

Mississippi Section Report for January 2022

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Thanks to the efforts of the Jackson ARC with help from the Central Mississippi ARA and the Vicksburg ARC over 500 Hams enthusiastically attended the Capital City Hamfest at the new Trademart on the Fairgrounds. This event was also the Delta Division and Mississippi Section Conventions. Guests were Delta Division Director K5UZ, Delta Division Vice Director, WB4RHQ, and ARRL Education and Learning Manager, K5ATA.

Despite a number of obstacles including the Covid Monster, adjusting to a new facility, and loss of longtime Hamfest Chairman K5GCY, everything seemed to come together thanks to the outstanding efforts of many Hams including Chairman AK5J and his staff: K5XU, K5KKD, KE5JKD, KE5WAC, K5TDD, KD5JPB, AE5SK, AK5J, W5XX, K5IMT, N5JGK, W4WLF, K5ERB, AC5Z, K5RWB, KD5NHJ, K1JHS, KD5SBP, N5TQF, KC5LK, WM5A, KG5SQZ, K0UPW, K5FIT, KI5OOH, W5JDX, N5KLT, and AF5QD.

The Hall C Conference Room was kept busy with VE Exams followed by an ARES Planning Meeting, an ARRL Forum, and a joint Magnolia/MSPN Meeting. VE Team Leader AE5SK reports two new Technicians and two new Generals. In the ARES Meeting SEC KC5IMN overviewed the ARES response to Hurricane Ida and the 2021 SET and plans for the 2022 SET in August., The ARRL Forum featured an update by K5UZ on ARRL issues and upcoming initiatives, followed by SM W5XX, who provided Annual State of the Section comments, and lastly K5ATA who outlined his newly formulated ideas on Ham Radio education and learning, and comments on his new position at ARRL Headquarters.

There was plenty of activity in the Flea Market. Records show that there were 110 tables sold. Plenty of the boat anchors found a new home, even W5XX ended up with a 1920 vintage AM Broadcast Transmitter dummy load with four classic lightbulbs.

Prize winners were Yaesu FT-991A (HF, VHF & UHF) – Grand Prize, won by a Ham from Tuscaloosa, a Yaesu FTM-400XDR (Dual Band w/Fusion) won by KE5WAC from Crystal Springs, and a Yaesu FT-70DR (Dual band HT w/Fusion) won by K5IMT from Vicksburg.

Activities Chairman KG5YEE reports that the Vicksburg ARC provided communication support for the 14th annual Chill in the Hills 10K run/5K walk on January 15, 2022. Chill in the Hills supports Grace Christian Counseling Center in Vicksburg which is a non-profit service providing various professional counseling services with fee adjustments. This race winds through historic downtown Vicksburg and surrounding neighborhoods. The cold rain cut down a bit on the number of runners and walkers. However, weather tough VARC members were at their stations including W5WAF, KG5OVR, KG5YEE, K5IMT, K5VXV, KC5GIB, KC5VTN, KI5IRT, AG5KI, N5KWT, KC5GHU, and KK5ED.

From Magnolia Net Manager KA5ICO: We were all saddened to lose Donnie KD5RGT the last of December, and he will certainly be missed. We're grateful that Lee K5CUB has stepped up to handle Thursday morning nets. Our alternate ranks are getting depleted, so be listening and recruiting to get a few good stations lined up as alternates!

Would you like to see your QSL in QST ? N3AWS reports that WQ5L's QSL card appears in the March QST digital edition on page 34 in the "W1AW's QSL File" feature. Send in your QSL today and maybe it will be in QST.

And in EC Reports –

From Hinds County EC KG5SQZ reports that the Central Mississippi ARES in conjunction with the Central Mississippi Amateur Radio Association set up a display at the 2022 Capitol City Hamfest showcasing the many capabilities of Amateur Radio and ARES. A number of non-hams and new Hams gained valuable insight into the value of Amateur Radio during times of disaster and disruption of normal communications infrastructure. KI5OOH presented a demonstration of the Amateur Radio Emergency Data Network (AREDN) and how it might be used to supplement the other communications efforts of ARES.

EC KB5SQZ reports from Lauderdale County that they are working on getting the Hospitals back involved with Amateur radio and hope to have some new Hams soon with this program.

AEC KB5NDU advises that they are up to 529 followers on the Yalobusha County ARES page on Facebook. ARES uses this medium to alert the community about severe weather in the area.

