

# Mississippi Section Report for April 2019

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The logs for 2019 Mississippi QSO Party are in. Many thanks to W3DYA/M, W4SIG/M, KV4T/M, KK4TE/M, K4ZGB/M, K5CUB/P, N5JGK/P, W5OBM/P, and W4XK/P. For putting on a lot of rare counties that aren't normally on the air. Let the log checking begin!

EC AE5FK reports that the Walthall County EOC is now on the air in Tylertown on HF, VHF, and UHF with call sign of KY5DBH.

Mississippi experienced a record-tying monthly number of tornados with major outbreaks on April 13/14 and April 18. ARES was active over the whole state.

Lauderdale County EC KB5SZJ reports four Skywarn Nets were held during the bad weather this month. Two nets on the 145.410 and two on the 146.700 machines. Both nets passed valuable information from much of the surrounding area and helped keep everyone safe. Charlie would like to thank everyone who participated in these nets for the hard work they put in; it just goes to show you what can be accomplished when we all come together.

K1REZ reports that the Scott County ARES Team activated during the April 18 Tornado Outbreak. Checkins reported high winds, roof damage, roads blocked, broken limbs, and trees and power lines down.

From the Hattiesburg area DEC KB5VE reports that as bad as the April 18 Storm was, it could have been much worse. ARES opened the Southeast Mississippi Net facing a very dangerous front of storms headed toward the entire State of Mississippi. Quickly many local Hams checked into the Net with KB5VE as net control. The Checkins realized that this storm was even more serious than was initially thought with as many as four tornados on the ground in one town in Louisiana.

Lamar County EC AG5GN opened the County EOC ARES station and started to coordinate actions with James Smith, the Emergency Manager. Net Checkins continued and as the rain became very heavy as did the issues of flooding and roads becoming impassable. Having AG5IL, a member of Hattiesburg PD, out in his patrol car allowed them to pass even more information to MEMA.

Net control was passed to AEC N5ARM, who puts his many years of professional emergency service to work as the net Checkins and reports start to peak. As there were several reports of rotation and heavy winds the Net finally got the report they were prepared to handle but hoped they didn't have to when AEC KF5TEX reported his son's property had a touchdown with damage to his house and with a shed blown away, but no injuries. This information was relayed to EC AG5AN who took it directly to the War Room and he gave it to the Emergency Manager

as the information was coming in on their radio. This pattern continued all afternoon with ARES reports of incidents getting to MEMA before or at the same time.

At this time Lamar County AEC WB5TJK took net control and continued to take damage reports and give weather bulletins out as he received them. Many of the Net Checkins on the west side of Hattiesburg had to take to their safe rooms during this time. The Net continued to have information flow in from Officer AG5IL and other Hams.

Net control was passed back to N5ARM, who continued to take damage assessment reports as the weather calmed down. Net control was then turned over to KB5VE as EMAs went to stage One and ARES continued to look at the weather coming toward us. After consulting with the Emergency Manager, they agreed to close the Net, but to be prepared to open it back up.

KB5VE wants to take time to thank the many Hams, both ARES and non-ARES, who checked in and were prepared to report damage and relay traffic. A special thank you to ADEC K5LVL who maintains their repeaters and Wires X and gateways. He is the IT man at AAA Ambulance, but he fits us into emergencies! Dale is getting the numbers together, but feels that about 30 Hams checked in.

The Central Mississippi ARA and the Jackson ARC again provided communications for the Natchez Century Ride. Chief Organizer WM5A thanks KG5ZDZ, NCS, AK5J, KD5KHI, AG5BC, AF5SK, K5PBK, KD5JPB, and K5HH, who supported this public service event under less than great weather conditions

Forrest County EC KF7DLW reports that the Rise and Shine Marathon went great, and the race organizers are looking forward to having Ham support again next year. They stated that ARES was a huge part of the Marathon, and it would have been difficult to conduct without ARES communications support. The Marathon consisted of 1,000 runners on 5K, 10K, and Half Marathon Courses. Communications were handled by 23 operators. Throughout the Marathon, all went well except ARES communicated for assistance on one minor medical incident. Participants included Hams from Forrest, Lamar, Covington, Perry, Jones, Jasper, Walthall, Wayne and Marion Counties. Thanks to the Hattiesburg and Lamar Club For the use of their repeaters. All frequencies came in handy and were monitored during the evens. Participants were Race Command: KF7DLW, Race Control KF5ZCI, and KG5XZU, KF5CCH, AE5FK, KG5WJM, AA1NA, AG5AB, KG5DKG, KE5KJP, K5SDB, WB5TJK, W5TUT, KE5RJQ, K9EYZ, WB5KXT, KB5VND, KF5OIM, KI5DBT, KF5HGO, KM0I, W5BLL, KG5ROD, KD5XG, and AG5IL (Hattiesburg Police Dept).

The Ole Miss ARC served as course Marshalls for this year's Oxford Double Decker 5/10K run on Saturday April 28. They had 10 members participate with 1530 and runners. The event went well with no problems. Special thanks to K5LMB for coordinating the location for Club members to monitor the race. Hams who participated were: K5LMB, K5GET, KF5IMA, NR5B, WB5EXY, KC5KLW, KZ7H, N5XXX, W1IBL, and KI5BTY.

