

# Mississippi Section Report for November 2020

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Thanks to the efforts of ACC W5VMS and numerous club officials, Annual Mississippi ARRL Club reporting is much improved. The following clubs are current as of December 1:

599 DX Association - NA5NN  
Alcorn County EMA Team - W5AWP  
Central Mississippi Amateur Radio Association - KE5LIO  
Chickasaw Amateur Radio Association - W5GWD  
DX Hogs - KZ5DX  
Great Southern DX Association - K5GDX  
Hattiesburg Amateur Radio Club - W5CJR  
Jackson County Amateur Radio Club - W5WA  
Jim Leist Memorial Amateur Radio Club - K5TAL  
Lowndes County Amateur Radio Club (LoCoARC) - KC5ULN  
Magnolia Amateur Radio Club - K5DY  
Magnolia DX Association - K5MDX  
Meridian Amateur Radio Club - W5FQ  
Northeast Mississippi Radio Amateurs - W5NEM  
Olive Branch Amateur Radio Club - W5OBM  
Scott County Amateur Radio Club - KF5SC  
Sundancer Solar Radio Club - KD5YBU  
Tombigbee Amateur Radio Association (was Caledonia ARA) - KI5AST  
University of Mississippi Amateur Radio Club - W5UMS  
Vicksburg Amateur Radio Club - K5ZRO

These clubs will receive a 2021 ARRL Handbook as a door prize for their next club event. Your Club not on the list? Check with your club officers to find out how come.

The ARRL Foundation scholarship application period for the academic year 2021 ends on December 31, 2020. The Foundation has issued nearly \$300,000 in scholarships in for the 2020 academic year. Many scholarships are available to Mississippi students including the \$500 Mississippi Scholarship only available to Mississippi Students. The Mississippi Ham Community has not done a good job in years past helping students to claim this scholarship.

A description of the many scholarships available is on line at <http://www.arrl.org/scholarship-descriptions>. It is also very easy to apply as scholarship applications are on line at <http://www.arrl.org/scholarship-application>. If the December 31 deadline for this year can't be met, ask your Club President to appoint a Scholarship Chairman to coordinate an effort to meet next year's December 31, 2021 deadline.

If after 8 months of Covid is your club's only activity the weekly two-meter net? Is this getting dull? Try passing some traffic, shutting down the repeater and checking propagation, or at the end of the net playing the weekly free newscasts from ARRL Audio News ([arrl.org/arrl-audio-news](http://arrl.org/arrl-audio-news)) or Amateur Radio Newline ([www.arnewsline.org](http://www.arnewsline.org)). These broadcasts are very informative and will keep you in the mainstream on Ham Radio activity during this period of isolation. Contact KD4VVZ at [kd4vvz@gmail.com](mailto:kd4vvz@gmail.com) if you need help doing this.

Don't forget our Annual New Year's Eve On-the-Air beginning at 11 PM on December 31 on 3862. Because we won't be able to have our Annual Section Meeting at the Capital City Hamfest, we will combine it with the New Year's Eve Party.

Need a club program for future in-person meetings? Have your past meetings been an hour of business that could have been handled in a Board Meeting? Are you tired of people yawning and looking at their watches? Consider one of the ARRL Learning Network presentations. These thirty-minute presentations on a wide range of Ham Radio are available to ARRL Affiliated Clubs and for personal use. There are currently eleven presentations available and seven more to be presented live in the immediate future (and then saved for future viewing). Get all the info at <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-learning-network>.

ARRL Headquarters advises that W5XX submitted the only SM Nomination form for the two-year term beginning April 1, 2021 and was declared re-elected.

And in EC comments Lauderdale County EC KB5SZJ reports that ARES is about ready to put WX5MEI-10 back on the tower at the Lauderdale Emergency Management Agency. Just a few more adjustments, and it will be ready. ARES has also been working on a new tower site in Clarke County. Hopefully, a new repeater will be on the air at the site, and it will be linked with the W5FQ repeater in Meridian in an effort to bring Lauderdale and Clarke Counties together so they can share more information during bad weather.

Further, Jackson County AEC K9EYZ reports that the ARES group is actively working with NBEMS messaging over the county-wide repeater to supplement voice operations.

And lastly, Desoto County EC KF5WVJ and KG5TTU assisted a local horse owner in moving two horses three miles on a public roadway on foot after they had gotten out of their home pasture. The EMA Director allowed them the use of a county EMA Vehicle equipped with lights and assisted the Desoto County Sheriff Deputy with traffic control on the route back to the home pasture. Brad and Ricky used 2M radios for communication since they had to keep a gap between them and the patrol car to protect the horses and owner from traffic. ARES is up to any job!

On your long-range calendar:

- New Year's Eve On the Air Party, 11 PM on 3862, December 31. POC: W5XX
- Capital City Hamfest, Trademart, Jackson, January 29-30, Cancelled. See you in 2022!!
- 2021 Mississippi QSO Party, April 3, POC: [w5xx@cablelynx.com](mailto:w5xx@cablelynx.com)

Congratulations to KM4LRH on completing the ARRL EC-001 Introduction to Emergency Communications Course.

