

Mississippi Section Report for January 2021

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We are only weeks away from the Mississippi QSO Party. Complete rules are on the section website at arrlmiss.org. If you are planning a portable or mobile trip during the QSO Party, please advise W5XX so publicity can be sent out to the county hunters. Note that this year FT4/FT8 QSOs can be made as part of your score.

Project Chairman KG5YEE reports that the Vicksburg Amateur Radio Club provided radio communications for the Chill in the Hills 10K run/5K walk on January 16, 2021. For the first time in 3 years, the sun was out, even though it was chilly. Chill in the Hills is a course through historic downtown Vicksburg and is a major fund raiser for the Grace Christian Counseling Center. Radio operators that participated were: N5KWT, N5JGK, K5IMT, KG5OVR, KD5DHR, KG5YEE, KC5VTN, KC5GIB, W5VMS, KK5ED, and KC5GHU.

Interested in learning how to handle traffic? KA5AZK conducts traffic handling training classes on 7290 KHZ on the first Wednesday and first Saturday of each month. Training materials are available on 7290trafficnet.org. If you can't download the materials, the minimum requirement to follow along in the class is an ARRL radiogram form.

Each class is held in two sessions with one at 9:30 and one at 12:30. This is an opportunity to learn how to handle formal traffic correctly. Don't make up a message form. Don't lead fellow Hams down the wrong path. Listeners may think this is correct. The next sessions are on March 3 and 6.

From ACC W5VMS - The 2020 Mississippi Affiliated Clubs Annual Report has been printed and is available. A copy was mailed to the same POCs who received the 2021 Handbooks. If your Club did not receive a copy of this report, please advise either W5VMS or W5XX of a valid mailing address, and we will mail one.

Lately W5XX has been asked how Mississippi Hams that have moved out of state or other interested parties can be added to the ARRL email list for the Monthly Section Reports. The current ARRL software cannot accommodate emailings to Hams outside of the Mississippi Section; however, W5XX does email a few requested Monthly Section Reports outside of the Section each month. Let me know if you have someone to be added to the list. Also, W5UE posts a copy of the Monthly Report on www.arrlmiss.org.

In ARES News from around the State Lauderdale County EC KB5SZJ reports that WX5MEI-10 is on the air and working great. Charlie requests that folks log in and leave them a note or two. In SE MS KF7DLW (DEC) reports that with COVID around local clubs have been gathering on ZOOM for meetings. Coming up there is the Light House 5K that ARES has been asked to provide coms for; also, in April there will be the Hattiesburg Half Marathon for which ARES is

seeking operators; need up to 36 operators. Also, there is a new event in May called Farm To Fork with ARES help requested for a 35 mile and a 67- mile bike trail.

2020 was a frustrating year for Mississippi Hams with most events being cancelled or scaled down. As Covid 19 continues into 2021 circumstances promise to be about the same for the first part of this year. Attached for your information below is the current status (updated from last month) of known Ham events in and around Mississippi:

- 7290 Message Traffic Handling Session, March 3 and 6. See note above.
- Virtual Ham Demo, March 13-14, see www.qsotodayhamexpo.com to register
- Acadiana Hamfest, Rayne, cancelled, see www.w5ddl.org/hamfest for updates.
- 2021 Mississippi QSO Party, April 3, see www.arrlmiss.org FT8/FT4 this year!
- Monroe Hamfest. Cancelled. See you in 2022. POC: w5la@arrl.net
- Mobile Hamfest, May 22. New date. POC: w4nnf@arrl.net
- Hamvention, Xenia, May 21-23, 2021. Cancelled.
- Hamcom, Plano, QRT after 41 Years.
- Black Warrior Hamfest, June 19, 2020, Tuscaloosa, (tentative), POC:KF4DGS
- ARRL Field Day June 26-27, 2021.
- ARRL Mississippi Section SET, August 7, Prepare !! POC:KC5IMN
- Shreveport Hamfest. Cancelled for 2021. See you in 2022!
- Huntsville, August 20-21, 2021. All systems go. www.hamfest.org
- Jackson County Hamfest, November 12-13. POC kj4njt@arrl.net
- Greater New Orleans, November 13. POC: Joen5ozq@hotmail.com

