

Mississippi Section Report for June 2022

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Field Day 2022 is now history. Conditions were so so and the heat was tough, but the fun, food, and fellowship were great. The following clubs/groups were known to be in the field:

Alcorn County ARES – W5AWP
Area 51 Group – WA5RGM
Central Mississippi ARC – WM5A
Chickasaw ARA – K5K
George County ARES – KC5CWW
Jackson County ARA – W5WA
Lowndes County/Magnolia/MSU ARCs - KC5ULN, GOTA – K5MFJ
Marion County Ham Radio Club – KG5HKK
Meridian ARC - W5FQ
Mississippi Coast ARA – W5SGL
Olive Branch ARC – W5OBM
Pine Belt ARA – K5PN
Southwest Mississippi ARC – W5WQ
University of Mississippi ARC – W5UMS

Field Day messages to the SM were received from: KC5CWW, W5SGL, KC5ULN, W5WQ

.... And in a report from PIC K5RFL in Starkville: Starting From the home of KD4VVX in Lucedale over to the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, then via the Rankin County EOC up to Area 51 in Tupelo, and north to Alcorn County and over to DeSoto County, Field Day 2022 in Mississippi was a success, albeit a bit difficult at times. The consensus seemed to be that band conditions weren't great. That meant that operators were working harder to make the contacts they made, even on CW.

Reports indicate that there were eight new candidates that joined the amateur radio ranks through Field Day Site VE Exams with one upgrade to General Class. While some groups braved the heat for their outdoor Field Day, there were also several who operated in the air conditioning.

K5RFL had the privilege of visiting the Area 51 Radio Group in Tupelo late on Saturday before they wrapped up to go home and watch the Ole Miss baseball team play. They had an FT8 station and CW station going and the FT8 station was running quite well powered by a combination of two 100 ah batteries. However, it was the homemade vanilla ice cream that had my attention.

There were a couple of TV stations that covered different locations during Field Day and a great radio interview before Field Day, as well. Check out the links below and make your notes for

next year. The news reporters that cover Field Day operations are often more intrigued by the event than they intended to be.

Jackson County – provided by Charlie Hardt, N2PKW

<https://www.wlox.com/2022/06/26/amateur-radio-operators-tune-vital-network/>

CMS ARA – provided by Jim Martin, K0UPW

<https://www.wjtv.com/news/local-news/annual-amateur-radio-field-day-held-in-brandon/>

SET Just Ahead ! SEC KC5IMN reports that the script for the August 6 th SET is nearing completion. Coordination among the DEC/EC will start next week. The time frame for this year's event will be 7 AM to 7 PM.

2022 Mississippi QSO Party Results have been emailed to all who submitted a log. Anyone else wanting a copy of the results can download them at www.arrlmiss.org.

Project Chairman KG5YEE reports that the Vicksburg ARC participated in the 5 th annual Star-Spangled Night 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, June 18. This course through the streets and neighborhoods of downtown Vicksburg started at 8pm, light when it started, but dark by the end. Radio operators were stationed at each turn on the route to guide participants as well as keep things safe for all involved. Those helping out were: KG5OVR, KG5YEE, K5IMT, K5VXV, W5WAF, WB5YKM, KC5VTN, and W5DRF. W5VMS walked the route with a handheld radio. The event is a fund raiser for the Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation in Vicksburg.

Congratulations to Colby, KG5XR, of Mississippi State, who has been awarded the ARRL Mississippi Scholarship, and Anson, N5ION, of Petal, who has been awarded Amateur Radio Digital Communications Scholarship.

ARRL Membership in Mississippi is down from 995 to 973 in the past month. Not good. ARRL IT is not currently providing monthly reports of new licensees, upgrades, new ARRL members, and lapsed ARRL Members. Without this information it is difficult to really get a pulse of what is going on in the Section in terms of where the opportunities and problems are in terms of membership,

On the positive side remember when new ARRL members join through an affiliated club, then the club will receive a commission of \$15. Also \$5 for current members that renew through their club. See the 'ARRL Club Commission Reconciliation Form' on the ARRL Website.

Still having password problems with the overhauled ARRL website ? Contact Member Services at 1-860-594-0200. They are eager to help and can fix it quick!

From EC Reports from around the state ...

KB5SZJ reports from Lauderdale County that they had a good turnout for Field Day and have plans for classes in August or September.

KD4VVZ in filing his monthly EC Report from George County says ARES had Field Day with 24 attendees. KO4RNY upgraded to General. KI5QFE and KI5TWL are now their new ARRL Emergency Stations.

And from Hinds County KG5SQZ reports that Central MS ARES joined with Central MS Amateur Radio Association in conducting Field Day. The event was held at the Rankin County Tornado Shelter and the turnout was quite good. Although band conditions were poor on Saturday, approximately 800 contacts were made. Testing was conducted resulting in 3 new Technician licensees, 3 who advanced to General and 2 who passed the Extra exam.

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

- EMCOMM Checkin on 3862. August 4, (1st Thursday Each Month)
- Mississippi SET, August 6 , POC:KC5IMN
- Shreveport Hamfest, August 13, www.shreveporthamfest.k5sar.com
- Huntsville Hamfest, August 20-21. www.hamfest.org
- ARRL Day in the Park, TBD, Host: CMARA, Rankin County
- Jackson County Hamfest, Nov 11-12, POC: Charles.hardt@mgccc.edu
- Capital City Hamfest. Jan 28-29, Trade Mart, POC:ak5j@arrl.net
- 2023 Mississippi QSO Party, April 1-2 2023, POC: W5XX

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

Regret to report the passing of:

W5HAG of Starkville. Hugh was an eight-year Navy veteran and retired from the auto industry. Besides Ham Radio he was into restoration of classic cars.

KC5WQ of Itta Bena. Larry served in the Army Signal Corps during the Viet Nam conflict. After service he was a police officer in Sunflower and Inverness and later as Assistant Chief of Police in Itta Bena. Larry was an active DXer and accumulated over 7,000 QSLs.

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

EC Reports for June 2022: K9EYZ (Jackson), AE5FK (Walthall), KF5IAY (Carroll), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), K5RTW (Lee), KG5SQZ (Hinds), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), KD4VVZ (George), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), KB5ZEA (Attala), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

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

HF Net Reports

K5TAL 80M Net 5/83/0 (WV5Q)(net going QRT)

Magnolia Section Net 30/1095/8 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 3/7/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 30/2198/8 (W5JGW)

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

Capital Area Emergency Net 4/43/0 K5XU)

Central Mississippi ARES Training Net 4/110/0 – joint net count (KG5SQZ)

Delta ARA EM Net ?/188/0 (KF5IAY)

DeSoto County Training and Information 4/53/0 (KF5WVJ)

George County ARES Net 4/43/1 (KF5TJU)

Jackson County ARES 5/86/0 (K9EYZ)

JARC Emergency Net 3/36/0 (K5XU)

Lowndes County ARC 4/36/0 (K5TCO)

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

Meridian ARC Em Net 4/17/0 (KB5SZJ)

Mississippi Coast ARA 4/102/1 (W5JGW)

Mississippi State ARC 4/87/0 (KN4TCK)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn 4/65/0 (W5BAQ)

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 4/59/0 (KA5ICO)

Vicksburg ARC/MLEN 4/83/0 (KG5YEE)

Walthall County ARES 5/63/0 (AE5FK)

Digital Net Reports

Central Mississippi ARES Digital Net 4/29/20 (KI5JCL)

Central Mississippi WL2K Net - QNI 16 (KI5JCL)

Traffic: WV5Q 123 and W5XX 4

PSHR: WV5Q 173 and W5XX 79