And congratulations to the following who upgraded in November: KF5KSA, Robert – Corinth; KI5KSA, Chase – Columbus; KF5ODP, Justin – Booneville; and N5SPJ, Don – Brandon.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in November: KI5LXP, Adam – Long Beach; KI5LZE, Jon – Mooreville; KI5LZF, Bryan – Tupelo; KI5LZG, Kevin – Tupelo; KI5LZM, Curtis – Tupelo; KI5LZN, Taylor – Tupelo; KI5LZO, Ginger – Oxford; KI5MAT, KI5MAU, James – Wiggins; Joan – Petal; KI5MAV, Jeremy – Richton; KI5MAW, Anson – Petal; KI5MAX, Beau – Petal; KI5MAY, Jeremy – Petal; KI5MAZ, Randall – Richton; KI5MBA, Richard – Hattiesburg; KI5MBJ, Joseph – Petal; KI5MCE – Matthew – Byhalia; KI5MCF, James – Byhalia; KI5MCH, Benny – Hernando; KI5MCI, Joseph – Coldwater; KI5MCJ, Kevin – Byhalia; KI5MCK, Marvin – Byhalia; KI5MCL, Mark – Byhalia; KI5MCM, William – Hernando; KI5MCN, Tina – Byhalia; KI5MCO, Deborah – Potts Camp; KI5MCP, James – Byhalia; KI5MDC, Dell – Vancleave; KI5MDD, Carl – Southaven; KI5MFD, TJ – Greenwood; KI5MFE, Keith – Meridian; KI5MFR, Jack – Flowood; and KI5MGO, John – Bay Saint Louis.

VE Tests resulted in 17 new Hams in Desoto County! K5OLV reports the Olive Branch Club held two sessions with 3 new Hams and 2 upgrades and were later assisted by the Tipton County ARC (TN) which held a test session resulting in 4 new DeSoto County Hams. Further, KF8PD reports that the Chickasaw ARA held one session resulting in 10 new hams. Thanks to the VE Teams for promoting Ham Radio in Desoto County!

And in Lee County N5VGK report the Area 51 Radio Group held two test sessions resulting in and 6 new hams and 3 upgrades. Good Show!

And lastly, in the Hattiesburg Area N5MZ reports he taught a one-day course at Petal High School followed by testing with assistance from the Marion County Exam Team and help from some local VEs. There were 4 Petal HS students, 3 PHS staff members, and 2 people from the community in the class, and all nine passed.

Thanks to all of the VE Teams in Mississippi that have kept new Hams and upgrade testing going in spite of Covid 19. Great Job!

Also welcome the following new ARRL Members in November: KG6DWR, Clay – Southaven; KF5JET, Paula – Banner; WD5JPN, Rufus – Amory; KI5JTR, Malcolm – Pontotoc; K4MFO, Milford – Picayune; KF5QEO, John – Bogue Chitto; AB4QW, Peter – Picayune; W5RCG, Robert – Long Beach; K5RPH, Larry, Lena; and KI4VKL, William – Picayune.;

ARRL Membership is now 984 up 2 from last month. Thanks to all who support ARRL Membership in Mississippi!

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

EC Reports for November 2020: N5CRS (Jasper), K9EYZ (AEC Jackson), AE5FK (Walthall), KF5IAY (Carroll), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), N5KDA (Adams), NS5M (Washington), AF5NG (Marion), N5OMK (Oktibbeha), K1REZ (Scott), AG5RI (Harrison), AA5SG (Jones/Wayne), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), KB5ZEA (Attala), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

ACC Report: Scott advises that of fifteen clubs reporting in November eight updated their Annual Club Report. Further, five are meeting in person with another six starting in January; the rest are Zoom or over-the-air. These are difficult times.

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

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

Hattiesburg ARC 10M Net 5/57/0 (KD5XG)

K5TAL 80M Net 4/60/0 (WV5Q)

Magnolia Section Net 30/1125/8 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 5/17/1 (WF5F)

MSPN 30/2224/15 (W5JGW)

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

Adams County ARES 5/62/0 (N5KDA)

Attala County ARES 1/3.0 (KB5ZEA)

Capital Area Emergency Net 5/64/0 (K5XU)

Central Mississippi ARES Training Net 5/46/16 (KG5SQZ)

DeSoto County Training and Information Net 5/87/0 (KF5WVJ)

Delta ARA Net 4/125/0 (KF5IAY/NS5M)

Harrison County ARES 1/9/0 (AG5RI)

Hattiesburg ARC 2 M Net 5/74/3 (KD5XG)

Hattiesburg ARC 2 M Simplex Net 1/14/0 (KD5XG)

JARC Emergency Net 4/45/0 (K5XU)

Jackson County ARES 4/55/2 (K9EYZ)

Jasper County ARES 4/14/0 (N5CRS)

Jones/Wayne Counties ARES 4/55/0 (AA5SG)

Lowndes County ARC 4/62/0 (KF5AZ)

Marion County ARES Net 5/34/0 (AF5NG)

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

Meridian Area Emergency Net 4/68/1 (KB5SZJ)

MSU ARC Net 5/120/0 (N5OMK)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net 5/84/0 (W5BAQ)

Scott County ARES 5/46/16 (K1REZ)

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 5/92/0 (KA5ICO)

Vicksburg ARC/MS-Lou WX Net 5/147/0 (KD5DHR)

Walthall County ARES Net 3/50/0 (AE5FK)

#### Digital Net Reports

Central Mississippi ARES Digital Training Net 5/27/35 Wow! (KI5JCL)

K5TAL Digital Voice Net 4/49/0 (WV5Q)

Traffic: WV5Q 39, KG5FRZ 10, and W5XX 6.

PSHR: WV5Q 99 and W5XX 76.

