

Mississippi Section Report for September 2020

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Jackson County ARC President N2PKW passes along that the GATER-JUNK IN THE TRUNK-SWAP MEET will be held November 7, 2020 from 8AM until at the Van Cleave One Stop Market at 12218 Mississippi Highway 57 at Vancleave. This location is north of I-10 on MS 57 with FREE SETUP, FREE ENTRY, and FREE PARKING.

Charlie notes that this will be an outdoor event under covered pavilions. They will have tables with a limit of two with the first 30 tables under a pavilion. The benefit fish fry and drinks will be sold on premises. There is no need to reserve space in that there is plenty, and they will be on a first come basis.

There will be two demonstrations: a fusion demonstration on a local repeater and a portable HF Operations setup. There is no rain date.

Congratulations to KG5YZK on being awarded the 2020 Clyde Hurlburt W5CH Mississippi Scholarship. Daniel is from Flowood and a Mechanical Engineering Major at MSU (see photo on page 81 of the October QST). Applications for 2021 Scholarships are due December 31, 2020. For more info check the search engine for scholarships on www.arrl.org or call Mellissa Stemmer at ARRL Headquarters.

K5RFL reports that W5M, the 'What's the Marrow' special event station, was on the air from Starkville on September 25-27. The event was sponsored by the 'Be the Match' bone marrow donor registry with QSLs provided by Custom QSL. Caleb reports 142 QSOs being made with callers sharing a variety of related topics including how a bone marrow transplant affected their lives, how they felt that this was a worthy cause for a special event station, and a few said that they were actually on the marrow donor registry.

Project Chairman N5JGK advises that the Vicksburg ARC will activate K5ZRO during Halloween from Transylvania, Louisiana on October 31. Check 7220 and 14270 from 9AM to 5:30PM. QSL and/or certificate available via W5XX.

PIC K5RFL is looking for Public Information Officers (PIO) around the Mississippi Section. You don't have to have a ton of activity going on. If you're involved in a club, it would be very helpful to just pass along updates regarding activities and happenings in your area. In many situations the information will be submitted for publication in the monthly Section Report. If you or someone you know, who might be a good PIO, let Caleb know at caleb_rich@live.com

K1REZ reports that on September 3 the Scott County Amateur Radio Club held its monthly club meeting on the Pelahatchie Repeater. After discussing club business, N5XXX gave an excellent presentation on the how to participate in SKYWARN. Extensive handouts were made available

for download on the Scott County ARC website so that everyone could follow along during the presentation. After the presentation there was much discussion and N5XXX answered everyone's questions.

And in news from around the State EC KD4VVZ reports that the George County Repeater is back on the air with a new 100-watt amp. ADEC K9EYZ advises that Jackson County ARES is testing and practicing NBEMS over their repeater. Lauderdale County EC KB5DZJ notes that they have two nets running on two different repeaters. Charlie says that the East Central part of the State is starting to really become active. Harrison County EC AG5RI reports that the Harrison County EOC was activated in response to Hurricane Sally. Oktibbeha County EC N5OMK advises that they have at least three local nets every week, two club meetings between several clubs every month, as well as day outings to set up stations and make contacts...several times a month (weather permitting).

Want a free 2021 ARRL Handbook as a door prize for your next club meeting when it starts again? Affiliated Club Coordinator W5VMS notes that all clubs who are current with their Annual Club Report as of December 1 will receive a 2021 Handbook. Clubs current with last report date are:

Alcorn County EMA Team 2020-01-11
Caledonia ARA 2020-06-05
Chickasaw ARA 2020-03-11
Central Mississippi ARA 2020-06-28
Great Southern DX Assn 2019-12-22
Hattiesburg ARC 2020-05-16
Jackson County ARA 2020-03-04
Lowndes County ARC 2020-08-05
Magnolia ARC 2020-02-16
Mississippi Coast ARA 2019-08-21
NE MS Radio Amateurs 2020-01-13
Olive Branch ARC 2020-01-21
Scott County ARA. 2020-06-12
Vicksburg ARC 2020-01-21

Not on the list? Check with your Club President or S/T or with w5vms@arrl.net for assistance.

On your long-range calendar note that:

- Gator Trader – Junk in the Trunk - Swap Meet, Ocean Springs, Nov 7, (See Note Above)
- Capital City Hamfest, Trademart, Jackson, January 29-30, Cancelled. See you in 2022!!
- 2021 Mississippi QSO Party, April 3, POC: w5xx@cablelynx.com

Upgrades in September: KN4DWJ, Victor – Carriere; and KI5JTJ, Robert – Jackson.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in September: KI5KTQ, Justin – Gulfport; KI5KUD, Thaddeus – Vancleave; KI5KUH, Michael – Drew; KI5KYU, David – Perkinston;

KI5KYV – Ralph – Gulfport; KI5KYW, John, - Picayune; KI5KYX, John – Picayune; KI5KYY, Daniel – Pass Christian; KI5KYZ, Travis – D’ Iberville; KI5KZA, Donald – Ocean Springs; KI5LAN, Zachary – Olive Branch; KI5LAO, Christopher – Marietta; KI5LBM, Christopher - Brandon; KI5LBN, Jerry – Madison; KI5LCD, Ryan – Olive Branch; KI5LCE, Jacob – Olive Branch; and KI5LCF, Kevin – Biloxi.

