

Mississippi Section Report for March 2015

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The twelfth Mississippi QSO Party is now history. There was a little concern that participation would be down due to Easter Holiday commitments, but this proved not to be true. Conditions were pretty good. There were several mobile/portable operations on the air. These will be noted in next month's section report for fear of leaving somebody out at this early writing after the QSO Party. As of 10 April 129 logs have been received. It looks like a record year!

As an added feature of the 2015 MSQP, the Magnolia DX Association offered a certificate for working special event stations K5M, K5I, K5S, and K5P using these suffixes to spell out 'Mississippi' with club call K5MDX being a wild card that could be substituted for one of the letters. NA5DX reports that 888 unique stations were worked with 69 stations qualifying for the special event certificate and 24 working all five stations for a 'clean sweep.' Collectively the five calls accounted for 1,514 QSOs in 49 states (missed Vermont) and 26 DXCC countries.

The K5MDX QRZ Page has complete instructions for requesting a QSL card and for the special event certificate. Operators were AE5WU, K5IJ, KF5BA, N5GD, N5GJ, W5DAW, WQ5L, and NA5DX. Kudos to K5IF and N5GD for coming up with this unique concept.

Thanks to the Central Mississippi ARA for hosting a seminar at the C-Spire Auditorium at Ridgeland on transmission lines and antenna matching using antenna analyzers. The guest speaker was Martin, K5FLU, who is the Founder and President of MFJ Enterprises.

Tishomingo County EC WX5N reports that ARES conducted a SET on March 7 from the Iuka Legion Building using the Tishomingo County ARC EMCOMM Trailer. The SET was held in conjunction with WA5TEF, the Lee County EC, and also stations in Alcorn and Prentiss counties. After the SET the Club made contacts in the ARRL International DX Contest, and as always food, fun and fellowship.

PIO KF5ZCI reports that the Petal, Hattiesburg, and Lamar County Clubs jointly provided communications for the first annual Christian Services 5K Run which supports Meals on Wheels. Those participating were N5MZ, KF5ZCI, KD5XG, N5ARM, and KG5DKG.

From Alcorn County, WB5CON reports that ARES got a very nice 3/4 page article in the Daily Corinthian with photos. Further, they are planning to operate Field Day from the Welcome Station on US 45 at the Tennessee line.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in March: KG5GCC, Charles - Bay Saint Louis; KG5GCW, Jason - Starkville; KG5GCX, Mark - West Point; KF5GGE, Jamie - Byhalia; KG5GGF, William - Olive Branch; KG5GJY, Luke - Silver Creek; KG5GLD, John - Meridian; KG5GMF, Theo - Lena; KG5GMG, William - Florence; KG5GMH, Ryan - Madison; KG5GMI, Eugene - Byram; KG5GOO, Daniel - Lumberton; KG5GOP, Steve - Hattiesburg; KG5GOQ, Daniel - Columbia; KG5GOR, Michael - Laurel; and KG5GQO, Bradley - Gulfport;

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in March: KF5AMH, Brian - D'Iberville; WB6BBZ, Jack - Biloxi; WB4BHK, George - Horn Lake; KD8BMA, Anthony - Pearl; KB5BRH,

Ricky - Taylorsville; KD5CFE, Michael - Pittsboro; N5CW, Gene - Vicksburg; K5FGH, Franklin - Vardaman; N5FYN, Marilyn - Florence; KG5FYS, Donald - Hattiesburg; KM4HAU, John - Pelahatchie; KA5KYZ, Patrick - Saucier; KE5LQB, Oquin - Mize; KE5LVD, Winnie - Liberty; KX5M, Jeffrey - Waveland; W5PPB, Jeff - Raymond; K5RCF, Ronald - Olive Branch; KD5RTG, David - Pontotoc; and KA5SNK, John - Pass Christian. As of March 31 ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 1,140 down 4 from last month. Thanks to all who promote ARRL Membership!

