

Mississippi Section Report for May 2021

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The 283 logs for the 2021 Mississippi QSO party have been checked. Winners in Mississippi are Single op - Fixed (10 high scores): N4OGW, NA5DX, WQ5L, KB5PBJ, KD5DD, WA5CAM (SK), NM5Z, K5YVY, AD5IT and K5BAK. Unlimited ops – Fixed: N5Q and K4FMH. Single op - Portable: N5JGK/5, AD5HM/5, and WA4OVO/5. Unlimited ops Portable: W4XK/5, W5SGL/5, and KV4T/5. Single op – Mobile: K4ZGB/M, WW5X/M, and K5OMC/M. High Number of Mississippi Counties worked – KB5PBJ (43)

This was the first year that FT8/FT4 has been included in the MSQP. There has been quite a discussion among QSO Party sponsors as to how to handle FT8/FT4 multipliers (grids) as equated with CW/SSB multipliers (states/provinces/countries)(SPC). The consensus was a ratio 4. For example if a station worked 50 CW/SSB multipliers and 100 grids then the resulting total multiplier would be 75. K2FF and W5UE set out to examine this during the MSQP by operating from N5Q with two side by side 150-watt stations with one on FT8 and one on CW and then comparing multipliers. K2FF worked 251 FT8 grids and W5UE 65 CW/SSB multipliers. 251 divided by 4 yields (and rounding up) yields 63. Four looks like the right divisor! In the future the State QSO Party FT8/FT4 software may be modified to accommodate counties, but for the time being a divisor of 4 looks good.

Looking through the logs shows that 97 Mississippi stations were on the air in 57 counties. Fourteen Mississippi stations operated FT8/FT4 and 12 out of state stations submitted logs showing FT8/FT4 contacts.

Check out the July QST page 60. Mississippi was again number one in W/VE in both ARES activity and net operation in the 2020 Simulate Emergency Test (SET). Congratulations to SEC KC5IMN and Scott County EC K1REZ for organizing this super SET effort.

From N2PKW in Ocean Springs. Charlie says that the Jackson County ARA (JCARA) has been practicing message traffic handling during their weekly nets. He received an email from Mr. Paul Rodgers (non-ham) who was monitoring net activity over their repeater. He stated he wanted to send a congratulatory ARRL Radiogram to his daughter, Dr. Hannah Rodgers, now living in Durham, North Carolina. She graduated last year, and her graduation was cancelled due to COVID, and Mr. Rodgers' family could not travel to see her for the same reason.

Mr. Rodgers went into the ARRL website on his own and downloaded the Fill-in Radiogram and filled in address, text, and signature in the proper format and forwarded it to Charlie. He assured Mr. Rogers that JCARA would forward his radiogram through the National Traffic System (NTS). The process was started during the JCARA regular Wednesday night net. K9EYZ as net control copied and forwarded the outbound traffic to the MSPN. Message was later delivered by W4TTO in Wake Forrest, NC. JCARA is planning to follow up with a nicely framed copy of the

message, one each for Mr. Rodgers and his daughter and will be working with Mr. Rodgers on pursuing his amateur license.

SGL AK5J reports that Governor Reeves has signed a proclamation for June 21 – 27 as Amateur Radio Week in Mississippi. A copy has been posted on the Section Website or a copy is available from Jim at ak5j@arrl.net. This proclamation would be great to post at a conspicuous place at your club Field Day Site.

In the monthly ACC Report from W5VMS, Scott notes that for Field Day, clubs operating as Class A stations can earn a 100-point bonus by appointing a Safety Officer who will be present at the site from the beginning of set-up until the end of tear-down. Some items to check for include fire extinguishers, first aid kits, tent stakes, properly secured and marked antenna structures, and properly stored fuel for generators. The ARRL Safety Officer information and checklist is available at http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Field-Day/2021/1_91-FD_Safety_Officer.pdf or <http://www.arrl.org/field-day#rules>

In EC Reports from around the state Carroll County EC KF5IAY reports that ARES will be restarting club meetings with the first one on July 10 at North Greenwood Baptist Church at 1300 hours . All Hams invited. And N5AAS reports from Hattiesburg that ARES supported a rural bike ride which was great fun and training.

2020 was a frustrating year for Mississippi Hams with most events being cancelled or scaled down. As Covid 19 continues into 2021 circumstances promise to be about the same or slightly better for the first part of this year. Attached for your information below is the current status (updated from last month) of known Ham events in and around Mississippi:

- Black Warrior Hamfest, June 19, 2021, Northport, AL, POC:KF4DGS
- ARRL Field Day June 26-27, 2021. See Covid rules on www.arrl.org
- 7290 Message Traffic Handling Class, July 3 and 7. Sessions at 9:30 and 12:00
- ARRL Mississippi Section SET, August 7, Prepare !! POC:KC5IMN
- Shreveport Hamfest. Cancelled for 2021. See you in 2022!
- Huntsville, August 20-21, 2021. All systems go. www.hamfest.org
- Jackson County Hamfest, November 12-13. POC kj4njt@arrl.net
- Greater New Orleans, November 13. POC: Joen5ozq@hotmail.com

Anybody have additional information? Thanks to all who helped pull this information together. This list will be updated in future Section Reports.

