

Mississippi Section Report for February 2022

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From SEC KC5IMN: For 2021, MS ARES SET was based on a severe cold outbreak across the south-central US; we called it Snow-ma-geddon. All modes of severe weather were realized during this 12-hour test with widespread infrastructure disruptions, stranded motorists, warming center establishment, National Guard emergency supply air drops, listening for maritime distress signals and stranded motorists calling for help on citizens' band radio. Mississippi's strength with EMCOMM is our NVIS HF capabilities which are based on one of the state's glaring amateur radio weaknesses; there's not a lot of VHF/UHF ham radio infrastructure in the state. HF NVIS point to point voice and digital comms are the norm day-to-day. The key to the SET for MS ARES is to keep it interesting enough to get operators to participate.

For 2022, we'll be preparing for a major CYBER event impacting infrastructure and SCADA systems across the state. Our goal is to deploy multiple operators in multiple counties and in the larger metro areas to work point to point VHF-UHF with temporary repeaters and utilizing our established HF NVIS processes. The tentative date for the SET is Aug 6, 2022. More to follow on the preparation and training to support this important event.

Robert notes that the 2021 SET Results have been submitted to ARRL Headquarters. They are anticipated to be published in the July QST.

The 19th Mississippi QSO Party is straight ahead on April 2 and 3. Hams from all over will be looking for just one Mississippi QSO to complete their Worked all States, or find a rare Mississippi County, or maybe just get a certificate for winning their state in the QSO Party. This is not a contest as such, but a chance to get on the air and spread some Mississippi good will. Complete rules are on www.arrl.miss.org or check with W5XX for questions.

The 2022 of schedule Mississippi VE Test Sessions as of March 1 is posted on the Section Website at www.arrlmiss.org. In addition, Webmaster W5UE is currently rebuilding the website to give it a new 'look.' Standby for progress.

Project Chairman KG5YEE reports that on March 5 the Vicksburg Amateur Radio Club assisted with the 43rd annual Run Thru History 10K run and 5K walk. The race was held entirely in the Vicksburg National Military Park winding through rolling hills covered in monuments and memorials. Radio operators were stationed at each mile marker as well as the start/finish line to relay race information to the race coordinator and call out times to those runners that needed it. Those assigned to mile markers were: KI5IRT, W5WAF, K5IMT, N5JGK, K5VXV, W5SFL, KC5VTN, N5KWT, KG5OVR, and KG5YEE. KD5DHR and KC5QCN participated as a runner or walker and carried a radio. As a note of interest, KC5QCN has participated in every one of the 43 race events. Wow !!

ACC W5VMS reminds us that ARRL Membership applications or renewals can be handled through ARRL affiliated clubs. There is a specific form that clubs must use to report and apply in order to get the rebate or commission. Using the ARRL Club Commission Reconciliation Form, Clubs can retain \$15.00 per NEW ARRL member and \$2.00 on renewals. The form can be downloaded from the ARRL website as a pdf at

<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Membership/ARRLAffiliatedClubMembershipApplication.pdf>

And in EC Reports –

KG5SQZ reports from Hinds County that in anticipation of a severe weather event capable of producing damaging winds and tornadoes, Maury activated the Emergency Net at 1200 hours on February 17. Net Control stations prepared to pass Storm Spotter Reports to the National Weather Service from amateur radio operators who could not reach the SKYWARN repeater and disseminated 13 Watches/Warnings from the NWS until the Net was closed at 1705 local time. Central MS ARES also provided a Net Control Station to assist the NWS office in Jackson on the SKYWARN repeater. In addition to his SKYWARN duties, this station served as liaison between the NWS and CMSARES.

KD4VVZ reports from George County that at the upcoming March ARES meeting they are having CPR Training put on by John Glass and also will have an ARES Booth at the Fairgrounds scheduled for March 19th.

AD7KJ reports from Franklin County that he is reviewing mobile equipment and installing a rig in his car for emergency operations. Also, planning for supporting an upcoming community event in March.

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

- 2022 Mississippi QSO Party, April 2-3, POC: W5XX; see www.arrlmiss.org
- April Fools Hamfest, April 2-3, Corinth, POC: K5WHB
- Field Day, June 25-26, Get ready !
- Mississippi SET, August 6 (Tentative), POC:KC5IMN
- The Monroe Hamfest usually held in late April is cancelled.

Anybody have additional information? Thanks to all who helped pull this information together. This list will be updated in future Section Reports.

