

Mississippi Section Report for January 2023

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Thanks to the efforts of the Jackson ARC with help from the Central Mississippi ARA, the Vicksburg ARC, and the Scott County ARC over 700 Hams enthusiastically attended the Capital City Hamfest at the Trademart on the Fairgrounds on January 27 and 28. The Hamfest was dedicated to the memory of KE5JKD, who worked tirelessly for this Hamfest for a number of years. His surviving spouse, KE5WAC, was an honored guest.

Hamfest Chairman AK5J thanks the many Hams who worked tirelessly to support the Hamfest including K5XU, K5KKD, K5TDD, AE5SK, K5MPM, W5XX, W5VMS, N5JGK, W4WLF, K5IMT, K5ERB, AC5Z, K5RWB, KD5NHJ, K1JHS, KD5SBP, N5TQF, KC5LK, WM5A, KG5SQZ, K0UPW, K5FIT, KI5OOH, W5SSJ, N5WDG, N5KLT, AF5QD, and KI5TOL.

The Hall C Conference Room was kept busy with a Friday Night DX Forum hosted by K2FF and W5UE featuring a presentation by K5LDA on his DXpedition to Montserrat. VE Exams followed on Saturday Morning. VE Team Leader AE5SK reports four new Technicians, three upgrades to General, and one new Extra.

Later in the ARES Meeting, SEC KC5IMN overviewed the Mississippi ARES organization and plans for the 2023 SET in August., The ARRL Forum featured an update by Delta Division Director K5UZ on ARRL issues and upcoming initiatives, followed by SM W5XX, who provided Annual State of the Section comments. And to close out the day NM W5JGW chaired a joint meeting of the Magnolia Net and the Mississippi Phone Net.

There was plenty of activity in the Flea Market. Records show that there were 130 tables sold. Plenty of the boat anchors found a new home. The Grand Prize winner was N5GQ.

From ACC W5VMS - If you missed the recent Capital City Hamfest, you missed a good one. However, you have an opportunity to attend the Virtual Ham Expo, March 25th and 26th, 2023. They currently have more than 30 sessions planned for everyone from beginner to expert. Details are at qsotodayhamexpo.com

The 20 th Mississippi QSO Party is just a few weeks away. This is our chance to put Mississippi on the Ham Radio Map. The rules and other information are on the Section Website.

Note that dupe sheets and a counties worked map for the upcoming MSQP are available online at the section website at arrlmiss.org.

W1AW is coming to Mississippi! Want to have a slot during the week to put your station on the air as W1AW/5 ? Contact ag5z@comcast.net.

Important update ! The original May 3-9 W1AW/5 Mississippi Operation has been changed to March 29 – April 4. How come? This will put W1AW/5 on the air during the MSQP.

Heads Up !! There is a rumor going around that ARRL may have shut down the ARRL.NET forwarding service. This is absolutely not true. What is true is that email security overall has gotten an uplift across the Internet by several of the larger email service providers. This may have affected those who use ARRL.NET to forward their email elsewhere, if they have set their “FROM” address to show their callsign@arrl.net.

The ARRL.NET service is an email forwarder only. ARRL.NET is not an email provider. If you do not send mail using callsign@arrl.net showing as your “FROM” or return address in the header of your email, you should have no trouble. If you do use your callsign@arrl.net as your from address in email that you send out, you will more likely have trouble.

The ARRL is considering offering an ARRLNET email account service in the future which would allow users to both send and receive mail from their arrl.net account. This would eliminate the need to have any other email account. There would be a nominal fee for this service. If this is something that is of interest to you, please let Headquarters know at members@arrl.org.

In EC Reports from around the State ...

Hinds County EC KG5SQZ reports that a group of Central MS ARES operators and members of Central MS Amateur Radio Association met at Osborn Stand on the Natchez Trace on January 21 to set up portable operations and get on the air using UHF/VHF/HF. This gave operators a chance to practice setting up and using their equipment simulating an emergency deployment. Some operators participated in Parks On the Air making contacts via the Central MS Amateur Radio Association Call KE5LIO.

From Warren/Claiborne Counties EC W5VMS attended two planning meetings for Chillin' in the Hills (Grace Christian Counseling Center) Race planned for May 2023. Intent is to provide emergency communications augmentation with members of the Vicksburg Amateur Radio Club. Planning is ongoing.

Pontotoc County EC N5MIS reports that he was invited to a local club meeting in New Albany. While there they club members discussed some of the problems they have been having and how to try and overcome them. They agreed to participate in the local Pontotoc ARES Net on Thursday evening until they can get someone to manage a net for them in Union County. Joe will be going back to their next meeting to get some input from them to determine how to help others join in and participate in ARES activities.