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 January: KI5BYX, Charles – Corinth; KI5KLA, Jason – Iuka; KD5ONL, Robert – Brandon; KI5RTC, Mitchell – Coldwater; KI5SZK, Dan Hattiesburg; KI5TCY, William – Corinth; KI5TCZ, Anthony – Crystal Springs; and KI5TGA, Jason – Osyka.

Welcome to the following new Hams in January: KI5TFG, Thomas – Oxford; KI5TKL, Donald - Southaven; KI5TMR, Chad – Hattiesburg; KI5TFM, John - Southaven; KI5TJU, Daniel – Quitman; KI5TJO, Nolan – Ocean Springs; KI5TKH, Michael – Guntown; KI5TLW, Katelynn – Lucedale ; KI5TMQ, Walter – Collins; KI5TMT, Steven – Hattiesburg; KI5TNP, Brett –

Madison; KI5TNQ, Leah – Greenwood Springs; KI5TNR, John – Tremont; KI5TNS, Levi – Blue Springs; and KI5TNT, Kurtis – Randolph.

Welcome to the following new ARRL Members in January: KB5ADR, John – Greenwood; K5AWW, Anthony – Biloxi; KD5BIG, Denton – Natchez; W5CSR, Charles – Lumberton; KI5EHS, Charles – Pearl; KI5IMU, Laura – Lumberton; KG5JDS, Joe – Pontotoc; K5KBR, Kenny – Lucedale; KI5SHP, Roy – Pass Christian; KI5SZK, Don – Hattiesburg; K5TDD, Todd – Brandon; KI5TDZ, Dane – Ocean Springs; and KI5TVU, Leon – Wiggins.

Mississippi ARRL Membership is now 1,004. Down two from last month. Let's keep it above 1,000 !!!

Welcome to KM4EWZ as AEC for Jackson County,

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EC Reports for January 2022: K9EYZ (Jackson), AE5FK (Walthall), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KB5NDU (AEC)(Yalobusha), AF5NG (Marion), KG5SQZ (Hinds), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), KG5TTU (Tate), KD4VVZ (George), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

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

Regret to report the passing of:

KC5RFL of Sumner. Britt was a well-respected law enforcement officer in the Delta and was retired Chief of the Tutwiler Police Department. In addition, he was a regular checkin on the MSPN and Magnolia Net as well as being longtime Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Tallahatchie County and, on the recent passing of W5JWW, became the Emergency Coordinator for Tallahatchie County.

KE5YES of Yazoo City. Glen was past Emergency Coordinator for Yazoo County and during his work life was maintenance Supervisor at King's Daughters Hospital in Yazoo City and longtime employee of the VA in Jackson.

KG5FRZ of Wesson. Ed was a retired Marine Drill Sargent and Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Copiah County. He was a regular checkin to the MSPN and an active traffic handler taking messages from the 7290 Texas Traffic Net and the NTS.

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

K5TAL 80M Net 4/62/0 (WV5Q)

Magnolia Section Net 31/1192/2 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 5/17/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 31/2642/9 (W5JGW)

Pine Belt ARC 10M Net 4/37/0 (KD5XG)

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

Capital Area Emergency Net 5/73/0 (K5XU)

Central Mississippi ARES Training Net 10/98/0 – joint net traffic count (KG5SQZ)

DeSoto County Training and Information 5/87/0 (KF5WVJ)

George County ARES Net 4/31/0 (KD4VVZ)

Jackson County ARES 4/66/0 (K9EYZ)

JARC Emergency Net 3/33/0 (K5XU)

Lowndes County ARC 4/55/0 (K5TCO)

Marion County ARES ?/34/0 (AF5NG)

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

Meridian Area EM Net 4/27/0 (KB5SZJ)

Mississippi Coast ARA 4/108/0 (AB5FU)

MSU ARC Net 5/128/0 (N5OMK)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net 5/71/0 (W5BAQ)

Pine Belt ARC 2M Net 4/63/2 (KD5XG)

Pine Belt ARC Simplex Net 1/11/0 (KD5XG)

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 5/114/0 (KA5ICO)

Tate County ARES Net 5/88/0 (KG5TTU)

Walthall County ARES Net 4/52/0 (AE5FK)

Yalobusha County ARES ?/124/0 (KD5NDU)

Digital Net Reports

Central Mississippi ARES Digital Net 5/31/28 (KI5JCL)

Central Mississippi WL2K Net - QNI 9 (KI5JCL)

K5TAL Digital Voice Net 4/36/0 (WV5Q)

Traffic: WV5Q 160 and W5XX 13

PSHR: WV5Q 210 and W5XX 82.