

Mississippi Section Report for October 2019

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Thanks to American Legion Post 1992 and the Jackson County ARC for hosting the annual ARRL Day in the Park at Gautier. Chairman WV5Q (formerly KA5DON) reports 51 Hams in attendance. WB5HUP was the grand prize winner.

The Vicksburg ARC had a hotdog social at Clear Creek Park in Bovina on October 26 with 35 people turning out for the event. A HF GOTA and 2-meter GOTA were set up for the newbies. A good time was had by all!

Marion County EC AF5NG reports that ARES conducted a Simulated Emergency Training Session supporting eight served agencies and three communities. Further, ARES operated four VHF emergency nets and passed over 160 messages using VHF and HF Winlink with six ARES Members participating .

DEC N5ZNT notes that the Southwest Mississippi ARES Team supported the Pike County Tornado Drill in cooperation with the Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center.

Forrest County EC KF5TEX advises that ARES is passing p2p messages during training sessions with success

W5DIX, ASEC – Digital, reports that a MS Statewide ARES Winlink net will be starting December 17th and be held every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Anyone wishing to be an NCS please email W5DIX and K9EYZ. Anyone wanting to participate in the net please email W5DIX with your Winlink address. W5DIX will provide the structure and format for the Net. The MS ARES Winlink net will become a standard digital net for ARES statewide.

Scott County EC K1REZ says that acting on the belief that ARES training nets should offer more than just an opportunity for a quick radio-check, he has instituted a training segment during the weekly Scott County ARES Net. For the remainder of 2019, during this weekly training segment, he will be delivering an introduction to Traffic Handling and the NTS Traffic system. All hams are welcomed to check in, especially ARES members, who need to hone their traffic handling skills to perform the requirements of their volunteer service. The net meets every Monday night at 7:00 pm on 145.390 77 Hz tone.

Yalobusha County AEC KD5NDU notes that a small generator and battery charger have been added to the Water Valley solar powered repeater for emergencies when extra power is needed to keep the repeater running. Further, ARES is working on some upgrades to the APRS digipeater to give it additional capabilities

Carroll County EC KF5IAY advises ARES has a new repeater online in the county.

KD5DHR reports that the Vicksburg ARC provided communications support for Over the River Run across the Mississippi River Bridge on October 12. KG5YEE was the Chairperson with 17 club members participating including K5IMT, KC5VTN, K5VXV, W5VMS, W5DRF, AF5OQ, KC5IBO, N5KWT, WB5WBF, N5JGK, W5DRF, KK5ED, KC5GHU, KC5GIB, KG5OVR, and KD5DHR.

WB5FBS notes that over the October 5 - 6 weekend thirty-two amateur radio volunteers from the Southeast LA Amateur Radio Club (SELARC), Southwest MS Amateur Radio Team (SWMSRT), and Southeast LA ARES (SELAARES) provided 267 "people-power" hours of public service in support of the annual Multiple Sclerosis bike ride from Hammond to Percy Quin Park and back. The Hams used the SELARC VHF repeater and the LWARN UHF repeater system to provide communications assistance to the safety, logistics, and medical teams spread over the route on the back-country roads of Louisiana and Mississippi.

The Multiple Sclerosis Staff and friends and families of the cyclists, as well as the bikers themselves, were appreciative of the Ham Radio volunteers and were impressed with the capabilities of Ham Radio. DEC N5ZNT reports that the participating ARES Teams got a good national shout-out in the Oct 31 issue of the ARRL Letter for supporting the bike ride. Southwest Mississippi ARES Members participated in the event were KD5RGT, KF5TQG, AD7KJ, AE5FK, KG5HZU, N5ZNT.

KD5DHR advises that The Vicksburg ARC completed another technician training class on October 1. KG5OVR, KG5YEE, and KD5DHR were club participants. Further, VARC had a VE session on October 10 and licensed two brand new amateurs, KI5GWW and KI5GWV. Also, W5VMS upgraded to Extra.

And on your notepad pencil in the annual On-the-Air New Year's Eve Party on December 31, the Capital City Hamfest in Jackson on January 24-25, and the Mississippi QSO Party on April 4-5.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades in October: KI5ELB, David – Myrtle; KI5GDZ, Jonathan – Vardaman; KB5OCB, Donald – Hernando; KD5YKH, Tammy – Lake Cormorant; KC5YIZ, Adam – Tupelo; and KG5ZJO, Saltillo.