Congratulations to the following who upgraded in April: KI5KYV, Ralph – Gulfport; KI5JFW, Harry – Greenwood; KC5JXT, James – Verona; WB5OFZ, Clayton – Jackson; KI5OUH, Joseph – Como; and KI5OUI, Daniel – Hernando.

Also, congratulations to KD5SBP who completed ARRL Course E-016 on Public Service and Emergency Communications Management for Radio Amateurs and to K5FIT who completed ARRL Course PR-101 on Public Relations 101 for Radio Amateurs.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in April: KI5PYA, Jeffrey – Hernando; KI5PVX, Douglas – Braxton; KI5PXY, Jerad – Olive Branch; KI5PZL, Benjamin – Ovet; and KI5QBH, Jeffery – D'Iberville.

Also welcome the following new ARRL Members in April: W4BJB, Victor – Carriere; N5EII, Scott – Richton; KG5EVY, Henry – Kosciusko; KF5GGX, Joseph – Hattiesburg; K5JBG, James – Southaven; KI5KYC, Ralph – Gulfport; W5KFD, Kurt – Pontotoc; KI5LIK, Gary – Columbus; KF5LQB, James – Carriere; N0KOF, Joe – Clinton; KE5NBD, Tommie – Hernando; KI5OBB, Samuel – Mooreville; KI5OBT, Deborah – Coldwater; N0ODG, Boyce – Coldwater; N0ODH, Mary – Coldwater; KI5PFL, Dwight – Lawrence; KI5OPL, James – Hernando; KI5PAC, Lisa – Tupelo; KI5PLZ, Will – Coldwater; KG5RRF, David – Carrollton; KF5RSR, Jonathan – Hernando; and KF5RSS, Nathan – Hernando.

ARRL Membership is now 1,005 up 5 from last month. Let's keep it above 1,000! Thanks to all who support ARRL Membership in Mississippi.

And last, but not least, welcome to KF5RQS as AEC for Jasper County.

SEC/DEC Reports for April 2021: KC5IMN (SEC), N5ZNT (SW MS), and KB0ZTX (NW MS).

EC Reports for April: N5AAS (Forrest), N5CRS (Jasper), K9EYZ (AEC)(Jackson), AE5FK (Walthall), KF5IAY (Carroll), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KF5IMA (Lafayette), AD5IT (Grenada), N5KDA (Adams), AE5LG (Oktibbeha), KD5NDU (AEC)(Yalobusha), KB5SQZ (Hinds), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), KF5VVU (Scott), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), N5ZNT (Lincoln and Wilkerson), KB5ZEA (Attala), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

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

Regret to report the passing of:

WA5TEF of Tupelo. Jim was retired military serving as a tank commander and sharpshooter. He was very active on the air and in the local Ham community and served as EC for Lee County.

KF5ETN of Meridian. Frank was long time Vice President of the Meridian ARC and solid in his faith. When someone needed prayer, Frank was there. EC KB5SZJ notes that Frank will be hard to replace in promoting Ham Radio in Lauderdale and Clark Counties.

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

Hattiesburg ARC 10M Net 5/48/0 (KD5XG)

K5TAL 80M Net 4/73/0 (WV5Q)

Magnolia Section Net 31/1171/6 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/12/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 31/2209/11 (W5JGW)

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

Adams County ARES Net 4/52/0 (N5KDA)

Attala County ARES 1/5/0 (KB5ZEA)

Capital Area Emergency Net 4/45/0 (K5XU)

Central Mississippi ARES Training Net 5/56/12 (KG5SQZ)

DeSoto County Training and Information Net 5/83/0 (KF5WVJ)

Delta Area Net ?/158/0 (KF5IAY)

Forrest County ARES Net 2/26/0 (N5AAS)

Grenada County ARES ?/204/0 (AD5IT)

Hattiesburg ARC 2 M Net 5/75/2 (KD5XG)

Hattiesburg ARC 2 M Simplex Net 1/12/0 (KD5XG)

Jackson County ARES 4/33/1 (K9EYZ)

JARC Emergency Net 4/44/0 (K5XU)

Jasper County ARES 4/16/0 (N5CRS)

Marshall County ARES – meets with DeSoto County Net (KB0ZTX)

Meridian Area EM Net 3/13/0 (KB5SZJ)

Mississippi Coast ARA 4/119/0 (AB5FU)

MSU ARC Net 5/127/0 (N5OMK)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net 4/90/0 (W5BAQ)

Southwest MS ARES Team 5/18/0 (N5ZNT)

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 5/98/0 (KA5ICO)

University of Mississippi 5/60/0 (KF5IMA)

Walthall County ARES Net 3/61/0 (AE5FK)

Yalobusha County ARES 2/8/0 (KD5NDU)

Digital Net Reports

Central Mississippi ARES Digital Net 5/30/35 (KI5JCL)

Central Mississippi WL2K Net 4/11/0 (KI5JCL)

EMTARG – 478 (WB5BNV)

K5TAL Digital Voice Net 4/30/0 (WV5Q)

Traffic: WV5Q 37, KG5FQZ 2 and W5XX 2.

PSHR: WV5Q 87 and W5XX 76.