From EC KB5SZJ in Lauderdale County: We are working with the Mississippi Department of Health, trying to get new Ham interest in the northeastern part of the state. If anyone knows of any classes or testing going on around Tupelo, I can pass that information to them. I have passed them contacts in the Columbus and Starkville area. They are very pleased to see ARES

involvement and are eager to help. I believe this should spark the new interest that SEC KC5IMN spoke of needing during our meeting at the Jackson Hamfest.

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

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- EMCOMM Checkin on 3862, 6:00 PM, March 2 (1st Thursday Each Month)
- Columbus Hamfest, March 25, POC: W4GMI, 205-557-0295
- W1AW/5 VOTA from Mississippi March 29 - April 4, POC: AG5Z
- 2023 Mississippi QSO Party, April 1-2, 2023, POC: W5XX
- April Fool's Hamfest, April 1-2, Corinth, POC: K5WHB
- 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

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 January: KI5ZIO, George – Carriere; KI5ZKE, Joe – Jackson; KI5ZKM, Kevin – Southaven; KI5ZKS, Douglas – Byhalia; KI5ZKT, James – Byhalia; KI5ZLD, Julius – Ridgeland; KI5ZMO, Ronald – Waynesboro; KI5ZNE, Edsel, Vicksburg; KI5ZNI, Marcel – Columbus; KI5ZNR, Willie – Collinsville; KI5ZOG, Michael – Madison.

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 W5XX for contact information, Also ask if they need help getting on the air.

Welcome to the following new ARRL members in January: N5OGE, Carmie – Richton; KI5OWU, Brenda – Gulfport; KI5QGG, Timothy – Ellisville; KO4TWV, Larry – Olive Branch; KI5URY, George – Pearl; KI5VMV, Tara – Kosciusko; KI5YWQ, Larry – Shaw.

ARRL Membership in Mississippi is 990 up 1 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 NI5I as EC for Perry County, KC5IBO as AEC for Claiborne County and KG5YEE as AEC for Warren County.

Welcome to the following 2023 Club Officers:

599 DX Association: W5UE – President, K2FF – S/T

Magnolia DX Association: KD5PYC – President, W5XMD - VP, NA5DX - S/T and KI5MW - Member at Large.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades in January 2023: KI5AKC, Robert -Walls; KE4HEK, Jack – Stonewall; K5JNT, Stan – Bogue Chitto; KB5RJZ, Brandi – Gulfport; KI5URX, Robert – Florence; KI5TSS, Janice – Pearl; KI5YWQ, Larry - Shaw; KI5YZI, Jerry – Ocean Springs; KI5ZFG, George – Poplarville;

SEC/DEC Reports for January 2023: KC5IMN (SEC), KB0ZTX (NW MS)

EC Reports for January 2023: N5AAS (Forrest) , AE5FK (Walthall), N5MIS (Pontotoc), KI5SAG (Winston), KG5SQZ (Hinds), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), KG5TTU (Tate), N5UDK (Stone), W5VMS (Warren/Claiborne), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), KB0ZTX (Marshall)

TS Report for January 2023: K7QI

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 4/12/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 31/2674/9 (W5JGW)

PBARC 10M Net 4/32/0 (KD5XG)

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

Capital Area EM Net 5/59/0/ (K5XU)

Central Mississippi ARES Training Net 5/149/0 (KG5SQZ)

DeSoto County Training and Information 5/85/0 (KF5WVJ) 1 Skywarn activation

Jackson Area EM Net 4/41/0 (K5XU)

Lowndes County ARC Net 5/68/2 (K5TCO)

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

Meridian ARC EM Net 5/22/0 (KB5SZJ)

Mississippi Coast ARA 5/127/0 (W5JGW)

MSU ARC 5/106/0 (K4MAG)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn 5/56/0 (W5BAQ)

PBARC 2M Net 4/58/0 (KD5XG)

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

Pontotoc ARES Skywarn WX Net 4/53/4 (N5MIS)

South MS ARES Training Net 4/15/0 (N5AAS)

Stone County ARES Net 2/15/ (N5UDK) 2 Skywarn Activations

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 5/81/0 (KA5ICO)

Tate County ARES 5/83/0 (KG5TTU)

Vicksburg ARC/MLEN 5/116/0 (KG5YEE) 1 Skywarn activation

Walthall County ARES Net 4/46/0 (AE5FK)

Digital Net Reports

Central Mississippi ARES Digital Net 4/34/31 (KI5JCL)

Traffic: WV5Q 60 and W5XX 9

PSHR: WV5Q 120 and W5XX 81