

Mississippi Section Report – March 2018

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The fifteenth Mississippi QSO Party is now history. Several years ago, the MSQP was moved from the last weekend in February to the first full weekend in April to, among other things, make life a little easier for the mobiles and portables out in the weather. Mother Nature fooled us again. On the Saturday night before the QSO Party a cold front pushed a squall line through the state with tornadoes and flash flooding followed by cold winds from the north. K4FMH plus K5XU, KW5GP, and AC5YL travel to the boondocks of hamless Issaquena County to set up portable in a shelter at the city park in Mayersville. After enduring several hours of 40-degree temperatures and continuous wind plus K5XU's teeth were chattering faster than he could send CW, they decided to call it a day!

Wait till next year.

Many thanks to NO5W/M, W5DYA/M, KC4HW/M, KK4TE/M, and W4SIG/M for putting many counties on the air. Also, many thanks to portables K5CUB/P, WA5CAM/P and KF5IMA/P for braving the cold winds. Considering what Mother Nature dealt us, we had quite a number of folks in the field.

All in all, the overall number of Mississippi Hams on the air for the QSO Party may be a record. More MSQP details next month. Now let the log checking begin!

N5CW reports that each year, members of the Hattiesburg ARC and the Lamar ARC participate in a special event station WOW, operated in support of the Petal/Southern Mississippi POW WOW. The goal of this operation is to make the public aware of the event and to broaden the public's knowledge of the Native American culture by focusing on chosen topics provided by the sponsoring organization. This year's event will be held the weekend of April 21-22 at the Willie Hinton Park in Petal, Ms. The 2018 theme is the GREEN CORN CEREMONY.

The Worked All Mississippi Counties Award is sponsored by the 599 DX Association in order to promote on-the-air activity among hams both inside and outside the state of Mississippi. The basic award will be authorized to any licensed amateur radio operator for working and confirming at least 41 of the 82 Mississippi Counties. This will be officially recognized with a color certificate most suitable for framing and display. There will be only one endorsement level available and that will be in the form of a beautiful handcrafted wooden plaque when all 82 separate Mississippi Counties are confirmed. Approved contacts can be made on 160m thru 23cm using any mode except repeater or VoIP. Mode(s) will not be indicated on the awards (certificate or plaque). For more info see 599DXA.org/awards.

K5OLV reports that the Olive Branch ARC made a substantial contribution to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memory of KD5CKP.

Prentiss County EC WX5N advises that when the Tishomingo ARES's repeater on Woodall Mountain was struck by lightning, members of the Prentiss County ARES came to the rescue by operating as NCS mobile from the top of the mountain during the Tishomingo ARES Nets.

EC KB5SZJ notes that ARES Members will soon be revamping the radios at the Lauderdale County EOC, and hopefully, correcting several communications issues so that they can provide a better service to the eastern counties.

Adams County EC N5KDA reports that the Bluff City ARC raffled off a shotgun with great results. With some money in the bank the club is on the road to becoming rejuvenated.

Franklin County EC AD7KJ notes that the Southwest Mississippi ARC worked the Mississippi. QSO party with club call W5WQ on Saturday the 7th of April 9AM to 9PM with members from Lincoln, Walthall, Franklin, Amite, and Pike Counties.

Lee County EC WA5TEF visited the NWS Memphis Ham Station and antenna farm on March 24 and to plan a test for March 28 to communicate from Memphis to Tupelo during inclement weather. On March 28, the first attempt was made on 3.862 and 7.268 MHz with marginal success; 7 local hams participate in this test. Another test is set for early April.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in March: KG5YSW, Jonathan – Columbia; KG5YTH, Gary – Lucedale. KG5YTV, Michael – Oxford; KG5YVH, Jeffrey – Southaven; KG5YVI, Roy – Scobey; KG5YZW, Nancy – Vicksburg; KG5YZT, Willie – Vicksburg; KG5YZU, Ted – Vicksburg; KG5YZV, Rodney – Vicksburg; KG5YZX, Rex – Vicksburg; and KG5YZY, Earle – Vicksburg.

