which everyone is welcomed to visit, called ‘Yalobusha County ARES.’ David also reports that he has established a new packet station, which is up and running on 145.030 as node kd5ndu-7 with a mail box name of kd5ndu. Everyone is welcomed to use it. On Mondays an all-day SKYWARN Net runs on the new packet station. To check-in: leave your call-sign, location, and a brief weather description. A new 2-meter repeater is planned for the same location.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in June: AG5FP, Robert – Foxworth; KG5NYI, Samuel – Water Valley; KG5NZM, Laurence – Vancleave; KC5OCM, Sutthisak – Hattiesburg; KG5ODG, Jesse – Corinth; KG5ODH, Mikal – Corinth; KG5ODI, Nathan – Corinth; KG5ODJ, Brandon – Blue Springs; KG5ODK, Landon – Corinth; KG5ODL, William – Corinth; KG5ODM, Murphy – Glen; KG5OGH, Jimmy – Corinth; KG5OGI, Jimmy – Corinth; KG5OGG, Jon – Corinth; KG5OGK, Ricky – Walnut; KG5OAH, George – Oak Vale; KG5OAR, Clayton – Madison; KG5OAS, Paul – Brandon; and KG5OEB, Brady – Brandon.

Invite one of these new Hams to your next local club meeting!

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in June: KG5AE, Stacy – Columbia; K4AEF, Joe – Quitman; KA0CCL. Kathleen – Saucier; W5DFD, Ronnie – Byhalia; WF5I, John – Kosciusko; KE5JYV, James – West Point; KF5KSA, Robert – Corinth; KG5NPR, George – Brandon; KG5NZM, Laurence – Ocean Springs; KG5OEB, Brady – Brandon; KD5RTE, Robert – Nettleton; KF5TMN, Stephen – Tupelo; KE5UD, William - Ocean Springs; and WA5WRE, James – Bentonina.

As of June 30 ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 1,113 down 4 from the last report on May 31. Let's go back to work on membership!

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: N5EOB, Ronnie – Moss Point; KC5IQZ, Robert – Paris; KG5NLR, Jarrod – Booneville; KG5NOH, Henrie – Gulfport; K5SSZ, Jerry – Batesville; KB5YNM, Bradley – Burnsville; and KB5ZKZ, Emit – Pickens.

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EC Reports for June 2016: WM5A (Rankin), WB5CON (Alcorn), AE5FK (Walthall), KF5IAY (Carroll and Montgomery), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KC5IIW (Scott), KF5IMA (Lafayette), KC5IMN (Copiah, Hinds, Madison, and Yazoo), KF5MWE (Clarke), KE5MIS (Yalobusha), K5MOZ (Jackson), N5MZ (Forrest), WX5N (Prentiss), N5NJC (Marion), N5OKV (Harrison), AF5PO (Tishomingo), AE5QP (Greene), N5SP (Lamar), WA5TEF (Lee), N5UDK (Stone), KD4VVZ (George), WV5D (Jones), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), N5ZNT (Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Wilkinson), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

Regret to report the passing of N5OYJ of Vicksburg. James was a regular checkin on the MSPN and had a distinguished military career.

Club Newsletter/Reports (Editor): Meridian ARC (W5MAV), Mississippi Coast ARA (KB9ZR).

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

Magnolia Section Net 30/966/8 (K5DSG)

MPP HF Net 2/17/0 (W5DIX)

MS Baptist Hams Net 3/14/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 30/1954/31 (K5NRK)

MS-NBEMS Net 4/18/5 (N5TQF)

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

Alcorn County ARES 4/58/0 (WB5CON)

Booneville and Prentiss County Weekly Net 4/57/0 (WX5N)

Capital Area Em Net 4/56/0 (K5XU)

Hattiesburg ARC Emergency 2M Net 4/61/0 (K5TLL)

Hattiesburg 2M Simplex Net 1/5/0 (K5TLL)

Hattiesburg ARC 10M Simplex Net 1/7/0 (K5TLL)

Jackson County Em Net 26/607/13 (K5MOZ)

Lowndes County ARC Net 4/33/0 (KF5AZ)

MDXA Net 4/35/0 (N5GD)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/41/0 (AE5SK)

MPP 2M Net 4/35/0 (W5DIX)

MCARA 3/45/0 (KB9ZR)

Northeast MS Skywarn Net 4/55/0 (WA5TEF)

Olive Branch ARC Net 15/105/0 (KF5QGF)

Pearl River ARC Net 5/55/0 (K5RDA)

Rankin County ARES Net 5/72/0 (KG5AVT)

Scott County ARES Training Net 4/32/0 (W5JMJ)

Scott County ARES Simplex Net 4/14/0 (W5JMJ)

Sundancer Solar Radio Club 4/29/0 (KA5ICO)

Tishomingo ARC Net 4/88/0 (AF5PO)

UMARC UHF Net 4/17/0 (K5LMB)

UMARC VHF Net 4/46/0 (K5LMB)

PSHR – KA5DON 125 and W5XX 73.

Traffic: KA5DON 55, KG5FRZ 8, W5JGW 8, and W5XX 3.

Compilation of Net Statistics provided by KB5RCJ.