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

Congratulations to K1REZ who successfully passed the Final Assessment for ARRL's advanced emergency communications course: EC-016 Public Service and Emergency Communications Management for Radio Amateurs. This newly developed course is required by ARRL for all Level 3 ARES Members and all ARES leaders (AEC and up). During January, K1REZ also became: an ARRL Registered Licensing Instructor, an ARRL Certified Emergency Communications Course Field Instructor (AREC FI), and an ARRL Certified Emergency Communications Course Field Examiner (AREC FE).

And congratulations to the following who upgraded in January: KJ4JAQ, Eric – Diamondhead; KG5JDR, Matthew – Tupelo; KI5MBA, Richard – Hattiesburg; KI5MFD, TJ – Greenwood; KI5MMW, Mark – Tupelo; KI5MNX, Justin – Ridgeland; and KD5UBE, Jackson.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in January: KI5MVZ, Charles – Moss Point; KI5MWB, Michael – Brandon; KI5MWU, Charles – Columbia; KI5MYB, Dan – Summit; KI5MYT, Jackie – Oxford; KI5MZG, David – Petal; KI5MZH, James – Petal; KI5MZI, Bobby – Laurel; KI5MZJ, Ralph – Sumrall; KI5MZK, Dana – Hattiesburg; KI5MZL, Craig - Ellisville; KI5NAJ, Stephen – Ellisville; KI5NAK, John – Petal; KI5NAX, Rebecca – Starkville; KI5NBH, Russell – Oxford; KI5NBI, Rob – Hattiesburg; KI5NEP, Stephen - Olive Branch;

KI5NFN, Jay – Starkville; KI5NFO, Jeremy – French Camp (already checking into the MSPN !); KI5NFW, Jeffery – Gulfport; KI5NGE, Paul – Brandon; and KI5NIY, James – Vicksburg.

Wow! Twenty-Two new hams in January. Good Show!

N5MZ reports from Petal that he conducted another Saturday Technician Course with 10 new Techs and one General. These new Hams are noted in those listed above. Thanks to W5CSR, NU5Y, NG5C, K5DVO, NY9U, and N5MZ for conducting the VE Test Session.

MCARA VE Team Leader W5EG reports that their February 6 Session resulted one Extra, two Generals, and 8 Techs. They are now testing at Bel Aire Baptist Church in Gulfport which has a facility that can accommodate 20 people with six foot spacing.

Also welcome the following new ARRL Members in January: N5BY, Thomas – Jackson; K5CYN, Cyndi – Batesville; NQ5D, Steve – Saucier; KB5DXO, Donnie - Amory; KI5FIV, John – Vicksburg; KD5FQC, Anthony – Ocean Springs; WB5JHC, William – Biloxi; W5KDA, Tyler – Natchez; KF5KEC, Michael – Pearl; KF5KRZ, David – Oxford; KI5MCM, William – Hernando; KI5MNX, Justin – Ridgeland; KI4MVW, Charles – Southaven; KD5NDV, Alben – Nesbit; KG5NOE, Clayton – Bay Saint Louis; W5OSA, Charles – Brandon; KI4OTF, Jeffry – Hernando; KD5QIQ, John – Collinsville; WY5S, David – Gulfport; KC5TGT, Bobby – Utica; and KE4VYZ, Travis – Vicksburg.

ARRL Membership is now 1,006 up 9 from last month. Wow! Finally made it over 1,000. Let's keep it there! Thanks to all who support ARRL Membership in Mississippi.

Also welcome to the following 2021 officers for the Mississippi Coast ARA: W5SOF - President, W5JGW - Vice President, KJ4NJT - Secretary/Treasurer, AE5WU - Activities Director, and KF5BA - QSL Manager. Any other Club Officers around the State we need to recognize?

