

# Mississippi Section Report for August 2017

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Less than three weeks to go until our annual ARRL Day in the Park hosted this year by MFJ in Starkville September 29 and 30 on the occasion of Martin's 45 th year in business. This is the fifth time MFJ has been kind enough to host the Day in the Park and the attendance has been growing each time with over 600 in attendance at the 2012 Day in the Park.

You can look forward to prizes, factory tours, tailgating, forums/demos, and a free lunch at McKee Park on Saturday Noon to end the festivities. In addition, special event station K5MFJ will be on the air and can be worked for a special commemorative certificate. For more info and registration see [www.mfjenterprises.com](http://www.mfjenterprises.com) (official site) and then click on MFJ 45 th Anniversary Day in the Park. See you there!

Also on the following weekend (October 7) the Tupelo ARC will again sponsor Papa Jack's Trade Day at the Tupelo Airport from 8 to 12 in the parking lot of the old police station. There will be tailgating, prizes, and exams. Talk-in on 147.24 (100 Hz). For more info contact [wa5tef@arrrl.net](mailto:wa5tef@arrrl.net).

The US experienced its first total eclipse in many years on August 7 on a narrow path from Oregon to South Carolina and passing near Mississippi from noon to 3 o'clock local with the maximum darkness at 1:30. Of interest to the Ham Radio Community was the effect on the lower bands as day turned to night in the middle of the day. At high noon, there were plenty of stations on 40 CW but nothing on 80 CW until 1:30 when the band suddenly opened for about 30 minutes with the best "DX" for W5XX being Pennsylvania.

The remnants of Hurricane Harvey came through Mississippi on August 30 spinning off tornadoes in Forrest, Lamar, Itawamba, Lee, and Benton Counties. Several Nets activated including the Southeast Mississippi ARES Net, the Central Mississippi Skywarn Net, the Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net, the MS WL2K Net, the MS NBEMS Net, and the Itawamba ARES Net.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in August: KG5UNB, Bruce – Perkinston; KG5UQQ, Bradley – Guntown; KG5UTT, Kiana – Waynesboro; KG5UVQ, Cory – Coldwater.

Welcome to the following new ARRL Members in August: WD5FNW, Edward – Saltillo; WA5MUE, Paul – Southaven; KE5NBE, Dan – Columbus; KF5PRS, William – Iuka; WA5PSN, David - Greenville; KF5QIQ, Lawrence – Olive Branch; KF5RQR, Barrett – Laurel; KG5THA, James – Canton; and KG5TVQ, Deanna – Bolton.

As of August 31, ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 1,041 down 5 from the last report on August 31.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades in August: KG5NSN, Robert – Amory and KG5TFZ, William – Saucier.

Welcome to KD5FOX as EC for Lowndes County.

Regret to report the passing of KC5DNY of Coffeerville. Jerry always had a positive attitude and a new joke to tell. Also regret to report the passing of WA5FGW of Bruce. Lee was a Korean War veteran and the engineer at WJRL in Calhoun City. And lastly, regret to report the passing of Doug, N5FKP, of Enterprise.

SEC//DEC Reports for August) 2017: KC5IMN (SEC), KD4VVZ (Gulf Coast), and N5ZNT (SW MS).

EC Reports for August 2017: KG5AVT (AEC)(Rankin), KE5BSB (Itawamba), AE5FK (Walthall), KF5IAY (Carroll and Montgomery), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KG5IIS (Madison), KC5IIW (Scott), KF5IMA (Lafayette), N5KDA (Adams), AD7KJ (Franklin), KF5MWE (Clarke), N5MZ (Forrest), WX5N (Prentiss), KD5NDU (AEC)(Yalobusha), AF5NG (Marion), AF5PO (Tishomingo), AE5QP (Greene), AE5SK (Hinds and Copiah), WA5TEF (Lee), KF5UJD (AEC)(Stone), K5VBB (Lamar), KD4VVZ (George), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), AD7XJ (Franklin), and N5ZNT (Lincoln).

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

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

Hattiesburg ARC 10M Net 3/22/0 (K5TLL)

Magnolia Section Net 31/1077/4 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/20/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 31/2234/9 (W5JGW)

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

Bluff City ARES 4/82/0 (N5KDA)

Booneville and Prentiss County Weekly Net 5/67/0 (WX5N)

Capital Area Emergency Net 4/45/0 (K5XU)

DeSoto County Emergency Training and Information Net 4/73/0 (KF5WVJ)

Forest County ARES 10/104/0 (N5MZ)

George County ARES 4/40/0 (KD4VVZ)

Greene County ARES 1/19/0 (AE5QP)

Hattiesburg ARC Emergency 2M Net 4/56/0 (K5TLL)

Hattiesburg ARC 2M Simplex Net 1/11/0 (K5TLL)

Itawamba County ARES Net 5/34/0 (KE5BSB) - One Skywarn Activation

Jones County ARES Net 9/147/0 (AA5SG)

Lowndes County ARC Net 5/63/0 (KF5AZ)

Madison County ARES 7/139/10 (KG5IIS)

Marion County ARES Net 5/40/0 (AF5NG)

MDXA Net 5/33/0 (N5GD)

Meridian Area Emergency Net 5/46/1 (KF5ETN)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 3/26/0 (AE5SK)

MSU ARC 4/78/0 (N5OMK)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net 5/54/0 (WA5TEF) - One Skywarn Activation

Olive Branch ARC Net 13/84/0 (K5OLV)

Rankin County ARES Net 5/79/0 (KG5AVT)

Scott County ARES Training Net 4/38/0 (KC5IIW)

Scott County ARES Simplex Net 3/16/0 (KC5IIW)

SE MS Training Net 5/38/4 (K5VBB) – One Skywarn Activation

Southwest MS ARES Team 6/33/3 (N5ZNT)

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 4/31/0 (KA5ICO)

Stone County ARES Net 4/38/0 (KF5UJD)

Tishomingo County ARC Net 5/116/0 (AF5PO)

UMARC UHF Net 4/17/0 (K5LMB)

UMARC VHF Net 4/36/0 (K5LMB)

Walthall County ARES 3/45/0 (AE5FK)

Yalobusha Skywarn Net 5/5/0 (KD5NDU)

#### Digital Net Reports

East Mississippi Tailbone Amateur Radio Group 31/485/485 (WB5AKR)

MS NBEMS Traffic Net 4/37/6 (W5DIX)

MS WL2K Net 5/17/0 (KD5NDU)

PSHR – KA5DON 72 and W5XX 72.

Traffic: AD5O 440, KA5DON 22, and W5XX 2.

Compilation of Net Statistics provided by KB5RCJ.