

Mississippi Section Report for December 2022

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Mississippi Hams welcomed in 2023 on 3862 with our annual New Year's Eve On-the-Air Party. Special guests ARRL President K5UR and Delta Division Director K5UZ visited the Party and passed along New Year's greetings and updated checkins on ARRL events. In addition, updates were reported on the Jackson Capital City Hamfest by K5XU.

KA5ICO, and W5JGW handled NCS. K5CUB provided commentary info on major events in 2022 including emergency communications, public service events, and silent keys. For those that couldn't make the On-the-Air Party, this information is available by email as a Word file from w5xx@arrl.net. In spite of the late hour, after action comments indicate that a good time was had by all including those that didn't checkin but were listening.

Hamfest Chairman AK5J reports that final preparations are being made for the Capital City Hamfest scheduled for January 27 and 28, 2023, at the new Trade Mart Building on the fairgrounds at 1200 Mississippi Street, Jackson. The hours on Friday are 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm and on Saturday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. VE exams will be given on Saturday at 8:00 am. The following Forums are scheduled: DX on Friday night, ARES and ARRL on Saturday morning, and the Magnolia and MSPN Sideband Nets on Saturday afternoon. Several dealers will be present. Drawings will be held for hourly door prizes and the grand prize on Saturday afternoon. Table reservation may be made online at hamfest.msham.org. For further information email: hamfest@msham.org.

W1AW is coming to Mississippi for the weeks of May 3 -9 and November 15- 21. This will be part of the ARRL VOTA operation (see page 77 in the January QST). This is a chance for you to operate W1AW/5 from your home station. POC for the May operation is ag5z@comcast.net and for the November operation w5ue@w5ue.net

EC KD5SQZ reports from Hinds County that due to severe weather in their area K5FIT (EC-Rankin County) activated the CMSARES Emergency Net at 0520 on December 14 to support the National Weather Service (NWS) SKYWARN program. Multiple repeaters available to the Emergency Net enabled them to relay Storm Spotter Reports to the NWS from stations unable to reach the SKYWARN repeater. NWS Chat provided up to the minute Watches and Warnings that were disseminated to stations in the 5-county coverage area and allowed them to see NWS activity in real time. KG5SQZ took over the net at 0730 and continued as Net Control until closing at 1010. Fourteen unique stations participated in the net.

Attached for your information below is the current status (updated from last month) of known upcoming Ham events in and around Mississippi:

- Capital City Hamfest. Jan 28-29, Trade Mart, POC: ak5j@arrl.net
- EMCOMM Checkin on 3862, 5:30 PM, February 2 (1st Thursday Each Month)
- 2023 Mississippi QSO Party, April 1-2, 2023, POC: W5XX
- April Fool's Hamfest, April 1-2, Corinth, POC: WB5CON
- W1AW/5 VOTA Operation from Mississippi May 3-9, POC: AG5Z
- Field Day, June 24-25, see June 2023 QST for announcement
- SET, August 5, POC: KC5IMN
- W1AW/5 VOTA Operation from Mississippi Nov 15-22, POC: W5UE
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Anybody have additional information? Thanks to all who helped pull this information together. This list will be updated in future Section Reports.

Welcome to the following new Amateurs in Mississippi in December: KI5YYX, Robert – Vicksburg; KI5YZF, John – Nesbit; KI5YZI, Jerry – Ocean Springs; KI5YZX, Alexander – Ocean Springs; KI5ZBN, Ellis – Blue Springs; KI5ZBT, Mark – Saltillo; KI5ZCC, Branton – Pearl; KI5ZCF, Robert – Batesville; KI5ZCH, Paul – Brandon; KI5ZCW, Kenneth – Lumberton; KI5ZFD, Jaden – Indianola; KI5ZFG, George – Poplarville; KI5ZFV, William – Hattiesburg;

What to do with this list? Club Officers and members, if you see a local on this list that you are not familiar with, locate and ask them to visit your next club meeting. Ask them if they need help getting on the air.

Welcome to the following new ARRL members in December: AI5HG, Brian – Olive Branch; KG5TTK, Charles – Columbia. KF4UUM, BJ, Hernando.

ARRL Membership in Mississippi is 989 down 3 from last month.

Remember, if a member signs up through your club, the club gets a rebate of \$15 for new members and \$5 for a current member renewal. See Club Reconciliation Form on the ARRL Website.

Welcome to KB5HC as ASM and W5VMS as EC for Warren/Claiborne Counties.

Welcome to the 2023 Club Officers:

Ole Miss ARC: KC5LEO (President), WB5EXY (VP), W1IBL (Sec), WB5VYH (Treasurer)

Meridian ARC: KB5DZJ (President), KI5HCM (VP), KD5GWM (Sec), KG5IAX (Treasurer)

Pine Belt ARC: K5TLL (President), K6SDM (VP), WB5TJK (S/T), KG5DKG (Prop Mgr.)

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades in December: KI5CGG, Christopher – Diberville; K5MCK, Buddy – Gloster; KC5TGR, Fred – Olive Branch.

SEC/DEC Reports for December 2022: KC5IMN (SEC), KD4VVZ (DEC - Gulf Coast), and N5ZNT (DEC - SW MS).

EC Reports for December 2022: N5AAS (Forrest) , K9EYZ (Jackson), KF5IAY (Carroll), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), N5MIS (Pontotoc), AG5ND (Oktibbeha), AF5NG (Marion), KG5SQZ (Hinds), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), KG5TTU (Tate), KD4VVZ (George/Greene), KF5WVJ (DeSoto).

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

Note: The legend for the following net reports is number of sessions held/checkins/formal traffic passed during the net.

HF Net Reports

Magnolia Section Net 31/1100/9 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 2/4/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 31/2381/9 (W5JGW)

PBARC 10M Net 4/20/0 (KD5XG)

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

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

Central Mississippi ARES Training Net 5/112/0 (KG5SQZ) 1 Skywarn Net

Delta ARA EM Net ?/175/0 (KF5IAY)

DeSoto County Training and Information 4/167/0 (KF5WVJ) I Skywarn Net

Forrest County ARES Net 1/15/0 (N5AAS)

George County ARES Net 4/45/0 (KF5TJO)

Jackson County ARES 8/78/0 (K9EYZ)

Jackson Area EM Net 4/45/0 (K5XU)

Lowndes County ARC Net 4/42/0 (K5TCO)

Marion County ARES 4/21/0 (AF5NG)

Meridian ARC EM Net 2/19/0 (KB5SZJ)

Mississippi Coast ARA 4/118/0 (W5JGW)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn 4/51/0 (W5BAQ)

PBARC 2M Net 4/34/0 (KD5XG)

PBARC 2M Simplex Net 1/7/0 (KD5XG)

Pontotoc ARES Skywarn WX Net 5/59/0 (N5MIS) Five Skywarn Nets

Southwest Mississippi ARES Team 7/40/0 (N5ZNT) 1 Skywarn Net

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 4/53/0 (KA5ICO)

Tate County ARES 4/67/0 (KG5TTU)

Vicksburg ARC/MLEN 5/85/0 (KG5YEE)

Digital Net Reports

Central Mississippi ARES Digital Net 4/23/18 (KI5JCL)

Traffic: WV5Q 115 and W5XX 5

PSHR: WV5Q 175 and W5XX 75