

Mississippi Section Report for December

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Mississippi went straight from Fall into Spring except for one cold snap in November. As a result two tornado outbreaks moved across the state. Note the number of ARES and Emergency Nets activated under the Net Reports

Mississippi Hams welcomed in the new year with the Annual On-the-Air New Year`s Eve Party on December 31 from 11 to Midnight. The forty plus checkins had the opportunity to wish everyone the best in 2020 and recount any outstanding events for them in 2019 or anticipated events in 2020.

Scott County EC K1REZ reports that through 2020 the Scott County ARES Team plans to hold ARES Training Sessions designed to assist ARES members in meeting and checking off the new ARES Task Book Membership requirements. All ARES members are welcomed to attend. For details send an email to info@scottcountycarc.org

Lauderdale County EC KB5SZJ notes that the W5FQ repeater will soon be replaced with a fusion system. ARES is waiting on the equipment to come in but has been advised that it is backordered now. Further, the Meridian ARC in conjunction with the Lauderdale Emergency Management Agency took up an offering for a family in need so that they could have a good Christmas. The family was truly blessed by the generosity of such kind people in their time of need. Lauderdale and Clarke counties are saddened by the passing of Gary White KF5MWE. He will be missed by many friends, Hams, and others.

Lowndes County EC W5TXA advises that ARES is working on a Wide Area Packet Network and APRS Network for Columbus, Starkville, West Point, Aberdeen and Ackerman.

KF5IMA reports that on 12/12/2019 the University of Mississippi ARC VE Team held a test session for students at the Lafayette County Middle school. VEs tested 26 students and 1 teacher resulting in 14 new student hams and 1 new teacher for a total of 15 new Tech hams. Special thanks to N1IBL for leading the team. Bruce also reports that during a severe weather outbreak in December, the NWS in Memphis had a DMR Skywarn Net running. KF5IMA was in contact from Lafayette County as were other hams from several more counties in Northeast Mississippi. It was a great way for the NWS to pass up to the second info to the Ham Radio community and for Hams to keep the NWS up to date with conditions on the ground across the area. DMR is great for wide area events.

PIO K5RFL reports that recently a group of ham operators from the Golden Triangle and a couple from Vardaman gathered at the Lowndes County ARC clubhouse to build a Morse Tutor kit. The class was led by AF5KQ and K5ALA, who had previously built the kit.

The Vicksburg ARC participated in the inaugural event of the Reindeer Run in Vicksburg. The proceeds benefitted PAWS Rescue. KG5YEE was the event coordinator. Other participants were KG5OVR, K5VXV, N5JGK, K5IMT, KC5GIB, KC5IBO, AF5OQ, W5VMS, and KC5VTN.

Forrest County EC KF5TEX reports that Forrest County ARES is planning on hosting a District 8 ARES Meeting in January of 2020. Hopefully, other ARES Districts will follow suit and have meetings.

Congratulations to the following on his upgrade in December: KE5LRA, Brian - Lucedale.

Also, congratulations to Magnolia Section Net Manager KA5ICO and members of the Net that set a new QNI record in 2019 of 13,746 surpassing the 2009 record. In addition, congratulations to K5OMC who completed the ARRL Triple Play Award for working WAS on the SSB, CW, and the digital modes.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in December: KI5HMA, John - Jackson; KI5HMU, William - Oxford; KI5HMV, Andrew - Oxford; KI5HMW, Gage - Oxford; KI5HMX, Brody - Oxford; KI5HMY, Collin - Como; KI5HMZ, Tyler - Oxford; KI5HNA, Jon-Michael - Water Valley; KI5HNB, Lily - Oxford; KI5HNC, Caleb - Taylor; KI5HND, Andrew - Oxford; KI5HNE, Nathaniel - Taylor; KI5HNF, Amarrie- Oxford; KI5HNG, Charles - Oxford; KI5HNH, Ava - Paris; KI5HNJ, Westlyn - Oxford; KI5HOU, James - Gulfport; and KI5HRB, Gary - Waynesboro. Wow! Somebody has been hard at work recruiting new Hams in the Oxford Area.