Lafayette County EC KF5IMA notes that they do have an Echolink node in Oxford, thanks to KE5IMK that gives access to Oxford 147.33 repeater via Echolink. It is listed under KE5IMK-R.

Bruce notes that the Club would love anyone interested to check it out and, if possible, to check in on their 8pm Sunday night net.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades in April: KI5BBU, Harry – Picayune; KI5DER, Joseph – Ocean Springs; KI5DVD, Brian – Iuka; KI5EAT, Dustin – Iuka; and KG5ROF, Bruce – Brandon.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in April: KI5EDV, Kyle – Purvis; KI5EFA, Timothy- Shannon; KI5EFB, David - Amory; KI5EHR, Thomas – Clinton; KI5EHS, Charles – Pearl; KI5EHT, Christopher – Flora; KI5EJB, George - Iuka; and KI5ELB, David – Myrtle.

Also, welcome to the following new ARRL Members in April: KI5BBU, Harry – Picayune; KI5CSG, Robert – Aberdeen; KI5DER, Joseph – Ocean Springs; KF4DZB, Robert – Madison; KI5EFA, Timothy – Shannon; KI5EHR, Thomas – Clinton; KE5IMK, Britt – Oxford; WB5JHC, William – Biloxi; KB5KIS, David – Louisville; KG5KJU, Janson – New Augusta; KG5MEY, Lillian - Bay Saint Louis; KB5OCB, Donald – Hernando; KE5SGE, Robert – Aberdeen; and W5VOL, Joe – Steens.

As of April 30, ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 980. Down 1 from last month.

And lastly, welcome to W5TXR of Columbus as a Technical Specialist.

SEC/DEC Reports for April 2019: KC5IMN (SEC), KC5IIW (EC MS), AD5PO (NE MS), KB5VE (SE MS), N5ZNT (SW MS), KB0ZTX (NW MS),

EC Reports for April 2019: KE5BSB (Itawamba), WB5CON (Alcon), KF7DLW (Forrest), AE5FK (Walthall), AG5GN (Lamar), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KC5IIW (Scott), KF5IMA (Lafayette), N5KDA (Adams), AD7KJ (Franklin), KC5NDU (AEC)(Yalobusha), AF5NG (Marion), AD5PO (Prentiss and Tishomingo), AE5SK (AEC)(Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin), AA5SG (Jones/Wayne), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), W4WLF (Harrison), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), N5ZNT (Lincoln/Wilkinson), KB0ZTX (Marshall).

OES Report: WB5AKR reports from the Meridian Area that there were 13 total tornado warnings in Lauderdale County during the combined April 13/14 and April 18 tornado outbreaks (two over his house). Larry has contacted the local Channel 14 CB Croup about running a Weather Net and is looking at possibility of support from the General Mobile Radio Service and the Family Radio Service as a source of severe weather info. Larry understands that this is being done in he Mobile area.

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

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

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

Magnolia Section Net 30/1126/3 (KA5ICO)

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

MSPN 30/2193/11 (W5JGW)

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

Adams County ARES 5/60/0 (N5KDA)

Alcorn County ARES 5/69/0 (WB5CON)

Capital Area Emergency Net 4/46/0 (K5XU)

DeSoto County Training and Information Net 5/107/0 (KF5WVJ) Two Skywarn Activations

Forrest/Perry Counties ARES 2/24/1 (KF7DLW)

Hattiesburg ARC 2M Net 4/68/1 (KD5XG)

Hattiesburg 2M Simplex Net 1/11/0 (KD5XG)

Itawamba County ARES 4/16/0 (KE5BSB)

Jackson ARC Emergency Net 4/44/0 (K5XU)

Jasper County ARES 4/22/0 (KG5WJM) Two Emergency Activations

Jones/Wayne Counties ARES 4/94/0 (AA5SG) One Skywarn Activation

Lamar County ARES Net 4/103/0 (AG5GN) Two Skywarn and two emergency activations

Lowndes County ARC Net 5/46/0 (KF5AZ)

Marion County ARES Net 5/29/0 (AF5NG)

Madison County ARES 4/27/0 (W5DIX)

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

Mississippi Coast ARES, Weather, and Tech Net 5/97/0 (W4WLF and K5CRJ)

Meridian Area Emergency Net 5/55/0 (KB5SZJ and KF5ETN) Four Skywarn Activations

Metro Jackson ARES Net 2/17/0 (AE5SK)

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

MSU ARC 5/120/0 (N5OMK)

Scott County ARES Training Net 5/55/0 (KC5IIW)

Scott County Skywarn Net (1/11/0 KC5IIW)

Southwest MS ARES Team 4/17/0/ (N5ZNT) Three Skywarn Activations

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

Tishomingo County ARES 5/90/0 (AD5PO)

University of Mississippi ARC VHF Net 4/56/0 (KF5IMA)

Vicksburg ARC MLEN Net 7/167/0 (KD5DHR) Three Skywarn Activations

Vicksburg ARC UHF Net 1/6/0 (KD5DHR)

Walthall County ARES Net 3/27/0 (AE5FK) One Emergency Activation

Yalobusha County Skywarn Net 2/5/0 (KD5NDU)

Digital Net Reports

EMTARG/SANDPOUNDER – 80 formal messages

MS NBEMS Traffic Net 5/36/2 (W5DIX)

Traffic: K5LAM 96.