

Mississippi Section Report for October 2021

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Papa Jacks Trade Day is back on the air after the Covid cancellation last year. Tupelo ARC President K5RTW reports that there was a great turnout with people selling everything from boat anchors and old computer monitors to brand new radios. One Ham went home with 3 sections of tower that his wife helped load. The 60 plus Hams from as far north as Iuka and as far South as Meridian enjoyed the opportunity to see old friends and to make some new eyeball contacts.

Plans are well under way for the Capital City Hamfest scheduled for January 28 & 29, 2022, at the new Trade Mart Building at 1200 Mississippi Street in Jackson. The hours on Friday are 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm and on Saturday 8:00 am until 3:30 pm. Several dealers will be present. ARRL representatives will also be present and ARRL and other meetings will take place. Table reservations may be made online at hamfest.msham.org. For further information email: hamfest@msham.org

If you have or know a student Amateur Radio operator, here is a great opportunity to help further their education. The ARRL Foundation scholarship application period for the academic year 2022-2023 opened on November 1st and will end on December 31, 2021. The Foundation issued \$550,000 in scholarships for 2021-2022. For the academic year 2022-2023, 130 scholarships will be offered totaling \$900,000! There are twenty \$25,000 scholarships, four \$15,000 scholarships, seventeen \$10,000 scholarships, nine \$5,000 scholarships as well as dozens of \$1,000 and \$500 scholarships.

The descriptions of the scholarships available are online at <http://www.arrl.org/scholarship-descriptions> . It is very easy to apply as the scholarship application is on line at <http://www.arrl.org/scholarship-application>. Since only Amateur Radio operator students may apply, the chances of being selected for a scholarship are good. Don't let Mississippi not get our share of scholarships again!

Jackson County ARC President N2PKW reports that at a recent Club Meeting several members wanted to activate a Special Event Station from an island, off the grid, and from the Mississippi Gulf Coast. As a result, on October 22 gear was moved by pontoon boat from the shore to Deer Island. In a short while K5D was on the air with five Hams operating four stations. During the weekend several Club Members visited K5D to support the island activation and to enjoy an all-day cookout of Hamburgers and Hot Dogs. There were several challenges and disappointments, but all problem areas were resolved. Several photos of the operation will be posted on the Section Website at www.arrlmiss.org. Next year on to Fort Massachusetts on Ship Island!

Jackson ARC Club President AK5J reports that on October 3, 2021, Hams from the Jackson Amateur Radio Club provided communications for the annual Walk for Diabetes in Jackson sponsored by the Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi. Hams were placed at all rest stops and

reported on the status of the walk to the net control and the director of the event. The Hams were able to report and help with a major problem. The Director of the Diabetes Foundation was very appreciative of the help provided and stated that the Hams always looked after the safety of the walkers. Hams participating were K5XU, K5KKD, K5CID and AK5J.

ASM N5OMK reports that the Lowndes County ARC held a Day in the Park at Old Waverly Park outside of West Point. About 15 Hams showed up including several brand-new Hams! They made several antennas and made some DX contacts with them which just blew away the new guys. W5ORC made an HF antenna they all talked about. They also made a J-pole that worked very well. There was good food as Hams love to eat! The LCARC and the MARC in Starkville will do a Day in the Park several times this year.

From ACC W5VMS: Several clubs still need to update their records before the end of November to once again receive a copy of the new ARRL Handbook. Unfortunately, only members listed as officers or as the club contact can now edit the club record. The ARRL Field Services Manager has stated that the ability to edit all clubs now rests at ARRL Headquarters. Thus, if anyone needs help updating their record contact clubs@arrl.org.

** Active Clubs (26) and last report date:

Scott County ARA 2021-10-27
Jackson ARC 2021-09-13
Marion Co HRC 2021-08-29
Alcorn Co. EMA Team 2021-08-23
Hattiesburg ARC (now Pine Belt ARC) 2021-08-16
Jackson Co ARA 2021-08-16
Deep Dixie Contest Club 2021-07-15
Lowndes Co. ARC 2021-06-23
Vicksburg ARC 2021-06-19 (SSC ends 2022-06-30)
Tombigbee ARA 2021-06-08
Tishomingo ARC 2021-04-16
MS Coast ARA 2021-03-15
Olive Branch ARC 2021-01-21
Northeast Mississippi Radio Amateurs 2021-01-14
Ms State Univ ARC 2020-12-30
CMSARA 2020-12-13
Petal Wireless 2020-12-12
Univ of Miss ARC 2020-11-25
599 DX Assn 2020-11-21
DX Hogs 2020-11-16
Sundancer Solar Club 2020-11-13
Chickasaw ARA 2020-11-13
Great Southern DX Assn 2020-11-11
Jim Leist Memorial ARC 2020-11-09
Meridian ARC 2020-10-31
Magnolia DX Assn 2020-10-15

** Inactive (by definition) Clubs (7) and last report date:

Magnolia ARC 2020-02-16

St Stanislaus HS ARC 2019-05-02

SW Miss ARC 2019-03-22

ARC of Amite Co 2018-10-19

Tupelo ARC 2017-12-30

Pearl River Co ARA 2017-04-28

Lauderdale Repeater Grp 2012-03-26

And from EC Reports from around the state:

KD5SZJ from Lauderdale County reports that the Meridian ARC is now including a brief training session at the end of each monthly meeting. They hope to be able to start holding some classes soon to further the training of new Hams.

N5ZNT reports from Lincoln County that the Southwest Mississippi ARC is still having Over the Air Meetings (on VHF & HF).