Also, congratulations to AE5FK who was appointed Assistant Emergency Coordinator in Walthall County (a volunteer position). George also recently completed ARRL Course EC-016 – Public Service and Emergency Communications Management for Radio Amateurs. In addition, congratulations to Southeast Mississippi DEC KF7DLW, DeSoto County EC KF5WVJ, and Forrest County EC KF5TEX, who all successfully completed ARRL Course EC-001-S, Introduction to Emergency Communication.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in October: KI5GST, James – Lucedale; KI5GTO, Jacob – Tupelo; KI5GUK, Erbie – Brandon; KI5GUO, Robert – D'Iberville; KI5GUP, Richard – Ocean Springs; KI5GVM, Lane – Starkville; KI5GVZ, William – Hernando; KI5GWV, Wendy – Flora; and KI5GWW, Timmy – Flora.

Also, welcome to the following new ARRL Members in October: KF5AMG, Michael – Brandon; W5CCF, Charles – Summit; KM4EWZ, Robert – Moss Point; KC5EYB, Betty – Saltillo; KI5GET, Kenneth – Southaven; KI5GUK, Erbie – Brandon; KG5IVL, Mike – Belden; KG5IXV, Dennis – Conehatta; KD5IWH, Quentin – Olive Branch; And AF5XB, Roy -Brandon. The Mississippi ARRL membership is now 977 up three from last month.

And lastly, but not least, welcome to K5ATA as EC for Panola County and KG5TTU as EC for Tate County, as well as W3PII as Manager of the Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net.

Regret to report the passing of K5MIQ of Hattiesburg. In addition to his Ham Radio activities, Gerald was a long time Campus Minister and Music Minister. Also regret to report the passing of AE5MV of Biloxi. Robbie was retired from the Air Force.

SEC/ASEC/DEC Reports for October 2019: KC5IMN (SEC), W5DIX (ADEC – Digital), K1REZ (ADEC – Training), AF5PO (NE MS), N5ZNT (SW MS), and KB0ZTX (NW MS).

EC Reports for October 2019: K5ATA (Panola), AE5FK (Walthall), AG5GN (Lamar), KF5IAY (Carroll), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KF5IMA (Lafayette), KG5IVL (Lee), N5KDA (Adams), AD7KJ (Franklin), AF5NG (Marion), KD5NDU (AEC)(Yalobusha), AF5PO (Tishomingo), K1REZ (Scott), AE5SK (AEC)(Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin), AA5SG (Jones/Wayne), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), KF5TEX (Forrest), KG5WJM (Jasper), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), KB5ZEA (Attala), N5ZNT (Lincoln/Wilkinson), KB0ZTX (Marshall).

OES Report: WB5AKR

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

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

Magnolia Section Net 31/1149/2 (KA5ICO)

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

MSPN 31/2405/8 (W5JGW)

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

Adams County ARES 5/54/0 (N5KDA)

Attala County ARES Net 1/5/0 (KB5ZEA)

Capital Area Emergency Net 4/43/0 (K5XU)

DeSoto County Training and Information Net 4/69/0 (KF5WVJ)

Forrest/Perry Counties Net ARES 2/24/0 (KF5TEX)

Jackson ARC Emergency Net 3/38/0 (K5XU)

Jasper County ARES Net 5/30X0 KG5WJM)

Jones/Wayne Counties ARES 4/59/0 (AA5SG)

Lamar County ARES Net 3/35/0 (AG5GN)

Lowndes County ARES 5/82/0 (KF5AZ)

Madison County ARES 5/36/0 (W5DIX)

Marion County ARES Net 8/22/0 (AF5NG)

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

Mississippi Coast ARES, Weather, and Tech Net 5/99/0 (W4WLF and K5CRJ)

Meridian Area Emergency Net 5/77/0 (KB5SZJ)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 2/15/0 (AE5SK)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net 4/64/0 (KG5IVL)

MSU ARC Net 4/127/0 (N5OMK)

Scott County ARES Training Net 4/38/0 (K1REZ)

Southwest MS ARES Team 4/21/0 (N5ZNT)

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 4/70/0 (KA5ICO)

Tishomingo County ARES Net 5/70/0 (AD5PO)

University of Mississippi ARES Net 4/38/0 (KF5IMA)

Vicksburg ARC MLEN Net 5/151/0 (KD5DHR)

Walthall County ARES Net 5/42/0 (AE5FK)

Digital Net Reports

EMTARG 770 (WB5AKR)

NMEMS 4/41/8 (W5DIX)

Traffic: K5LAM 213, KA5DON 30, KG5FRZ 4, W5XX 2

PSHR: KA5DON: 130, W5XX 71