

Mississippi Section Report – December 2017

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Forty plus Mississippi Hams brought in the New Year on 3862 during our annual New Year's Eve Party. During the hour-long event, hosts W5XX and K5DSG provided information on 2017 Ham Radio Major Events in Mississippi, EMCOMM Activations, Public Service, Awards and Congratulations, Mississippi Ham Statistics, and Silent Keys. A word copy of all this information is available from W5XX via an email file.

The Olive Branch ARC held their annual Christmas party on Monday December 18th. During the Party the Club honored founding club member KD5CKP with a Lifetime Service Award for his decades of service to the local amateur community. In addition, KF5TWK, received the Melvin Jerkins member of the year award for his faithful involvement in club activities throughout 2017. And lastly KF5HAJ was awarded a plaque in gratitude for his year of service as club vice president

. and don't forget the next big event on the Mississippi Ham Calendar, the Capital City Hamfest on Friday Jan 26 th from 5:00 PM - 8:00PM and Saturday January 27 th from 8:00 AM to 4 PM. More information can be found on hamfest.msham.org. Our ARRL Guest will be Rick Roderick, ARRL President. Rick will speak to the 599 DX Association on Friday Evening at 5:30 and then conduct a Q&A on Saturday Morning from 10 to 11 AM.

For those of you that like statistics here is some data on Mississippi Hams over the past 8 years. We had 1,549 new hams from 2010 through 2017 for an average of 193 per year; in 2017 we had 148 new Hams. We had 693 upgrades from 2010 through 2017 for an average of 87 per year; in 2017 we had 70 upgrades. New licenses to upgrades from 2010 to 2017 was 45%; licenses to upgrades in 2017 was 45%.

Welcome to KC5IIW as DEC for East Central Mississippi, KB5SZJ as EC for Lauderdale County, and AA5SG as EC for Jones County

Also, welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in December:

KG5WJB, Adam – Petal; KG5WJC, Jalen – Petal; KG5WJD, Justin – Petal; KG5WJE, Ryan – Petal; KG5WJF, Ethan – Petal; KG5WJG, Kayla – Petal; KG5WJH, Shaylynn – Petal; KG5WJI, Devon – Petal; KG5WJJ, Cody – Petal; KG5WJK, Elijah – Petal; KG5WJL, Elijah – Petal; KG5WJM, Roger – Bay Springs; KG5WLG, Jerry – Lucedale; KG5WLH, David – Waveland; KG5WLS, William – Grenada; KG5WLT, Charlie – Florence; and KG5WLU, Adam – Meridian.

And, welcome to the following new ARRL Members in December: KF7DLW, Justin – Hattiesburg; WA5EEC, Kenneth – Pass Christian; KF4EWO, Brian – Olive Branch; KG5MEY, Lillian – Bay Saint Louis; KD5QQL, Kendel – Corinth; KG5UGR, Jonathan – Vancleave; KG5WDX, Trudy – Vicksburg; KG5WLT, Charlie – Florence; and KG5VXY, Michael – Gautier.

As of December 31, ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 1,035 down 7 from the last report on November 30. We are getting perilously close to dropping below 1,000.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades in December: KG5REW, Wayne – Gulfport; KG5ROD, James – Laurel; and KG5UHA, Zachery – Dennis.

Also, congratulations to the following new club officers for 2018: Olive Branch ARC: President – AI4GI, VP – KF5TWK, Secretary – K5OLV, and Treasurer – KF5OIM; and the Vicksburg ARC: KD5DHR – President; N5JGK – VP. And KG5OVR – S/T.

SEC/DEC Reports for December 2017: KC5IMN (SEC), AF5PO (NW MS), N5ZNT (SW MS), and KBOZTX (NW MS),

EC Reports for December 2017: KG5AVT (AEC)(Rankin), KE5BSB (Itawamba), WB5CON (Alcorn), AE5FK (Walthall), KF5IAY (Carrol and Montgomery), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KG5IIS (Madison), KC5IIW (Scott), KF5IMA (Lafayette), N5KDA (Adams), AD7KJ (Franklin), KF5MWE (Clark), WX5N (Prentiss), AF5NG (Marion), AF5PO (Tishomingo), AE5QP Greene), AE5SK (AEC) (Hinds, Copiah, and Yazoo), WA5TEF (Lee), K5VBB (Lamar), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), N5ZNT (Lincoln and Wilkinson), and KBOZTX (Marshall).

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

Regret to report the passing of N5UCD of Biloxi, XYL of W5THT.

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

Hattiesburg ARC 10M Net 5/34/0 (K5TLL)

Magnolia Section Net 31/1225/8 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 5/24/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 31/2617/27 (W5JGW)

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

Alcorn County ARES 3/50/0 (WB5CON)

Bluff City ARES 4/54/0 (N5KDA)

Booneville and Prentiss County Weekly Net 4/52/0 (WX5N)

Capital Area Emergency Net 5/31/0 (K5XU)

DeSoto County Emergency Training and Information Net 4/75/0 (KF5WVJ)

Hattiesburg ARC Emergency 2M Net 5/60/0 (K5TLL)

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

Itawamba County ARES Net 4/53/0 (KE5BSB)

Jones County ARES Net 6/111/0 (AA5SG)

K5TAL – American Legion Net 4/44/0 (KA5DON)

Lowndes County ARC Net 4/41/0 (KF5AZ)

Madison County ARES 3/21/0 (KC5IIS)

Marion County ARES Net 5/32/0 (AF5NG)

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

MDXA Net 4/27/0 (N5GD)

Meridian Area Emergency Net 3/30/0 (KF5ETN)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 3/19/0 (AE5SK)

Mississippi Coast ARA 4/61/0 (N5AHM)

MSU ARC 4/71/0 (N5OMK)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net 4/54/0 (WA5TEF)

Olive Branch ARC 14/65/0 (K5OLV)

Rankin County ARES Net 4/60/0 (KG5AVT)

Scott County ARES Training Net 3/17/0 (KC5IIW)

Scott County ARES Simplex Net 1/5/0 (KC5IIW)

SE MS Training Net 3/18/0 (K5VBB)

Southwest MS ARES Team 4/13/0 (N5ZNT)

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 4/36/0 (KA5ICO)

Tishomingo County ARC Net 4/89/0 (AF5PO)

UMARC UHF Net 4/10/0 (K5LMB)

UMARC VHF Net 5/29/0 (K5LMB)

Walthall County ARES 3/27/0 (AE5FK)

Digital Net Reports

MS NBEMS Traffic Net 3/32/2 (W5DIX)

PSHR – KA5DON 137 and W5XX 76.

Traffic: AD5O 1,004, KA5DON 87, KG5FRZ 6, and W5XX 4.

Compilation of Net Statistics provided by KB5RCJ.