Also, welcome to the following new ARRL Members in December: N5ELI, David - Lumberton; KG5HGT, Harold - Lucedale; KE5LRA, Brian - Lucedale; N4NEX, Edwin - Hernando; W5REB, Linda - Byhalia; KI5SEF, James - Brookhaven; KF5SEW, Michael - Flowood; KE5VRN, Vernon - Cleveland; KC5VIZ, Adam - Tupelo; and KE5YBS, David - Hattiesburg.

ARRL membership in Mississippi is now 983 up two from last month.

And last, but not least, welcome to K5RFL as PIO in the Golden Triangle area.

SEC/ASEC/DEC Reports for December 2019: KC5IMN (SEC), W5DIX (ASEC - Digital), K1REZ (ASEC - Training)

EC Reports for December 2019: K5CRJ (AEC) Harrison, AE5FK (Walthall), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KF5IMA (Lafayette), W5JWW (Tallahatchie), N5KDA (Adams), AD7KJ (Franklin), AF5NG (Marion), KD5NDU (AEC)(Yalobusha), AF5PO (Tishomingo), K1REZ (Scott), AE5SK (AEC)(Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin), AA5SG (Jones/Wayne), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), KF5TEX (Forrest), W5TXA (Lowndes), KD4VVZ (George), KG5WJM (Jasper), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), KB5ZEA (Attala), N5ZNT (Lincoln/Wilkinson), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

OES Report: WB5AKR

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

Regret to report the passing of AB5AR of Columbus. Virgil was a veteran serving in the Navy Seabees, a retired employee of C&G Railroad, and very active in his church. In addition, regret to report the passing of KB5DRD of Nettleton, who operated Carpenter Electric in Tupelo for many years.

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

Hattiesburg ARC HF Net 5/43/0 (KD5XG)

K5TAL Net 4/56/0 (WV1Q)

Magnolia Section Net 31/1310/6 (KA5ICO)

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

MSPN 31/1992/16 (W5JGW)

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

Adams County ARES 5/52/1(N5KDA)

Attala County ARES Net 1/5/0 (KB5ZEA)

Capital Area Emergency Net 4/35/0 (K5XU)

DeSoto County Training and Information Net 5/80/0 (KF5WVJ) Two Skywarn Nets

Forrest/Perry Counties Net ARES 2/27/0 (KF5TEX)

George County ARES 4/39/0 (KD4VVZ)

Hattiesburg ARC 2 M Net 5/69/4 (KD5XG)

Hattiesburg ARC 2 M Simplex Net 1/12/0 (KD5XG)

Jackson ARC Emergency Net 5/43/0 (K5XU)

Jasper County ARES Net 5/46/0 (KG5WJM) One Emergency Net and one Skywarn Net

Jones/Wayne Counties ARES 5/49/0 (AA5SG)

Lowndes County ARES 5/78/0 (KF5AZ)

Marion County ARES Net 5/32/0 (AF5NG) One Emergency Net. Tornado down in County

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

Mississippi Coast ARES, Weather, and Tech Net 5/83/0 (K5CRJ)

Meridian Area Emergency Net 4/72/1 (KB5SZJ and KF5ETN)

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

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net 5/77/0 (W3PII)

MSU ARC Net 5/144/0 (N5OMK)

Scott County ARES Training Net 5/47/0 (K1REZ)

Southwest MS ARES Team 4/18/0 (N5ZNT) One Skywarn Net

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 5/52/0 (KA5ICO)

Tishomingo County ARES Net 4/52/0 (AD5PO)

University of Mississippi ARES Net 5/38/0 (KF5IMA) One Skywarn Net

Vicksburg ARC MLEN Net 7/168/0 (KD5DHR)

Walthall County ARES Net 4/36/0 (AE5FK) One Skywarn Net

Yalobusha County ARES 2/7/0 (KD5NDU)

Digital Net Reports

EMTARG 640 (WB5AKR)

K5TAL Digital Net 4/45/0 (WV5Q)
MS Winlink Net 1/16/0 (W5DIX)
NMEMS 5/42/9 (W5DIX)

Traffic: K5LAM 316, KA5DON 46, KG5FRZ 8, W5XX 2

PSHR: KA5DON: 106, W5XX 77