

Mississippi Section Report for December 2020

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2020 was a mixed-up year with many Ham events being cancelled or scaled down. As Covid 19 continues into 2021 circumstances promise to be about the same for the first part of this year. Attached for your information below is the current status of known Ham events in and around Mississippi:

- Hammond Hamfest. Cancelled. Possible Junk in the Trunk later this year.
- Capital City Hamfest, Trademart, Jackson, Cancelled. See you in 2022!!
- Pinebelt Hamfest, Hattiesburg, Cancelled. Junk in the Trunk possibly later.
- Hamcation, February 12-14, 2021, Orlando, Virtual. www.hamcation.com
- Virtual Ham Demo, March 13-14, see www.qsotodayhamexpo.com to register
- Acadiana Hamfest, Rayne, cancelled, see www.w5ddl.org/hamfest for updates.
- 2021 Mississippi QSO Party, April 3, see www.arrrlmiss.org FT8/FT4 this year!
- Monroe Hamfest. Go/No decision late January. POC: w5la@arrrl.net
- Mobile Hamfest, April 24, 2021. All systems go.
- Hamvention, Xenia, May 21-23, 2021. Cancelled.
- Hamcom, Plano, QRT after 41 Years.
- Black Warrior Hamfest, June 19, 2020, Tuscaloosa, (tentative), POC:KF4DGS
- ARRL Field Day June 26-27, 2021.
- ARRL Mississippi Section SET, August 7 (tentative date) POC:KC5IMN
- Shreveport Hamfest. Cancelled for 2021. See you in 2022! POC: k5gls@arrrl.net
- Huntsville, August 20-21, 2021. All systems go. www.hamfest.org
- Jackson County Hamfest, November 12-13. All systems go. POC kj4njt@arrrl.net
- Greater New Orleans, November 13, All systems go. 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.

ACC W5VMS reports that 63% of the Section's affiliated clubs now have up-to-date Club Records as of 1 January. Shooting for 75% for 2021. The clubs that are currently not up to date are:

ARC of Amite County
Clear Branch ARC
Jackson ARC
Lauderdale Repeater Group
Marion County HRC
Mississippi Coast ARA
Pearl River County ARA
Saint Stanislaus High School ARC
Southwest Mississippi ARC

Tishomingo ARC
Tupelo ARC

Club Members. Ask your Club President or S/T how come the Club's Annual Club Report is not up to date and how come the Club missed out on the free 2021 ARRL Handbook for an event prize. Contact w5vms@icloud.com for help in completing your Annual Club Report

Have you ever wondered about the person on the other end of a QSO? Many Hams have entered their biographies on QRZ.com. Check a few calls of Hams you have worked. A few years ago, there weren't that many biographies on the website but now there are many (including W5XX). Yours not on there? This a simple thing to do. Work up your biography on your favorite word processing app and then cut and paste to QRZ.com.

Here's another idea for making your weekly two-meter net a little more interesting. At the close of the formal net the Net goes into a 'Ragchew Session.' The Net Control or one of the net checkins has a couple of prepositioned topics of interest to the Ham Community and asks for comments such as the FCC \$35 processing fee, Technician operation on 75, lack of local participation in the SET, assisting with communications for local public events, etc. Hams are never without their opinions.

Event Chairman KG5YEE reports that the Vicksburg ARC provided communications for the Annual Reindeer 5K Run. This race is a fund-raising event with proceeds going to PAWS Rescue. This an enjoyable event because many of the runners and walkers dress up in Holiday costumes and run/walk with their dogs also dressed up in Holiday attire. PAWS Rescue had over \$21,000 donated as a result of this annual race through the streets of downtown Vicksburg. Radio operators participating were KG5YEE (Net Control), KG5OVR, N5JGK, KD5DHR, KC5VTN, W5VMS, KC5GIB, KG5ZCY, and KC5GHU.

The Central Mississippi ARA held a Fox Hunt on January 9 at Pelahatchie Shore Park. Despite the cold weather, the event, which lasted just over an hour, was well attended. K5ERB, K5HH, K1REZ, K5FIT, K15HGX, KG5UNF, WM5A, and K5PBK all participated (W5VMS took notes). CMSARA is planning additional Fox Hunts in the future.

In EC Reports from around the State KD5NDU (Yalobusha) says ARES now has a Facebook page up with 168 followers. The page was set up for the public; much weather information has been posted. K5ATA reports from Tate County that their repeater has gone down again, but they are working on getting it back on the air. In Jackson County K9EYZ notes that ARES is working to improve local area digital communications, including the addition of a monthly NBEMS Net. In DeSoto County KF5WVJ reports that ARES has gone back to zoom meetings, and N5ZNT (Lincoln County) reports they are still having over the air Meetings (VHF/ HF).

Congratulations to AD5HM and K5FIT on completing ARRL EC-001 Introduction to Emergency Communications and to KD5NDU for completing EC-016 Public Service and Emergency Communications Management for Radio Amateurs. And K5LVL has been hard at work completing FEMA Courses 120c, 230d, 240b, 241b, 242b, 244b, and 2488a.

