

Mississippi Section Report for May 2019

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Field Day 2019 is just a few days away! Complete rules are on the ARRL Website at www.arrl.org. And before you forget be sure to enter your Field Day location on the ARRL Website by typing Field Day Station Locator in the Search Engine, provided you want your site to be visited by the public.

As a further Field Day Note, Governor Bryant has declared June 17 - 23, 2019 as Amateur Radio Week in Mississippi. Copies of the proclamation are available from SGL AK5J at ak5j@arrl.net or the Section Web Site. This proclamation would great to post at your Field Day Site on your club website.

Checkout page 71 of the July QST. Mississippi was Number 1 in ARES Activity in the 2019 Simulated Emergency Test. Congratulations to AA1NA for organizing the event. This is the third year in a row that Mississippi was Number 1.

On your long-range calendar pencil in the 2019 ARRL Day in the Park on October 19 hosted by American Legion Post 1992 and the Jackson County ARC. The location will be the Legion Hall in Gautier. There will be tailgating as well as VE Testing. POCs are KA5DON and K5CUB. More info to follow.

On May 29 Desoto County EC, KF5WVJ, KF5KVL, KF5QIQ, KG5AVJ, KG5TTU, KC5RDP, K5DKR, KF5MMR, W5TOD, KF5OIM, K5OMC, and non-ham Chuck Byars attended the Operation Shaken Fury Drill put on by FEMA, MEMA, DCEMA and representatives from the ESF positions within Desoto County. All of the ARES members that attended were able to confidently participate due to our training and capabilities, and to simulate providing back-up communications to the County. During the drill the ARES and Amateur Radio Operators were the first group to be activated and asked to assist to provide backup comms to the County by the ESF-2 Comms Representative. All the ARES participants had a role to play and learned several new things during this drill. KF5WVJ encourages all that have the opportunity to make sure you attend one of these drills.

Lauderdale County EC KB5SZJ reports ARES is preparing for upcoming assistance possibilities during this season. Tornadoes, hurricanes, and flooding are possible during this part of the year, and it looks like our neighbors to the west will need our help in the upcoming months. Charlie has been in contact with MEMA and with several others to update their damage assessment certificates. In the event they are needed several of them are ready to go and stay several days.

Yalobusha County AEC KD5NDU notes that a few months ago he started a public ARES Page called Yalobusha County ARES on Facebook to let the Yalobusha County Residents know of bad weather. The Facebook Site now has grown to 45 members that follow the page.

K1REZ advises that the Scott County Amateur Radio Club has greatly increased the distance of APRS coverage in central Mississippi, by installing their new APRS Digipeater, KF5WNV in the Shiloh area of Rankin County. Within one week of installation the SCARC digipeater has already communicated directly with APRS enabled radios and other digipeaters as far away as Vicksburg, Meridian, Port Gibson, Picayune, Waynesboro, Lucedale, Gulfport, Biloxi, Kentwood LA, Coffeerville AL, and Citronelle, AL. The resources, engineering, and tower location to establish the SCARC APRS Digipeater were donated by K4FMH, N5SPJ, and the Scott County Amateur Radio Club.

Adams County EC N5KDA reports that N5IAT has been a SK for a couple of years, and the 443.800 repeater that was operated by N5IAT is now in Gary's possession. The receiver is not getting power and his time is limited right now, but he will get it going again. He will get with the repeater coordinator and get the frequencies under his call, and he needs to figure out a way to get his call on the repeater ID. Hopefully, the repeater will be back on the air in a few months.

Forest County EC KF7DLW notes that with the start of hurricane season upon them they are working on some basic training during nets to help others make sure their station is in good operational order. Also, ARES is getting ready for Field Day.

Congratulations to the following on his upgrade in May: KI5DEJ, David – Starkville.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in May: KI5EQZ, Denton, - Natchez; KI5ERG, Romey – Myrtle; KI5EWC, John – Carriere; KI5EXZ, Jonathan – Pontotoc; and AG5UR, Timothy – Oxford.

Also, welcome to the following new ARRL Members in May: KF5BJP, Thomas – Lumberton; N5DHS, Joe – French Camp; KI5EHS, Charles – Pearl; KA5HRT, Edgar – Laurel; KF5KVL, Thomas – Nesbit; KX5M, Jeffrey – Waveland; and WA5TFF, Douglas – Laurel.

As of May 31, ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 979. Down 1 from last month.

SEC/DEC Reports for May 2019: KC5IMN (SEC), KC5IIW (EC MS), AF5PO (NE MS), N5ZNT (SW MS), and KB0ZTX (NW MS),

EC Reports for May 2019: KE5BSB (Itawamba), WB5CON (Alcorn), KF7DLW (Forrest), AE5FK (Walthall), AG5GN (Lamar), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KC5IIW (Scott), KF5IMA (Lafayette), N5KDA (Adams), KC5NDU (AEC)(Yalobusha), AF5NG (Marion), AD5PO (Tishomingo), AE5SK (AEC)(Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin), AA5SG (Jones/Wayne), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), N5ZNT (Lincoln/Wilkinson), KB5ZEA (Attala), 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 4/40/0 (KD5XG)

K5TAL American Legion Net 5/65/0 (KA5DON)

Magnolia Section Net 31/1026/7 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/21/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 31/2119/7 (W5JGW)

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

Adams County ARES 5/60/0 (N5KDA)

Alcorn County ARES 4/59/0 (WB5CON)

Capital Area Emergency Net 4/47/0 (K5XU)

DeSoto County Training and Information Net 4/81/0 (KF5WVJ) One Skywarn Operation

Forrest/Perry Counties ARES 2/12/0 (KF7DLW)

Hattiesburg ARC 2M Net 4/60/0 (KD5XG)

Hattiesburg 2M Simplex Net 1/13/0 (KD5XG)

Itawamba County ARES 4/27/0 (KE5BSB)

Jackson ARC Emergency Net 2/25/0 (K5XU)

Jasper County ARES 5/32/0 (KG5WJM)

Jones/Wayne Counties ARES 4/96/0 (AA5SG)

K5TAL American Legion Net 5/34/0 (KA5DON)

Lamar County ARES Net 3/28/0 (AG5GN)

Lowndes County ARC Net 5/50/0 (KF5AZ)

Marion County ARES Net 4/19/0 (AF5NG)

Madison County ARES 5/36/0 (W5DIX)

Marshall County ARES 4/5/0 (KB0ZTX) One Skywarn Operation

Mississippi Coast ARES, Weather, and Tech Net 4/71/0 (K5CRJ)

Meridian Area Emergency Net 4/48/0 (KB5SZJ and KF5ETN)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 2/14/0 (AE5SK)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net 5/89/0 (WA5TEF)

MSU ARC 4/92/0 (N5OMK)

Scott County ARES Training Net 4/31/0 (KC5IHW)

Southwest MS ARES Team 5/24/0/ (N5ZNT) One Skywarn Activation

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 4/52/0 (KA5ICO)

Tishomingo County ARES 4/58/0 (AD5PO)

University of Mississippi ARC VHF Net 4/33/0 (KF5IMA)

Vicksburg ARC MLEN Net 4/102/0 (KD5DHR)

Vicksburg ARC UHF Net 1/7/0 (KD5DHR)

Walthall County ARES Net 4/35/0 (AE5FK) One Emergency Operation

Yalobusha County Skywarn Net 2/4/0 (KD5NDU)

Digital Net Reports

MS NBEMS Traffic Net 4/26/1 (W5DIX)

PSHR: KA5DON 73

Traffic: K5LAM 276. KA5DON 13

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