

Mississippi Section Report for August 2021

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The 2021 Mississippi SET was scheduled for August 28, but Hurricane Ida changed that. As Hurricane Ida approached landfall SEC KC5IMN postponed the SET (now October 2) and activated ARES. PIC K5RFL compiled the following paragraphs on the ARES activation.

In preparation for the landfall, Southeast MS DEC KF7DLW was contacted by WDAM-TV in Moselle to setup a station that would be available to help keep WDAM personnel updated on Ida's progression through hurricane net traffic, state traffic, and digital nets in the event of a power or Internet outage at the WDAM station. Justin reached out to the district membership to gather equipment and setup a VHF/UHF and HF station for this purpose.

On Sunday, August 29 VHF ARES nets were activated around the state beginning that morning for the purpose of passing weather reports, health and welfare traffic, and damage reports as needed. Later, SM W5XX and SEC KC5IMN activated the Mississippi ARES Emergency Net at 1600 on Sunday. ASM KA5ICO, began the activation with several Net Control Stations (NCS) rotating throughout the activation including K5UZ, N4CBS, KD4VVZ, AD5HM, KA5ICO and W5XX. The net stood down at 1800 on August 30.

The MS Winlink Net was activated at 1600 on August 29 by ASEC for Digital Operations W5DIX. The Net operated during the storm event until 1800 on August 30 passing 80 messages which were copied to KM5EMA, the Winlink station at MEMA. Five messages were sent directly to KM5EMA.

Further, W5DIX reports that the MS NBEMS Net activated at 1600 on August 29 with KI5JCL, KG5SQZ, K9EYZ, and KI5JJP as NCS. The Net secured at 1800 Hours 30 August. During the 24-hour activation there were 34 checkins, 5 pieces of traffic relayed, one welfare to Louisiana, and 5 relayed into the Winlink Net to KM5EMA.

ASM K0UPW reports that K5RKN at the Rankin County EOC is now a fully functional HF/VHF/Digital Ham Station. This effort was coordinated by WM5A, the CMARA VP and liaison with the Rankin County EMA. Mike put together a proposed list of equipment which was presented to the EMA Director which he approved. Mike ordered the equipment which was received and installed by WM5A and K0UPW using a new desk which was fabricated by N5CMA's son. K5FIT and KG5SQZ then followed up by getting all the equipment operational on the voice and the digital modes.

The station consists of a Yaesu FTDX10 HF-50 Transceiver with an LDG AT-1000PROII Tuner and a Yaesu SP-30 speaker. The VHF/UHF station is a Yaesu FTM-400 XDR/DE with a Yaesu FR1030A Powers Supply. Kudos to WM5A and his team, who by demonstrating a need and the

willingness to coordinate the effort, resulting in a new county ARES capability. Other ARES Groups take note.

ACC W5VMS reports that currently the ARRL Mississippi Section is at 75.6% for current club updates - the goal for 2021 is 75%! The majority of affiliated clubs are scheduled to update their club record in November (not surprising since everyone wants that new ARRL Handbook). W5VMS will be sending a reminder, along with a copy of your current record. PLEASE DO NOT PUT THIS OFF! Instructions for updating your club record are available at "http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Clubs/Club%20Update%20Online_20150806.pdf". Contact W5VMS if you need assistance.!

ASM N5OMK reports from Starkville that the Magnolia ARC went on with their SET even though the state SET was rescheduled to October 2 due to Ida. They had good participation and some traffic passed as an exercise. Also, the Club had a Fox Hunt and their 13-year-old Extra, Tripp, K5TRP, his brother Charlie plus his grandfather Mike, K5MCB, were the winners in finding the Fox.

The administrative details for the 2021 Mississippi QSO Party are wrapped up. The certificates have been sent out to the deserving and AB6Z is preparing the plaques for the super star winners. Thanks to the plaque sponsors: the 599 DX Association, the Chickasaw ARA, DX Hogs, K4FMH, Giftst4You, the Magnolia DX Association, and the Vicksburg ARC, Also thanks to AG5Z, N5NA, W5VMS, K2FF, W5UE, and AB6Z who helped plan and conduct the 2021 MSQP. Get ready for MSQP 2022 !!!

And now News You Can use follows:

- ARRL Mississippi Section SET, October 2, Prepare !! POC:KC5IMN
- 7290 Message Traffic Handling Class, Oct 2 and 6. Sessions at 9:30 and 12:00
- Jackson County Hamfest, November 12-13. POC kj4njt@arrl.net
- Capital City Hamfest, January 28 -29, TradeMart, Jackson. POC: AK5J
- 2022 Mississippi QSO Party, April 2-3, POC: W5XX

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

.... and from EC Reports from around the State:

Marion County EC AF5NG reports that he helped Aaron Greer, Marion County Emergency Management Director, setup a Command center with Public Safety Radios and Ham 2 Meter Radios in the EOC prior to Ida. The John also relocated that equipment after the emergency had passed. Marion County Hams W5CSR, AF5ZA, AG5FP, AF5NG monitored for radio traffic well into the night during the storm event.

Carroll County EC KF5IAY notes that ARES assisted with communications in a search for a missing elderly man in area of poor cell phone service.