And last, but not least, welcome to AD5HM as AEC for Oktibbeha County and KI5JCL as AEC for Madison County.

SEC/DEC Reports for January 2020: KC5IMN (SEC), KF7DLW (SE MS), N5ZNT (SW MS), and KB0ZTX (NW MS).

EC Reports for January: N5CRS (Jasper), KF7DLW (DEC – Lamar), K9EYZ (AEC Jackson), AE5FK (Walthall), KF5IAY (Carroll), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KF5IMA (Lafayette), N5KDA (Adams), AD7KJ (Franklin), AG5RI (Harrison), K1REZ (Scott), K5RTW (Lee), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), KG5TTU (Tate), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), KB5ZEA (Attala), N5ZNT (Lincoln/Wilkinson), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

ACC Report: W5VMS.

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

Mississippi lost several Hams in the past month.

KB5NTF of Winona. Russell was a retired employee of the Illinois Central Railroad. Until his health began to fail, Mr. Russell was a regular checkin to the MSPN always starting his checkin saying ' Hello Children.'

N5GH of Florence. George was involved in many pursuits including being God's servant, long time high school band director, photographer, duck and turkey hunter, and RC plane enthusiast. But the Ham Community knew him as a DXer and tower climber. George was always ready to help on a tower job sometimes with helpers K2FF and W5UE. On the air George reached the Top of the DXCC Honor roll and had worked all 340 of the ARRL Countries.

W5EMS of Louisville. Charlie worked the Mississippi State Unemployment Office and was a regular checkin on the MSPN for many years.

K5LOM of Meridian. During Bruce's career as radio operator for the Merchant Marines he traveled around the world many times and formed lasting friendships that spanned the globe. Bruce was an avid radio enthusiast for many years and was a mentor to many Hams in the Meridian area.

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

Hattiesburg ARC 10M Net 5/48/0 (KD5XG)

K5TAL 80M Net 4/74/0 (WV5Q)

Magnolia Section Net 31/1152/2 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 5/16/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 31/2586/13 (W5JGW)

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

Adams County ARES 4/48/0 (N5KDA)

Attala County ARES 1/3/0 (KB5ZEA)

Capital Area Emergency Net 5/70/0 (K5XU)

Central Mississippi ARES Training Net 4/53/12 (wow!)(KG5SQZ)

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

Delta ARA Net ?/122/0 (KF5IAY)

Harrison County ARES 1/6/0 (AG5RI)

Hattiesburg ARC 2 M Net 5/72/5 (KD5XG)

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

JARC Emergency Net 4/46/0 (K5XU)

Jackson County ARES 4/54/0 (K9EYZ)

Jasper County ARES 2/9/0 (N5CRS)

Lamar County ARES 2/8/0 (KF7DLW)

Lowndes County ARC 4/81/0 (KF5AZ)

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

Meridian Area Emergency Net 4/60/0 (KF5SZJ)

MSU ARC Net 4/117/0 (N5OMK)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net 4/79/0 (W5BAQ)

Scott County ARES Net 4/80/0 (K1REZ)

Southwest Mississippi ARES Team 5/28/0 (N5ZNT)

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 4/85/0 (KA5ICO)

Tate County ARES 4/100/0 (KG5TTU)

University of Mississippi Net 5/64/0 (KF5IMA)

Vicksburg ARC MS-Lou WX Net 6/164/0 (KD5DHR)

Walthall County ARES Net 4/68/0 (AE5FK)

Digital Net Reports

Central Mississippi ARES Digital VHF Net 4/30/27 (wow!) (KI5JCL)

EMTARG – 272 (WB5AKR)

K5TAL Digital Voice Net 4/46/0 (WV5Q)

Traffic: WV5Q 34, KG5FRZ 26, and W5XX 7.

PSHR: WV5Q 94 and W5XX 77.