Nineteen new Hams in Mississippi in August despite Covid -19 and pretty well distributed across the whole state! Keep up the good work mentors and VE Teams! If you see a new Ham listed in your area, make sure he is welcomed into the local Ham community.

KF5BA reports that the October Mississippi Coast ARA Test Session resulted in 14 testing with 9 new Technicians, 2 new Generals and 2 new Extras (one went from zero to Extra in one sitting!). Thanks to MCARA for keeping on keeping on!

Also welcome the following new ARRL Members in September : KB5ATA, Ben – Tylertown; KF5IXO, Thomas – Hattiesburg; KF5JAS, Ray – Lucedale; KI5KRZ, Colby – Mississippi State; KI5LAO, Christopher – Marietta; KD5MJD, Peter – Diamondhead; KG5OAS, Paul – Brandon; KG5ROD, James – Laurel; and KA5SNK, John – Pass Christian;

ARRL membership in Mississippi is now 984 down 8 from last month. Thanks to all who support ARRL Membership in Mississippi!

And lastly, welcome to KG5SQZ as AEC for Hinds County.

SEC/DEC Reports for September 2020: KC5IMN (SEC), KD4VVZ (Gulf Coast), N5ZNT (SW MS), and KB0ZTX (NS MS).

EC Reports for September 2020: N5CRS (Jasper), K9EYZ (ADEC Jackson), AD7KJ (Franklin), AE5FK (Walthall), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), N5KDA (Adams), AF5NG (Marion), K1REZ (Scott), AG5RI (Harrison), AA5SG (Jones/Wayne), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), KG5TTU (Tate), KD4VVZ (George), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), KB5ZEA (Attala), N5ZNT (Lincoln/Wilkinson), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

ACC Report: W5VMS. Scott says that the September/October Mississippi Section Affiliated Club Newsletter has been published. See www.arrlmiss.org.

PIC Report: K5RFL

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

Regret to report the passing on N5GJ of Saucier. Fred was an avid DXer and enjoyed fishing, hunting, and spending time with his family.

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

Hattiesburg ARC 10M Net 4/35/0 (KD5XG)

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

Magnolia Section Net 30/1034/4 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 3/10/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 30/2331/17 (W5JGW)

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

Adams County ARES 4/49/0 (N5KDA)

Attala County ARES 1/4/0 (KB5ZEA)

Capital Area Emergency Net 4/56/0 (K5XU)

Central Mississippi ARES Training Net 4/49/14 (KG5SQZ)

DeSoto County Training and Information Net 4/69/0 (KF5WVJ)

George County ARES 4/32/1 (KD4VVZ)

Harrison County ARES 3/48/0 (AG5RI)

Hattiesburg ARC 2 M Net 4/50/8 (KD5XG)

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

JARC Emergency Net 5/56/0 (K5XU)

Jackson County ARES 5/80/0 (K9EYZ)

Jasper County ARES 4/22/0 (N5CRS)

Jones/Wayne Counties ARES 5/41/0 (AA5SG)

Lowndes County ARC 5/86/0 (KF5AZ)

Marion County ARES Net 4/29/0 (AF5NG)

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

Meridian Area Emergency Net 9/131/0 (KB5SZJ)

Meridian Weather Group 4/50/0 (K5DAD)

MSU ARC Net 4/97/1 (N5OMK)

MCARA Emergency and Training Net 5/126/0 (KF5BA)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net 4/67/0 (W5BAQ)

Scott County ARES 4/49/0 (K1REZ)

Southwest Mississippi ARES Team 4/18/0 (N5ZNT)

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 4/75/0 (KA5ICO)

Tate County ARES 5/26/0 (KG5TTU)

Vicksburg ARC/MS-Lou WX Net 5/158/0 (KD5DHR)

Walthall County ARES Net 4/69/0 (AE5FK)

Digital Net Reports

Central Mississippi ARES Digital Training Net 4/23/20 (KI5JCL)

EMTARG – 750 (WB5AKR)

K5TAL Digital Voice Net 5/92/1 (WV5Q)

Traffic: WV5Q 25, KG5FRZ 12, and W5XX 3

PSHR: WV5Q 85 and W5XX 78.