And, welcome to the following new ARRL Members in March: KG5AVJ, Russell – Southaven; KG5IXV, Dennis – Conehatta; WC5J, Mike – Vicksburg; KE5NBD, Tommie – Hernando; KG5QAY, Larry – Columbia; KE5QHV, Betty – Gulfport; WA5RAF, Jerry – Nettleton; KD5UVV, Dale – Picayune; K5VSD, Jimmy – New Albany; KG5WJM, Roger – Bay Springs; KG5YSW, Jonathan – Columbia; KG5YTV, Michael – Oxford; KG5YVH, Jeffrey – Southaven; KG5YVI, Roy – Scobey; KG5YEE, Jennifer – Vicksburg; KG5YTH, Gary – Lucedale; KG5YZT, Willie – Vicksburg; KG5YZU, Ted – Vicksburg; KG5YZV, Rodney – Vicksburg; KG5YZW, Nancy – Vicksburg; KG5YZX, Rex – Vicksburg; and KG5YZY, Earle – Vicksburg.

As of March 31, ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 1,029 down 2 from the last report on February 28.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades in March: KG5AAB, William – Brookhaven; KD5DHR, Jerry – Vicksburg; KG5OVK, Dujwanice – Biloxi; KG5OVR, Dru – Vicksburg; KF5RDR, Dan – Byhalia; and KG5VXY, Michael – Gautier.

SEC/DEC Reports for March 2018: KC5IMN (SEC), KC5IIW (EC MS), AF5PO (NE MS), N5ZNT (SW MS), and KB0ZTX (NW MS).

EC Reports for March 2018: N5ARM (AEC)(Lamar), KG5AVT (AEC)(Rankin), KE5BSB (Itawamba), KF7DLW (Forrest), AE5FK (Walthall), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KC5IIW (Scott), KF5IMA (Lafayette), N5KDA (Adams), AD7KJ (Franklin), WX5N (Prentiss), KD5NDU (AEC)(Yalobusha), AF5NG (Marion), AF5PO (Tishomingo), AA5SG (Jones/Wayne), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), AE5SK (AEC) Copiah/Hinds/Madison), WA5TEF (Lee), KF5UJD (AEC) Stone, KF5WVJ (DeSoto), N5ZNT (Lincoln/Wilkinson), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

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

Regret to report the passing of WD5DX of Meridian.

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

Hattiesburg ARC 10M Net 4/28/0 (KD5XG)

Magnolia Section Net 31/1158/0 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/17/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 31/2633/19 (W5JGW)

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

Adams County ARES 4/65/0 (N5KDA)

Booneville and Prentiss County Weekly Net 4/61/0 (WX5N)

Capital Area Emergency Net 4/46/0 (K5XU)

DeSoto County Emergency Training and Information Net 4/86/0 (KF5WVJ)

Forrest/Perry Counties ARES 2/22/1 (KF7DLW)

Hattiesburg ARC 2M Net 5/85/4 (KD5XG)

Itawamba County ARES Net 6/76/0 (KE5BSB) two Skywarn activations

K5TAL – American Legion Net 4/48/0 (KA5DON)

Lowndes County ARC Net 4/60/0 (KF5AZ)

Madison County ARES 5/32/2 (W5DIX)

Marion County ARES Net 4/36/0 (AF5NG)

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

MDXA Net 4/33/0 (N5GD)

Meridian Area Emergency Net 4/36/0 (KB5SZJ and KF5ETN)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/28/0 (AE5SK)

Mississippi Coast ARA 4/61/0 (N5AHM)

MSU ARC 4/69/0 (N5OMK)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net 4/66/0 (WA5TEF) one Skywarn activation

Olive Branch ARC 17/84/0 (K5OLV)

Panola County ARC 1/6/0 (KA5NOM)

Rankin County ARES Net 5/65/0 (KG5AVT)

Scott County ARES Training Net 4/31/0 (KC5IIW)

Scott County ARES Simplex Net 3/6/0 (KC5IIW)

Scott County Sky Warn 1/4/0 (KC5IIW)

South Central MS ARES Net 4/102/0 (AA5SG)

Southwest MS ARES Team 4/17/0 (N5ZNT)

Stone County ARES 4/44/0 KF5UJD

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 4/50/0 (KA5ICO)

Tishomingo County ARC Net 4/82/0 (AF5PO)

UMARC UHF Net 4/19/0 (K5LMB)

UMARC VHF Net 4/38/0 (K5LMB)

Vicksburg ARC MLEN WX Net 7/137/0 (KD5DHR) two Skywarn activations

Walthall County ARES 4/44/0 (AE5FK)

Yalobusha County ARES 5/13/0 (KD5NDU)

Digital Net Reports

MS NBEMS Traffic Net 5/35/6 (W5DIX) (New NCS: KA5NOM and K9EYZ)

PSHR – KA5DON 79 and W5XX 79.

Traffic: K5LAM 579, AD5O 359, KA9DON 29, KG5FRZ 25, and W5XX 4.