

Mississippi Section Report for April 2018

SM: Malcolm Keown, W5XX. Mississippi Section Web Page at arrrlmiss@org. Web Master: W5UE at w5ue@arrl.net. ASM: K5DSG, KA5ICO, W4WLF, KB5YEE, AG5Z; SEC: KC5IMN, ASEC: AA1NA; SGL: AK5J, TC: N5JGK.

The Fifteenth Mississippi QSO Party is now history. 171 logs were received by the April 30 submission deadline which is a record. The majority of comments in the logs noted the lousy conditions, but positively commented on how many Mississippi Stations were on the air; 35 logs from Mississippi Stations were been received. Now let the log checking begin!

DEC N5ZNT reports that during the Mississippi QSO Party the Southwest Mississippi ARC operated as W5WQ from the QTH of K5DWI to warm up for Field Day. Those operating were in this club event were K5DWI, WB5ASP, N5ZNT, and AD7KJ.

EC WE5TEF reports that Lee County ARES is also getting ready for Field Day. After their Monday Evening Skywarn several of the checkins have started using and practicing CW on 7.033.

When Wayne County Communications went down along with the local 2 Meter Repeater, Asst. EC N5IDX, KG5NUB, and KG5AAB went to the County Repeater Site and found that the commercial power was out, and the backup generator had failed. Using ham resourcefulness, they hooked up an inverter to their truck battery and powered the Central Dispatch Repeater back up. As a result, their efforts resulted in a nice snippet on the Wayne County News Website and a pat on the back from the Wayne County EMA Director.

DEC KC5IIW reports that the Scott County ARC/ARES provided radio time for local Scout Troop (T-63) on May 5th beginning at 1300 local time as the boys worked to complete their Radio Merit Badge. They operated on 2M (local repeaters) as well as 20, 40, and 80. In all, 21 Boys Scout had a chance to get on the air.

EC KB5SZJ notes that the station at the Lauderdale County EOC sustained minimal damage during the tornado that came through Meridian around 11 am Saturday April 16 th. Some antennas were blown over or down but will soon be put back up and into service. They hope to have their HF antenna farm back up before Field Day.

EC KF7WVJ advises that ARES activated the DeSoto County EOC for three weather related events in April. Further, ARES had two operators at the Southaven FEMA Storm Shelter to establish a communications link via Amateur Radio from the FEMA Shelter to the EOC during one of the tornado watch events.

Forrest County EC KF7DLW reports that ARES provided communications for the April 17 Rise and Shine 5K and Half Marathons. They had a great turn out of radio operators and operations went smoothly. Thanks to KF5ZCI for serving as Net Control and the following for providing communications along the Marathon Route: NG5C, KF7DLW, KG5QAZ, N5IDX, N5MZ,

AG5AB, KB5VE, K5SDB, KD5XG, KG5PND, KG5UGR, K9EYZ, KG5KIT, KM0I, KG5KIV, KE5AFC, K5DVO, N5ARM, and KK4TXB.

EC AD5PO notes that the Tishomingo County ARC provided communications for the Swinging Bridge Trail Run at the Tishomingo State Park. Those participating were KF5FXS, KF5FXR, KG5RVF, KG5JMN, and AD5PO.

On your short-range calendar pencil in the 2018 ARRL Field Day, June 23-24, the Mississippi SET, August 4 (POCs KC5IMN and AA1NA), and the Huntsville Hamfest, August 18-19 (see www.hamfest.org). And on your long-range calendar the 2018 ARRL Day in the Park, October 6 in Olive Branch (co-sponsored by the Olive Branch ARC and the Chickasaw ARA), Papa Jack's Trade Day, October 13 in Tupelo (POC WA5TEF), the Jackson County ARC Hamfest, November 9-10 in Ocean Springs (POC K5MOZ), and last but not least the Capital City Hamfest, January 25-26, 2019 in Jackson (POC K5GCV).

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in April: KG5ZCY, Burhman – Vicksburg; KG5ZEZ, Michael – Vancleave; KG5ZFA, John – Bay Saint Louis; KG5ZFU, William – Southaven; KG5ZJI, Phillip – Gloster; KG5ZJO, Nellie – Saltillo; KG5ZJP, Patrick – Tupelo; KG5ZKY, Cliff – Woodland;

And, also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in April: KD5ALE, Dale – Hernando; WA5CAK, Gary – Lucedale; KC5CDV, Gregory – Corinth; WB5KIW, William – Ridgeland; N5MLM, Donnie – Ellisville; KC5OEO, Mark – Vicksburg; KE5PRL, Patrick – Oxford; KG5QLR, Franklin – Moss Point; KF5RGR, John – Tupelo; N5SOX, David – Clinton; KF5TPT, James – Olive Branch; KC4VBE, Meridian; KE5VCC, Patrick – Ocean Springs; KD5WVP, Hartley – Meridian; KG5ZDZ, Robert – Pearl; and KG5ZFU, William – Southaven.