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KG5AAR, Garrett - Meridian; KG5AOS, Timothy - Wiggins; KG5ASA, Lewis - Petal; KG5AZI, Nathan - Petal; KG5AZL, Delisa - Lucedale; KG5AZM, Brent - Lucedale; WB4BHK, George - Horn Lake; KG5DKG, Francis - Hattiesburg; KG5DMF, James - Brandon; KB5DX, William - Pearl; KG5EGS, John - Diamondhead; KG5EVX, Matthew - Purvis; KG5FIF, Patrick - Saucier; KG5FRW, Isaac - West Point; KG5FTX, Charles - Corinth; KG5FYS, Donald - Hattiesburg; KG5FZE, Anita - Wesson; KG5GCY, Joshua - West Point; KD4JON, Lawrence - Southaven; KF5LJI, Dennis - Gulfport; KF5LWR, Adam - Moss Point; KF5UJD, David - Wiggins; and N5YSW, Robert - Hazlehurst. Wow! More upgrades than new Hams. Somebody has been studying hard with an Elmer looking over their shoulder.

And congratulations to AG5Z, who was presented with the 'Elmer of the Year' by NJ1Z at a recent Hattiesburg ARC meeting. And to the Marion County Ham Radio Club that received its ARRL Club Affiliation. And last, but not least, to KB5SBP, who during his first three years on HF, managed to work and confirm WAC, WAS, and DXCC.

ASEC/DEC/EC Monthly Reports for March 2015: WB5CON (NE MS/Alcorn), K5JAW (Delta), K5MOZ (Jackson), WX5N (Prentiss and Tishomingo), AE5QP (Greene), K1REZ (ASEC), WA5TEF (Lee), and KE5WJN (Pearl River)

PIO Report: KF5ZCI

Club Newsletter/Reports (Editor): Marion County ARC (AF5NG), Meridian ARC (W5MAV) and Tishomingo County ARC (KG5BJA).

Regret to report the passing of N4WPG of Union.

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

Magnolia Section Net 31/1167/4 (K5DSG)

MS Baptist Hams Net 3/21/0 (WF5F)

MS Digital Net 4/49/49 (K1REZ)

MSPN 31/2108/8 (K5NRK)

MS Slow Net 22/40/0 (W3TWD)

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

Booneville and Prentiss County Net 4/41/0 (WX5N)

Capital Area Em Net 5/78/0 (K5XU)

Delta ARES Simplex Net 5/36/0 (K5JAW)

Hattiesburg ARC Emergency 2M Net 5/110/0 (K5TLL)

Hattiesburg ARC 10M Simplex Net 5/50/0 (K5TLL)
Hattiesburg ARX 2M Simplex Net 1/12/0 (K5TLL)
Itawamba County ARES 4/47/1 (WX5SE)
Jackson County Em Net 28/500/7 (K5MOZ)
Lowndes County ARC Net 4/54/0 (AD5DO)
MDXA Net 5/65/0 (W5DAW)
Metro Jackson ARES Net 5/43/0 (AE5SK))
MS Coast Em Services, WX, Training, and Tech Net 5/69/0 (N5AHM)
Miss/Lou Em Net 5/41/0 (K5NRK)
MS Preparedness Project EN 2/13/ (KF5RFB)
Northeast MS Skywarn Net 5/55/0 (WA5TEF)
Pearl River ARES Net 5/66/0 (KE5WJN)
Petal Amateur Wireless Society Net 3/32/0 (NG5C)
Scott County ARES 5/69/0 (KC5IIW)
Stateline ARES Net 4/51/1 (WX5SE)
Stone County ARES Net 5/64/0 (N5UDK)
Tishomingo ARC Net 5/66/0 (WX5N)
UMARC UHF Net 5/42/0 (K5LMB)
UMARC VHF Net 5/62/0 (K5LMB)
Yazoo County ARES Net 4/19/0 (KF5DJS)

PSHR - KA5DON 77 and W5XX 72.

Traffic: KA5DON 27 and W5XX 2.

Compilation of Net Statistics provided by KB5RCJ