Attached for your information below is the current status (updated from last month) of known upcoming Ham events in and around Mississippi:

- 7290 Message Traffic Handling Class, December 1 and 4. Sessions at 9:30 and 12:00
- 100th Anniversary of Trans-Atlantic Tests – Dec.12. 0252Z, 160M
- Capital City Hamfest, January 28 -29, TradeMart, Jackson, hamfest@msham.org
- 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.

Congratulations to the following who upgraded in October: KI5KTQ, Justin – Moss Point; KI5PCD, David – Corinth; KI5RJM, William – Marion; and KI5RPJ, James – Carrollton.

Also, congratulations to our Webmaster W5UE, who just retired from Stennis Space Center as a Network Engineer and before that from Piedmont/US Air. Perfect timing. The Sunspot Cycle is on the upswing and now Randy can spend more time chasing DX. Randy is a long time QSL manager for many DX Stations, a major contributor to organizing the Mississippi QSO Party, a tower climber for Hams in need of help, and our webmaster since 2011. Keep up the good work, Randy!

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in October: KI5SAG, Angela – Louisville; KI5SAH, Terry – Steens; KI5SBJ, John – Starkville; KI5SBM, Douglas - Brandon; KI5SBP, Wade – Raymond; KI5SBQ, Jimmy – Brandon; KI5SCX, William – Biloxi; KI5SCY, Christopher – Ocean Springs, KI5SCZ, William – Saucier; KI5SDA, Matthew – Saucier; and KI5SDB, Stephen – Poplarville.

Eleven new Hams in Mississippi in October. Thanks to all of the Eimers, instructors, and VE Teams that made this happen!

Also welcome the following new ARRL Members in October: NU8B, Charles – Biloxi; WD5HUU, James – Petal; KD5OSA, James – Natchez; KE5PYL, Charles – Vicksburg; KD5QEO, James – Bassfield; KI5RJM, William – Marion; KI5RPJ, James – Carrollton; KI5RQA, Brett – Ridgeland; KI5RQC, Andrew – Madison; KI5RWM, Jerry – Oxford; KI5SAG, Angela – Louisville; KD5VTY, Wade – French Camp; W5XMD, Frank – Gulfport; and KI5ZCY, Christopher – Ocean Springs..

ARRL Membership is now 990 down 1 from last month. We had 20 new members or renewals in October and 18 Lapsed members. How come we dropped 1? What we don't see is the Silent Keys that have been removed from the roles and members, who have moved out of state.

SEC/DEC Reports for October 2021: KC5IMN (SEC), KD4VVZ (SE MS), N5ZNT (SW MS), and KB0ZTX (NW MS).

EC Reports for October: K9EYZ (AEC)(Jackson), AE5FK (Walthall), KG5IAY (Carroll), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KF5IMA (Lafayette), AD7KJ (Franklin), KB5SQZ (Hinds), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), KF5VVU (Scott), KD4VVZ (George), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), N5ZNT (Lincoln and Wilkerson), KB5ZEA (Attala), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

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

Regret to report the passing of

K5GCY of Jackson. Gary was Hamfest Chairman of the Capital City Hamfest for many years, past President of the Jackson ARC, and a control operator on the Central Mississippi Skywarn Net. Gary was a good friend to all and a hard worker for Amateur Radio in Mississippi.

WB5AKR of Meridian. Larry was a past Section Emergency Coordinator and State RACES Officer as well as being MEMA Communications Officer. Larry also helped write and improve Amateur procedures in the State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and the MOU between Hams and MEMA. He also wrote grants to secure Ham equipment for MEMA and the Lauderdale County EMA. Larry accomplished all this despite being severely handicapped.

K5BBA of Vicksburg. Buddy was a basketball star at Mississippi State and after a graduation a biology teacher and coach in the Vicksburg-Warren County School System. In addition to Ham Radio, Buddy was very active in Historical Preservation in Vicksburg and Port Gibson.

KD5BQT of Smithdale. In addition to Ham Radio, Danny was an avid hunter and fisherman and a long-time security guard at the Brookhaven Lincoln Lumber Company.

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

K5TAL 80M Net 4/58/0 (WV5Q)

Magnolia Section Net 31/1264/5 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 5/18/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 31/2522/27 (W5JGW)

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

Capital Area Emergency Net 5/57/0 (K5XU)

Central Mississippi ARES Training Net 8/77/0 – joint net traffic count (KG5SQZ)

DeSoto County Training and Information 5/109/10 (KF5WVJ)

George County ARES 4/27/0 (KD4VVZ)

Jackson County ARES 4/52/0 (K9EYZ)

JARC Emergency Net 4/45/0 (K5XU)

Marshall County ARES – meets with DeSoto County Net (KB0ZTX)(16 SET Messages passed)

Meridian Area EM Net 8/27/0 (KB5SZJ)

Mississippi Coast ARA 4/92/0 (AB5FU)

MSU ARC Net 4/83/0 (N5OMK)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net 4/70/0 (W5BAQ)

Pine Belt ARC Net 5/72/3 (KD5XG)

Pine Belts ARC Simplex Net 1/8/0 (KD5XG)

Southwest MS ARES Team 5/17/0 (N5ZNT)

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 4/69/0 (KA5ICO)

University of Mississippi ARES Net 5/55/0 (KF5IMA)

Vicksburg ARC/MLEN Net 5/145/0 (KD5DHR)

Walthall County ARES Net 4/67/0 (AE5FK)

Digital Net Reports

Central Mississippi ARES Digital Net 4/26/20 (KI5JCL)

Central Mississippi WL2K Net 4/15/0 (KI5JCL)

K5TAL Digital Voice Net 4/52/0 (WV5Q)

Traffic: WV5Q 127, W5XX 6, and KG5FRZ 6.

PSHR: WV5Q 177 and W5XX 76.