

Mississippi Section Report – May 2018

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Clear June 23-24 for Field Day 2018! Normally we have about Mississippi 25 clubs/groups out for Field Day, but last year Tropical Storm Cindy saturated South and Central Mississippi resulting in spoiling several planned Field Day operations.

Despite Alberto's early arrival in our rear-view mirror, Mississippi Hams will still 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.

Through the coordination efforts of Section Government Liaison AK5J, Governor Phil Bryant has proclaimed June 18 through June 24 as Amateur Radio Week. If you would like a copy of the Proclamation for posting at your Field Day Site or for local PR, send a request email to ak5j@arrl.net.

Be sure to check out WV1X's write up on the results of the 2017 Simulated Emergency Test on pages 65-67 of the July QST. Mississippi was Number 1 again in Section/Local Nets and Number 2 in ARES Activity (Number 1 last year). Congratulations to SEC KC5IMN and his Team, who organized and reported the SET results. Let's do it again this year!

EC KC5IHW reports that Scott County ARES hosted a radio event with Troop 63 at Roosevelt State Park on Saturday, May 5th. They had 21 scouts that were able to get on the air (via 2M) and make a contact. Several of the boys expressed an interest in Ham Radio and have inquired about getting their licenses. ARES will be following up with them to be of assistance if possible. They were going to try to make some HF contacts, but due to the number of boys they had to put through the session and the fact that their morning hike took them nearly an hour longer than expected, ARES opted to just stick with 2M.

EC KF5WVJ notes that the Chickasaw ARA held its monthly meeting at the National Weather Service in Memphis along with a tour of the facility.

Further, from DeSoto County, on May 30 KF5WVJ, KF5KVL, KG5TTU, KF5OIM, and Charles Byars represented RACES/ARES and volunteers at a Table Top exercise put on by the De Soto County EMA with several health care providers, hospitals, MEMA, and local law enforcement and fire departments in attendance. ARES/RACES participation was highly commended and appreciated by the DCEMA Directors.

EC KF7DLW advises that with sub-tropical storm Alberto giving us an early start into hurricane season, Forrest County ARES checked equipment at the EOC (W5FCM) as well as home station equipment and have been passing ICS 213 messages during the nets and at other times as practice.

The ARES Team was contacted by the EMA during Alberto was and ready to activate, if needed.

EC KB5SZJ reports that the Meridian ARC hosted a test session in May.

They had a total of five applicants show up. One tested for General and passed, the other four tested for Technician and passed. MARC is proud to note that there are four new hams in the Meridian area.

EC WB5CON notes that the 37 th annual Coca-Cola Classic 10K footrace was held in Corinth the first Saturday, May 5th. As usual, all 1,500 entries were sold out. This is one of the largest foot-races in the state.

Alcorn County ARES provided race communication again this year with two people stationed at each mile marker. The ARES volunteers for this year's race were: KC5CDV, K5WHB, KF5KSA, KG5KQF, W5MRE, N5YAV, KD5LAP, KG5KQH, AF5PO, and W5OA.

K5GCV advises that the Jackson ARC provided communications for the Heatwave Triathlon in Ridgeland on May 5. This was a timed race involving a 1/2 swim, 26-mile bike ride and a 6-mile run. Hams working that event were: WM5A, K5GCV, KE5JKD, KE5WAC, KG5SQX, KD5JPB, AK5J, K5RWB and W5EZC. No problems occurred.

W5DIX reports that KA5NOM has been appointed Northern Region MS NBEMS NCS and K9EYZ Southern Region MS NBEMS NCS.

DEC N5ZNT notes that Southwest Mississippi ARES set up antennas on May 26 in Tylertown for the 41 st Dairy Festival on June 2. There was plenty of interest in Ham Radio during the event.

On your short-range calendar pencil in the Mississippi SET, August 4 (POCs KC5IMN and AA1NA), the Shreveport Hamfest, August 10-11 (see shreveporthamfest.k5sar.com), and the Huntsville Hamfest, August 18-19 (see www.hamfest.org). And on your long-range calendar the 2018 ARRL Day in the Park, October 6 in Olive Branch (co-sponsored by the Olive Branch ARC and the Chickasaw ARA; POC KW5GP), 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 K5GCV).

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in May: KG5ZSE, Daniel – Waveland; KG5ZTC, Garrett – Ecu; KG5ZTW, Juan – Ridgeland; and KG5ZXR, Andrew – Southaven.

