

# Mississippi Section Report for June 2018

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Field Day 2018 is now history. As for the average Mississippi Field Day, there was plenty of heat and humidity for those brave enough to survive the elements. However, some folks took another route and operated from an EOC with air condition going full blast. Whatever your choice was there was plenty of CW/SSB/Digital operation as well as a boat load of fun, fellowship, and food. Those clubs known in the field were:

Alcorn County ARES (W5AWP)  
Chickasaw ARA (W5GWD)  
CW Wings and More ARC (KC5CWW)  
Great Southern DX Assc. (K5GDX)  
Hattiesburg/Lamar ARCs (K5PN)  
Jackson County ARC (N5OS)  
Madison County ARES (W8B)  
Marion County Ham Radio Club (KG5HKK)  
Mississippi Coast ARA (W5SGL)  
Multi-Club operation (W5W) (Jackson ARC, Central Mississippi ARA, Vicksburg ARC, and the Salvation Army).  
Northeast Mississippi ARA (W5NEM)  
Olive Branch ARC (W5OBM)  
Scott County ARC (KF5WNV)  
Southwest Mississippi ARC (W5WQ)  
Tishomingo ARC (W5TCR)  
Tupelo ARC (K5TUP)  
University of Mississippi ARC (W5UMS)

And a few notes from Field Day, Lauderdale County EC KB5SZJ reports that their HF antenna work on the roof of the EOC really paid off in making a bunch of QSOs.

Forrest County EC KF7DLW notes that the Hattiesburg/Lamar ARCs Field Day was great success. There was outstanding participation and the event was seamless. They were able to deploy a tower trailer built by KF5CE which supported a T6 Beam and turned out to be the workhorse on 20 SSB making about 800 QSOs, with the CW station making about the same number of QSOs with another beam.

DeSoto County EC KF5WVJ advises that nine members of the Chickasaw ARA participated in Field Day using the County EMCOMM Trailer which was set up as the GOTA station. This Field Day was used as an exercise for their members to practice setting up a complete station to test their communications capabilities.

Franklin County EC AD7KJ reports that the Southwest Mississippi ARES Team operated from the Brookhaven Parks and Recreation Center. Twelve hams participated as well as having ten guests and two local officials. In addition, as part of Field Day, a VE Test was given, and Alas Matthew (now AG5QN) passed all three elements at one setting! Alas is headed to Mississippi State in September after graduating in May from Southwest Mississippi Community College.

From AA1NA, ASEC for Training, the 2018 ARES SET is scheduled for Saturday, August 4, 2018 from 9 AM till 9 PM. DECs have received a list of Action Items in preparation. Your DEC will contact each EC with instructions. Each EC should then pass this information to their local ARES group.

Some ECs will be responsible for counties adjacent to theirs which are not ARES capable. DECs will make the determination as to which counties are to be served in conjunction with the affected ECs.

The SET will be a Point of Distribution exercise serving a single served agency this year. Several modes of communication will be tested. The results will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of each ARES group, district, and the MS ARES section. With this information, we can improve areas that need it and acknowledge areas that work well. While the SET this year does not directly simulate a weather event, the ability to communicate and relay traffic across the state is what ARES should be prepared to do at any time! All MS ARES members are encouraged to participate as well as all Amateur Radio Operators!

Want to visit a Ham Radio themed restaurant? Next time you are in Lucedale check out CW Wings and More on Highway 26. KD4VVZ is the owner.

Congratulations to the Vicksburg ARC for achieving ARRL Special Service Status. Currently VARC is the only SSC in Mississippi, although other clubs are probably eligible for this recognition. See [www.arrl.org/ssc-application](http://www.arrl.org/ssc-application)

Yalobusha County AEC KD5NDU reports that about two weeks ago he took down the Water Valley Repeater and sent it off to BrigeCom to have it upgraded for digital voice. He just got it back and added a raspberry pi. So now the Water Valley repeater can do Dstar, Yaesu Fusion, and FM analog local or over the network on the digital side. This will help with the Yalobusha ARES communications by being able to link with other repeaters or stations on the network. And locally it will help by being able to use all the capacities of the digital radios.

DEC N5ZNT reports that the South Mississippi ARES Team set up a Special Event Station in Tylertown at the 41 st Annual Dairy Festival. A total of eight Hams participated including main operators KG5HZU, AE5FK, KD5RGT, and main coordinator N5LIP. Also, on site were N5ZNT, KF5TQG N5ZNN, and KF5TER.

On your short-range calendar pencil in the Mississippi SET, August 4 (POCs KC5IMN and AA1NA), the Shreveport Hamfest, August 10-11 (see [shreveporthamfest.k5sar.com](http://shreveporthamfest.k5sar.com)), and the Huntsville Hamfest, August 18-19 (see [www.hamfest.org](http://www.hamfest.org)). And on your long-range calendar the 2018 ARRL Day in the Park, October 6 in Olive Branch (co-sponsored by the Olive Branch ARC

and the Chickasaw ARA; POC KW5GP), Papa Jack's Trade Day, October 13 in Tupelo (POC WA5TEF), the Jackson County ARC Hamfest, November 9-10 in Ocean Springs (POC K5MOZ), and last but not least the Capital City Hamfest, January 25-26, 2019 in Jackson (POC K5GCY).