As of April 30, ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 1,019 down 10 from the last report on March 31. We are getting perilously close to dropping below 1,000. Your help is needed to recruit or renew members!

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades in April: KF5EZX, James – Brandon; KD4JUQ, William – Summit; KF5OIM, Richard – Southaven; KG5UHZ, Ray – New Albany; and KG5YLA, James – Byram.

SEC/DEC Reports for March 2018: KC5IMN (SEC), KC5IIW (EC MS), N5ZNT (SW MS)

EC Reports for April 2018: N5ARM (AEC)(Lamar), KG5AVT (AEC) (Rankin), KE5BSB (Itawamba), WB5CON (Alcorn), KF7DLW (Forrest), AE5FK (Walthall), AG5GN (Lamar), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KC5IIW (Scott), KF5IMA (Lafayette), N5KDA (Adams), AD7KJ (Franklin), WX5N (Prentiss), KD5NDU (AEC)(Yalobusha), AF5NG (Marion), AF5PO (Tishomingo), AA5SG (Jones/Wayne), AE5SK (AEC) Copiah/Hinds/Madison), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), WA5TEF (Lee), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), and N5ZNT (Lincoln/Wilkinson).

Club Newsletter/Reports (Editor): Chickasaw ARA Newsletter (KE5RHM) and the Meridian ARC Spark Gap (W5MAV).

Regret to report the passing of KD5OAM of Baldwyn, who was an active community leader.

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

Hattiesburg ARC 10M Net 5/37/0 (KD5XG)

Magnolia Section Net 30/1047/4 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 3/11/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 30/2510/11 (W5JGW)

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

Adams County ARES 5/78/0 (N5KDA)

Alcorn County ARES Net 4/77/0 (WB5CON)

Booneville and Prentiss County Weekly Net 4/66/0 (WX5N)

Capital Area Emergency Net 5/62/0 (K5XU)

DeSoto County Emergency Training and Information Net 5/125/0 (KF5WVJ) Three Skywarn Activations

Forrest/Perry Counties ARES 2/31/0 (KF7DLW)

Hattiesburg ARC 2M Net 5/57/0 (KD5XG)

Hattiesburg 2M Simplex Net 1/9/0 (KD5XG)

Itawamba County ARES Net 4/30/0 (KE5BSB)

K5TAL – American Legion Net 4/62/0 (KA5DON)

Lamar County ARES Net 2/20/0 (AG5GN)

Lowndes County ARC Net 4/45/0 (KF5AZ)

Madison County ARES 4/20/0 (W5DIX)

Marion County ARES Net 5/42/0 (AF5NG)

Marshall County ARES – meets with Desoto County – (KB0ZTX)

MDXA Net 4/31/0 (N5GD)

Meridian Area Emergency Net 4/43/0 (KB5SZJ and KF5ETN)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 5/42/0 (AE5SK)

Mississippi Coast ARA 4/72/0 (N5AHM) One Skywarn Activation; AG5CC NCS - 21 QNI

MSU ARC 5/104/0 (N5OMK)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net 5/78/0 (WA5TEF)

Olive Branch ARC 16/75/0 (K5OLV)

Panola County ARC 4/13/0 (KA5NOM)

Rankin County ARES Net 4/56/0 (KG5AVT)

Scott County ARES Training Net 5/31/0 (KC5IIW)

Scott County ARES Simplex Net 4/6/0 (KC5IIW)

South Central MS ARES Net 5/115/0 (AA5SG)

Southwest MS ARES Team 6/24/0 (N5ZNT) Two Skywarn Activations

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 5/59/0 (KA5ICO)

Tishomingo County ARC Net 4/95/0 (AF5PO)

UMARC UHF Net 5/13/0 (K5LMB)

UMARC VHF Net 5/31/0 (K5LMB)

Vicksburg ARC MLEN WX Net 7/158/0 (KD5DHR) Two Skywarn Activations

Walthall County ARES 3/38/0 (AE5FK)

Yalobusha County Skywarn Net 5/15/0 (KD5NDU)

Digital Net Reports

MS NBEMS Traffic Net 4/20/5 (W5DIX)

PSHR – W5XX 70 and KA5DON 57.

Traffic: K5LAM 365, AD5O 288, KG5FRZ 35, KA5DON 7, and W5XX 2.