Congratulations to the following who upgraded in February: KI5KYX, John – Picayune; KI5OTA, Charles – Brandon; KI5SBM, Douglas – Brandon; KI5SNQ, James – McHenry; KI5SWH, Tim – Caledonia; KI5TFG, Thomas – Oxford; and KD5UPP, Theron – Brandon.

Welcome to the following new Hams in February: KI5TOL, Jesse – Brandon; KI5TQL, Eddie – Horn Lake; KI5TRV, Jeffrey – Crystal Springs; KI5TRW, Gregory – Flowood; KI5TRX, Marsha – Brandon; KI5TRY, Frank – Madison; and KI5TTX, Rodney – Kilmichael.

Welcome to the following new ARRL Members in February: N5DS, Daniel – Long Beach; KX5E, Willie - Gloster; AI5FZ, Kevin – Hernando; KK5IN, Richard – Corinth; WB5IKD, James – Senatobia; W5JHH, John – Raymond; N5KAH, Keith – Forrest; K5MCB, Mike; Starkville; K5MPM, Margaret – Jackson; KI5OCA, Griffin – Water Valley; KI5OTA Charles – Brandon; KA5PSG, Warren – Meridian; W5RCG, Robert – Long Beach; KD5RIN, Eugene – Brandon; KI5TVQ, Ricky – Collins; KD5SPQ, Donald – Olive Branch; KI5TCZ, Anthony – Crystal Springs; KF5TMN, Stephen – Tupelo; and KI5TOL, Jesse – Brandon

Mississippi ARRL Membership is now 1,011. Up seven from last month. Let's keep it above 1,000 !!!

Welcome to N5KAH of Forest as Technical Specialist.

Also welcome to 2022 Jackson County ARA Officers: WG5GK, President, KI5PKE Vice President, N5MES Secretary, and KF5PPK Treasurer.

SEC/DEC Reports for February 2022: KC5IMN (SEC) , KB0ZTX (NW MS), KD4VVZ (Gulf Coast).

EC Reports for February 2022: N4AAS (Forrest), K9EYZ (Jackson), AE5FK (Walthall), KF5IAY (Carroll), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), AD5IT (Grenada), AD7KJ (Franklin), KE5MIS (Yalobusha), KG5SQZ (Hinds), KG5TTU (Tate), N5UDK (Stone), KD4VVZ (George), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), KB5ZEA (Attala), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

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

Regret to report the passing of:

KC5YCH of Kilmichael. Tom was a retired Army veteran, long time member of American Legion Post 44, and Attala County Assistant Emergency Coordinator.

KG5JWO of Pearl. Richard was a past member of the Central Mississippi ARA and did not hesitate to tell anyone how much he loved Ham Radio.

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

K5TAL 80M Net 4/77/0 (WV5Q)

Magnolia Section Net 28/1136/5 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 2/7/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 28/2503/10 (W5JGW)

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

Capital Area Emergency Net 4/59/0 (K5XU)

Central Mississippi ARES Training Net 4/100/0 – joint net traffic count (KG5SQZ)

Delta Amateur Radio Team ?/190/0 (KF5IAY)

DeSoto County Training and Information Net 4/65/0 (KF5WVJ)

George County ARES Net 4/28/0 (KF5TJO)

Forrest County ARES Net 2/16/0 (N5AAS)

Grenada County ARES Net 1/11/0 (AD5IT)

Jackson County ARES Net 4/54/0 (K9EYZ)

JARC Emergency Net 3/26/0 (K5XU)

Lowndes County ARC Net 4/62/0 (K5TCO)

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

Mississippi Coast ARA Net 4/115/1 (AB5FU)

MSU ARC Net 4/114/0 (N5OMK)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net 4/54/0 (W5BAQ)

Stone County ARES Net ?/12/0 (N5UDK)

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 4/72/0 (KA5ICO)

Tate County ARES Net 4/65/0 (KG5TTU)

Walthall County ARES Net 4/57/1 (AE5FK)

Yalobusha County ARES Net ?/22/0 (KE5MIS)

Yalobusha County Skywarn Net ?/106/0 (KD5NDU)

Digital Net Reports

Central Mississippi ARES Digital Net 4/25/19 (KI5JCL)

Central Mississippi WL2K Net - QNI 15 (KI5JCL)

Traffic: WV5Q 126 and W5XX 3

PSHR: WV5Q 176 and W5XX 72.