And congratulations to the following who upgraded in December: KI5IKJ, Mary – Hamilton, KI5JCL, Kyle – Madison; KI5MJL, Johnny – Corinth; KI5MNQ, Kevin - Petal; and KC5OAE, Robert – Gulfport.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in December: KI5MHP, Daniel – Pearl; KI5MIJ, Lee, Oxford; KI5MJT, Benjamin – Ridgeland; KI5MMW, Mark, Tupelo; KI5MNX, Justin – Ridgeland; KI5MOK, Mark – Meridian; KI5MPE, Edward – Kiln; KI5MPF, Ross – Long Beach; and KI5MSG, Ronald – Louisville.

You would think that 2020 was a real down year for Ham Radio growth in Mississippi. However, in 2018 we had 102 new Hams, in 2019 101, but in 2020 164! Good Show! Further, in 2018 we had 65 upgrades, in 2019 59, and in 2020 49. Not bad! Thanks to all the VE Teams in Mississippi that have kept new Hams and upgrade testing going despite Covid 19. Great Job!

Also welcome the following new ARRL Members in December: KK4ADD, Stanley – Pearl; KD5ALE, Vernon – Hernando; W1DXD, Donald – Oxford; W7EU, Jeff – Madison; K5FIT, Jack – Flowood; K5GVK, Ginger - Abbeville; W4IOS, Eldon – Meridian; N5JNT, Stanford – Bogue Chitto; KF5JSV, James – Ethel; KF5KDL, Anna – Long Beach; KD5LDE, Grady – Senatobia; KC5MA, William – Coldwater; KI5MBA, Richard – Hattiesburg; N5MES, Jerry – Moss Point; KI5MPE, Edward – Kiln; KG5RFI, James – Byhalia; KD5UVV, Dale – Picayune; and KG5YKZ, Daniel – Louisville.

ARRL Membership is now 997 up 13 from last month. Wow! So close to 1,000. Thanks to all who support ARRL Membership in Mississippi!

SEC/DEC Reports for December 2020: KC5IMN (SEC), N5ZNT (SW MS), and KB0ZTX (NW MS).

EC Reports for December: K5ATA (Panola), N5CRS (Jasper), K9EYZ (AEC Jackson), AE5FK (Walthall), KF5IAY (Carroll), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), N5KDA (Adams), AD7KJ (Franklin), KD5NDU (AEC Yalobusha), KG5TTE (Panola), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), KB5ZEA (Attala), N5ZNT (Lincoln/Wilkinson), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

ACC Report: W5VMS. Prepared a comprehensive multi-color 2020 Annual Club Report. The document will be posted on www.arrlmiss.org

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

Mississippi lost several Hams in the past month.

W5JWW of Sumner – John was a very active Ham being Emergency Coordinator in Tallahatchie County for over ten years. He was a practicing attorney for 40 years in the Delta and served as county prosecuting attorney and municipal judge for many surrounding towns as well as being an active civic leader.

W5KKK of Senatobia – Ken was retired employee of the Illinois Central Railroad. He was a member of the DXCC Honor Roll and had 8 band DXCC with only 100 watts. Never owned an amplifier. A visit to his gravesite in Senatobia shows on his headstone ‘CQ DX CCQ DX de W5KKK.’ A true-blue Ham! (see photo on www.arrlmiss.org)

KD5CBK of Enterprise - Phillip spent many years in church ministry as well as being a graduate of the Alabama Fire Academy followed by serving many years as a paramedic in volunteer fire departments. He was a retired employee of Southern Electric and Irby Electric and was an active Ham in his spare time.

KA5DAN – Dan of Corinth

Two other Mississippi Hams passed in November, but W5XX has not yet been able to contact their families to get permission to send their obituary into ARRL Headquarters to be published in QST Silent Keys. We are losing too many good Hams.

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

Hattiesburg ARC 10M Net 4/37/0 (KD5XG)

K5TAL 80M Net 5/78/0 (WV5Q)

Magnolia Section Net 31/1140/8 (KA5ICO) (Record QNI for 2020!)

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

MSPN 31/2432/19 (W5JGW)

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

Adams County ARES 4/51/0 (N5KDA)

Attala County ARES 1/3/0 (KB5ZEA)

Capital Area Emergency Net 4/53/0 (K5XU)

Central Mississippi ARES Training Net 5/43/9 (KG5SQZ)

DeSoto County Training and Information Net 4/83/0 (KF5WVJ)

Delta ARA Net ?/156/0 (KF5IAY)

Hattiesburg ARC 2 M Net 4/43/0 (KD5XG)

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

JARC Emergency Net 4/55/0 (K5XU)

Jackson County ARES 5/57/1 (K9EYZ)

Jasper County ARES 3/13/0 (N5CRS)

Lowndes County ARC 5/106/0 (KF5AZ)

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

MSU ARC Net 4/123/0 (N5OMK)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net 4/72/0 (W5BAQ)

Panola County ARES 3/36/0 (K5ATA)

Southwest Mississippi ARES Team 5/16/0

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 4/76/0 (KA5ICO)

Tate County ARES 4/80/0 (KG5TTU)

Vicksburg ARC/MS-Lou WX Net 5/110/0 (KD5DHR)

Walthall County ARES Net 5/74/0 (AE5FK)

Yalobusha County ARES Net 4/10/0 (KD5NDU)

Digital Net Reports

Central Mississippi ARES Digital Training Net 4/22/23 (KI5JCL)

K5TAL Digital Voice Net 5/64/0 (WV5Q)

Traffic: WV5Q 37, KG5FRZ 10, and W5XX 2.

PSHR: WV5Q 97 and W5XX 77.