Hinds County EC KG5SQZ advises that August was a busy month for Central MS ARES. CMARES held a drawing for a new Ham Radio at their August 10 meeting. The drawing was the result of a yearlong effort sponsored by K1REZ, founder of the group and then EC of Scott County. Slips of paper with participants call sign were dropped into a drawing bag for properly formatting and passing ARES and ICS traffic during the time frame. N5SPJ was the winner of a Yaesu FT-4X dual band HT.

Congratulations to the following who upgraded in August: KG5AVL, Mike – Hernando; KI5NOK, Jonathan – Lucedale; KG5NPR, George – Brandon; KI5PYA, Jeffrey – Hernando; and KE5SUO, Sylvester – Florence.

Also, congratulations to KW5GP who authored ‘More Arduino’ which is just now available from the ARRL Bookstore.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in August: KI5RBM, Hampton – Ocean Springs; KI5REG, John – Olive Branch; KI5REP, David – Natchez; KI5REQ, William – Benton; KI5RER, Ryan – Brandon; KI5RES, Dalton – Pearl; KI5RFW, John- New Albany; KI5RGH, Richard – Lucedale; KI5RGI, James – Saucier; KI5RHJ, Margaret – Pelahatchie; KI5RJM, William – Marion; KI5RJN, Charles – Clinton; and KI5RKA, Drew – Oxford.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in August: K5AUR, Jerry – Ridgeland; K0DIE, Cody – Oxford; AI5EU, Billy – Saucier; KA4FAR, Jacqueline – Canton; KC5LEO, Leo – Oxford; KF5MYX, Joe - Canton; KG5NPR, George – Brandon; KI5REP, David – Natchez; KI5RY, Charles – Biloxi; KG5SGD, Charles – Brandon; KF5TAU, Reginald – Hattiesburg; and N5VVE, Deborah – Vicksburg.

ARRL Membership is now 994 down 6 from last month. Back to work!!! Thanks to all who support ARRL Membership in Mississippi.

SEC/DEC Reports for August 2021: KC5IMN (SEC), KD4VVZ (Gulf Coast), and KB0ZTX (NW MS).

EC Reports for August: N5CRS (Jasper), KF7DLW (DEC) Lamar, K9EYZ (AEC)(Jackson), AE5FK (Walthall), KF5IAY (Carroll), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KF5IMA (Lafayette), KD5NDU (AEC)(Yalobusha), AF5NG (Marion), KB5SQZ (Hinds), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), KG5TTU (Tate), KD4VVZ (George), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

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

Regret to report the passing of the following Mississippi Hams.

KW5T of Excelsior Springs, MO. Paul was Mississippi Section Manager in the late 80’s. He and his XYL NA5Y were very active in the Jackson Ham Community being involved in the JARC and the Capital City Hamfest. Paul was Manager of G&O Manufacturing in Jackson until his retirement after which he and Carol moved back to their home in Missouri.

W5VZF of Starkville. Jim had a very positive influence on a lot of people as an MSU Professor and as a huge part of the Ham community in the Starkville area .

KB5YJF of Starkville. Mike was for many years the production manager at Ameritron and considered to be a worldwide authority on amplifiers .

WA4IAX of Tupelo. John was retired from the Social Security Administration after a 33-year career which included serving as a customer service representative and fraud investigator.

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

Hattiesburg ARC 10M Net 5/39/0 (KD5XG)

K5TAL 80M Net 4/57/0 (WV5Q)

Magnolia Section Net 31/1184/3 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 5/17/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 31/2497/13 (W5JGW)

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

Capital Area Emergency Net 5/60/0 (K5XU)

Central Mississippi ARES Training Net 8/79/0 (KG5SQZ)

DeSoto County Training and Information Net 5/102/0 (KF5WVJ)

Delta Area Net ?/183/0 (KF5IAY)

George County ARES Net 4/43/0 (KD4VVZ)

Hattiesburg ARC 2 M Net 5/70/3 (KD5XG)

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

Jackson County ARES 5125/2 (K9EYZ)

Jasper County ARES 4/15/0 (N5CRS)

JARC Emergency Net 4/53/0 (K5XU)

Lamar County ARES 1/14/0 (KF7DLW)

Marion County ARES 5/49/0 (AF5NG)

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

Meridian Area EM Net 5/24/0 (KB5SZJ)

Mississippi Coast ARA 4/119/0 (AB5FU)

MSU ARC Net 5/127/1 (N5OMK)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net 5/64/0 (W5BAQ)

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 5/57/0 (KA5ICO)

Tate County ARES 4/84/0 (KG5TTU)

University of Mississippi Emergency Net 5/63/0 (KF5IMA)

Walthall County ARES Net 4/70/0 (AE5FK)

Yalobusha County ARES 10/47/0 (KD5NDU)(AEC)

Digital Net Reports

Central Mississippi ARES Digital Net 4/30/33 (KI5JCL)

Central Mississippi WL2K Net QNI 24 (KI5JCL)

K5TAL Digital Voice Net 4/53/0 (WV5Q)

Traffic: WV5Q 97, W5XX 8, and KG5FRZ 6.

PSHR: WV5Q 147 and W5XX 82.

