

Mississippi Section Report for July 2021

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Now that a great Field Day is in our rear-view mirror SEC KC5IMN writes that the 2021 Simulated Emergency Test (SET) for the state of Mississippi will be held on Saturday August 28, 2021. The SET will run from 8AM until 8PM and will include all modes of communications.

The main purpose of the SET is to evaluate strengths and weaknesses in Amateur Radio emergency preparedness as well as to demonstrate the strengths of Amateur Radio to our served agencies and the general public.

The theme of this year's SET is "SNOW-MAGEDDON Mississippi" respectful of the recent cold wave that encompassed the south-central US (including Mississippi).

The FCC has adopted guidelines and procedures for evaluating environmental effects of RF emissions. Under the new FCC rules, some amateurs need to perform routine station evaluations to ensure that their stations comply with the RF exposure rules. This can be as simple as running an online calculator to determine the minimum safe distance between any part of your antenna system and areas where people might be exposed to RF energy from your station. Although amateurs can make measurements of their stations, evaluations can also be done by calculation.

To make this easy for amateurs, the ARRL now provides an [RF exposure calculator](#) on its RF Exposure page. You can print the results and keep them in your station records. There is no requirement to send your results to the FCC. (see pages 60-62 in the September QST for more info)

Did your club get a free 2021 ARRL Handbook this year to be a door prize at one of your post Covid meetings? No? Talk to your club president or S/T to see what the problem is. Not to worry. Your club will have another opportunity this year. All clubs being up to date with their Annual Club Report on December 1 will receive a 2022 ARRL Handbook.

Before you count on that 2022 Handbook as a door prize make sure your club is not on the list below that notes clubs that are behind in their Annual Club Report with the last report date:

Hattiesburg ARC 2020-05-16
Jackson Co ARA 2020-03-04
Magnolia ARC 2020-02-16
Alcorn Co. EMA Team 2020-01-11
St Stanislaus HS ARC 2019-05-02
SW Miss ARC 2019-03-22
Marion Co HRC 2018-10-26
ARC of Amite Co 2018-10-19

Tupelo ARC 2017-12-30
Pearl River Co ARA 2017-04-28
Clear Branch ARC 2015-06-15
Jackson ARC 2015-05-28
Lauderdale Repeater Grp 2012-03-26

Contact w5vms@arrl.net for help in updating your Annual Club Report.

Are you having trouble locating the right person at ARRL Headquarters to talk to for information or making a request? Try <http://www.arrl.org/contact-arrl> before you make the call. Check out the Directory to give you some guidance.

The Meridian ARC Spark Gap notes that WB5AKR reports that their neighborhood WX Watch Group is growing using FRS/MURS radios. Larry's location is 3/4 mile from all 30 members and 14 families. He encourages all Hams to organize their neighbors and take advantage of this low power short range free service. They have two firefighters from their local fire department wanting to study for their Technician license.

ACC Report: W5VMS. Scott says that the Mississippi Section has a request to compile a list of ARES(R) clubs and/or groups in the Section. If your club or group is considered to be an ARES(R) club or your club has an ARES(R) group, please notify both W5XX and W5VMS no later than August 31. Negative replies not needed and will be taken to mean NO."

And now News You Can use follows:

- 7290 Message Traffic Handling Class, August 4 and 7. Sessions at 9:30 and 12:00
- Huntsville, August 20-21, 2021. All systems go. www.hamfest.org
- ARRL Mississippi Section SET, August 28, Prepare !! POC:KC5IMN
- Jackson County Hamfest, November 12-13. POC kj4njt@arrl.net
- Capital City Hamfest, January 28 -29, TradeMart, Jackson. POC: K5GCV
- 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: AG5RI reports that Harrison County and Jackson County ARES conducted two cross-training sessions on digital modes. KG5IAY reports that Carroll County ARES had a startup club meeting July 10 with 15 in attendance with dues paid and new officials elected. AD5IT advises that Grenada County ARES a installed a backup battery on their repeater. And from Meridian KB5SZJ that with the rise in Covid-19 cases they are still holding meetings for now

Congratulations to the following who upgraded in July: NONE! Time to start planning General Classes in the Fall for Technicians.