And, also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in May: KG5AQL, Michael – Ocean Springs; WA5CJP, Paul – Hattiesburg; KB5KYC, Leonard – Pascagoula; KG5LEL, Marilyn – West; K9LJQ, James – Olive Branch; KG5LLO, Gary – Walnut; K3MFV, Michael – Diamondhead; KG5ODM, Murphy – Glen; KG5OVK, Dujwanice – Biloxi; KE5VMA, Gene – Iuka; KF5WDL, Dana – Richland; KG5YEI, Earnest – Jackson; and KG5YZW, Nancy – Vicksburg. As of May 31, ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 1,015 down 4 from the last report on April 30. The drop wasn't as bad in May as compared with April, but we are getting perilously close to dropping below 1,000. Your help is needed to recruit or renew members!

Also, welcome W5DIX as ASEC for digital operations.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades in May: KG5ZDZ, Robert – Pearl and KG5ZEZ, Michael – VanCleave.

And congratulations to K5WHB, who was appointed Secretary of SERA.

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

EC Reports for April 2018: N5ARM (AEC)(Lamar), KG5AVT (AEC) (Rankin), KE5BSB (Itawamba), WB5CON (Alcorn), KF7DLW (Forrest), AE5FK (Walthall), AG5GN (Lamar), KF5IAY (Carroll/Montgomery), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KC5IIW (Scott), KF5IMA (Lafayette), AD7KJ (Franklin), N5KDA (Adams), WX5N (Prentiss), KD5NDU (AEC) (Yalobusha), AF5NG (Marion), AF5PO (Tishomingo), K5SDB (AEC) Perry, AA5SG (Jones/Wayne), AE5SK (AEC) Hinds/Copiah), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), WA5TEF (Lee), KF5UJD (AEC)(Stone), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), N5ZNT (Lincoln/Wilkerson), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

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

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

Hattiesburg ARC 10M Net 3/13/0 (KD5XG)

K5TAL American Legion 80M Net 4/26/0 (KA5DON)

K5TAL American Legion 40M Net 4/14/0 (KA5DON)

Magnolia Section Net 31/1208/2 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 3/12/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 31/2358/4 (W5JGW)

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

Adams County ARES 4/73/0 (N5KDA)

Alcorn County ARES Net 5/86/0 (WB5CON)

Booneville and Prentiss County Weekly Net 5/71/0 (WX5N)

Capital Area Emergency Net 4/49/0 (K5XU)

DeSoto County Emergency Training and Information Net 4/77/0 (KF5WVJ)

Forrest/Perry Counties ARES 5/43/5 (KF7DLW)

Hattiesburg ARC 2M Net 4/48/0 (KD5XG)

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

Itawamba County ARES Net 5/25/0 (KE5BSB)

K5TAL – American Legion 2M Net 4/24/0 (KA5DON)

Lamar County ARES Net 2/24/0 (AG5GN)

Lowndes County ARC Net 5/38/0 (KF5AZ)

Madison County ARES 4/22/0 (W5DIX)

Marion County ARES Net 4/30/0 (AF5NG)

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

MDXA Net 5/24/0 (N5GD)

Meridian Area Emergency Net 5/48/0 (KB5SZJ and KF5ETN)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 3/28/0 (AE5SK)

Mississippi Coast ARA 5/86/0 (N5AHM)

MSU ARC 4/64/0 (N5OMK)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net 5/60/0 (WA5TEF) One Skywarn Activation

Olive Branch ARC 13/67/0 (K5OLV)

Perry County ARES 5/69/0 (K5SDB)

Rankin County ARES Net 5/53/0 (KG5AVT)

Scott County ARES Training Net 4/36/0 (KC5IIW)

Scott County ARES Simplex Net 3/4/0 (KC5IIW)

South Central MS ARES Net 4/105/0 (AA5SG)

Southwest MS ARES Team 4/18/0 (N5ZNT)

Stone County ARES 4/40/0 (KF5UJD)

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 4/43/0 (KA5ICO)

Tishomingo County ARC Net 5/90/0 (AF5PO)

UMARC VHF Net 2/25/0 (KF5IMA)

Vicksburg ARC MLEN WX Net 6/129/0 (KD5DHR) Two Skywarn Activations

Walthall County ARES 4/43/0 (AE5FK)

Yalobusha County Skywarn Net 5/10/0 (KD5NDU) One Skywarn activation.

Digital Net Reports

MS NBEMS Traffic Net 5/30/3 (W5DIX)

PSHR – W5XX 73 and KA5DON 55.

Traffic: KG5FRZ 32, KA5DON 4, and W5XX 2.