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in June: KI5ACD, William – Purvis; KI5ACH, Robert – New Albany; KI5ACS, Carl – Meridian; KI5ACT, Eric – Carthage; KI5ACU, Charles – Pachuta; KI5AFF, Luke – Biloxi; KI5AFG, Thomas – Hattiesburg; KI5AGD, Jonathan – Hickory; KI5AKC, Robert – Walls; KI5AKE, Jacob – Clinton; KI5AKF, Michael – Flora; KI5AKG, Jeffrey – Florence; KI5ANC, Christopher – Purvis; KI5ANF, Patrick – Madison; and KI5ANG, Billy – Raymond;

And, also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in June: KA4FAR, Jacqueline – Canton; KG5ROD, James – Laurel; KE5WFG, David – Laurel; KE5WRP, Ken – Vicksburg; KE5YXB, Steve – Gulfport; and KG5ZFA, John – Bay Saint Louis.

As of June 30, ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 1,006 down 9 from the last report on May 30. It looks like dropping below 1,000 may be inevitable. Your help is needed to recruit or renew members!

Welcome to AD5TJ as an Official Emergency Station.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades in June: WB5TJK, Ronald – Hattiesburg; KG5WJM, Roger – Bay Springs; KD5WVP, Hartley – Meridian; and KG5ZGY, Cliff – Woodland.

SEC/DEC Reports for June 2018: KC5IMN (SEC), KC5IIW (EC MS), N5ZNT (SW MS), and KB0ZTX (NW MS).

EC Reports for June 2018: KG5AVT (AEC)(Rankin), KE5BSB (Itawamba), WB5CON (Alcorn), KF7DLW (Forrest/Perry), AE5FK (Walthall), AG5GN (Lamar), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KC5IIW (Scott), AD7KJ (Franklin), NS5M (Washington), KF5MWE (Clarke), WX5N (Prentiss), KD5NDU (AEC)(Yalobusha), AF5NG (Marion), N9OKV (Harrison), AF5PO (Tishomingo), AA5SG (Jones/Wayne), AE5SK (AEC)(Copiah/Hinds), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), WA5TEF (Lee), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), KB5ZEA (Attala), N5ZNT (Lincoln/Wilkinson), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

OES Report: WB5AKR

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

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

Hattiesburg ARC 10M Net 2 17/0 (KD5XG)

K5TAL American Legion 80M Net 4/28/0 (KA5DON)

K5TAL American Legion 40M Net 3/9/0 (KA5DON)

Magnolia Section Net 30/1195/8 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 3/10/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 30/2287/6 (W5JGW)

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

Adams County ARES 4/81/0 (N5KDA)

Alcorn County ARES Net 4/75/0 (WB5CON)

Attala County ARES Net 1/12/0 (KB5ZEA)

Booneville and Prentiss County Weekly Net 3/33/0 (WX5N)

Capital Area Emergency Net 4/45/0 (K5XU)

DeSoto County Emergency Training and Information Net 4/105/0 (KF5WVJ)

Forrest/Perry Counties ARES 2/29/2 (KF7DLW)

Harrison County ARES 4/40/0 (N9OKV)

Hattiesburg ARC 2M Net 4/44/0 (KD5XG)

Hattiesburg 2M Simplex Net 1/9/0 (KD5XG)

Itawamba County ARES Net 4/36/0 (KE5BSB)

K5TAL – American Legion 2M Net 4/27/0 (KA5DON)

Lamar County ARES Net 2/39/0 (AG5GN)

Lowndes County ARC Net 4/32/0 (KF5AZ)

Madison County ARES 4/32/0 (W5DIX)

Marion County ARES Net 4/29/0 (AF5NG)

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

MDXA Net 4/21/0 (N5GD)

Meridian Area Emergency Net 5/53/0 (KB5SZJ and KF5ETN)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 3/27/0 (AE5SK)

Mississippi Coast ARA 4/76/0 (N5AHM)

MSU ARC 4/68/0 (N5OMK)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net 4/56/0 (WA5TEF)

Olive Branch ARC 12/51/0 (K5OLV)

Rankin County ARES Net 4/49/0 (KG5AVT)

Scott County ARES Training Net 4/24/0 (KC5IIW)

Scott County ARES Simplex Net 1/1/0 (KC5IIW)

South Central MS ARES Net 4/77/1 (AA5SG)

Southwest MS ARES Team 4/15/2 (N5ZNT)

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 4/41/0 (KA5ICO)

Tishomingo County ARC Net 4/84/0 (AF5PO)

Vicksburg ARC MLEN Net 4/99/0 (KD5DHR)

Vicksburg ARC UHF Net 1/14/0 (KD5DHR)

Walthall County ARES 3/39/0 (AE5FK)

Yalobusha County Skywarn Net 3/4/0 (KD5NDU)

Digital Net Reports

MS NBEMS Traffic Net 4/29/4 (W5DIX)

PSHR – W5XX 73 and KA5DON 63.

Traffic: KG5FRZ 30, KA5DON 13, and W5XX 2.