... changing gears, congratulations to regular MSPN Checkin W5VPX in Union who will turn 94 on August 27. Keep on trucking, Dick !!!

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in July: KI5QPW, Kenneth – Oxford; KI5QXB, Jean – Biloxi; KI5QXC, Barbara – Gulfport; KI5QYS, Tiffany – Nettleton; KI5QZN, and Gary – Coldwater.

Also welcome the following new ARRL Members in July: KD5BQT, Danny – Smithdale; WJ5ES, Jay – Natchez; KG5GCC, Charles – Bay Saint Louis; KF5EZV, Roger – Richland; KD5HFQ, Charlotte – Smithdale; KC3HLS, Christopher – Purvis; KC3HLT, Bill – Purvis; KC3MWJ – Tina; KI5OOH, Lucas – Terry; AF7OX, Douglas – Forest; KI5PAD, Kurt – Saltillo; KI5QFE, David – Lucedale; AF5QH, Corey – Southaven; KI5QZN, Gary – Coldwater; AG5UR, Sid – Oxford; KG5VPF, James – New Albany; AA9YS, James – Meridian;

Wow! !! ARRL Membership is exactly 1,000 up 8 from last month. Thanks to all who support ARRL Membership in Mississippi.

And last, but not least, welcome to KC3HLT as EC for Lamar County. Bill is a former AEC from Pennsylvania.

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

EC Reports for July: N5CRS (Jasper), K9EYZ (AEC)(Jackson), AE5FK (Walthall), KF5IAY (Carroll), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KF5IMA (Lafayette), AD5IT (Grenada), AG5RI (Harrison), KB5SQZ (Hinds), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), KF5VVU (Scott), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), N5ZNT (Lincoln and Wilkerson), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

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

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

Hattiesburg ARC 10M Net 4/30/0 (KD5XG)

K5TAL 80M Net 5/68/0 (WV5Q)

Magnolia Section Net 31/1058/5 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 2/5/0 (WF5F)

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

Capital Area Emergency Net 4/42/0 (K5XU)

Central Mississippi ARES Training Net 4/43/6 (KG5SQZ)

DeSoto County Training and Information Net 4/84/0 (KF5WVJ)

Delta Area Net ?/180/0 (KF5IAY)

Grenada County ARES ?/390/0 (AD5IT)

Harrison County ARES 1/7/0 (AG5RI)

Hattiesburg ARC 2 M Net 4/54/4 (KD5XG)

Hattiesburg ARC 2 M Simplex Net 3/14/0 (KD5XG)

Jackson County ARES 4/58/1 (K9EYZ)

JARC Emergency Net 4/28/0 (K5XU)

Jasper County ARES Net 5/25/0 (N5CRS)

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

Meridian Area EM Net 4/25/0 (KB5SZJ)

Mississippi Coast ARA 4/101/0 (AB5FU)

MSU ARC Net 4/101/3 (N5OMK)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net 4/58/0 (W5BAQ)

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

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 4/66/0 (KA5ICO)

University of Mississippi EM Net 4/39/0 KF5IMA)

Vicksburg ARC/MLEN 4/113/0 (KD5DHR)

Walthall County ARES Net 4/77/0 (AE5FK)

Digital Net Reports

Central Mississippi ARES Digital Net 4/25/33 (KI5JCL)

Central Mississippi WL2K Net QNI 24 (KI5JCL)

K5TAL Digital Voice Net 5/68/0 (WV5Q)

Mississippi Digital Radio Group – 625 (WB5BNV)

Traffic: WV5Q 62, KG5FRZ 10, and W5XX 5.

PSHR: WV5Q 112 and W5XX 76.