

# Mississippi Section Report for March 2019

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The sixteenth Mississippi QSO Party is now history. Although Mississippi activity was good, band conditions were bad news during the first six hours of the QSO Party. Finally, at about 3 PM, conditions improved a little bit. More info next month. Logs should be sent to [ag5z@comcast.net](mailto:ag5z@comcast.net) or [w5xx@vicksburg.com](mailto:w5xx@vicksburg.com) by April 30. Snail mail to AG5Z.

Walthall County EC AE5FK says good progress is being made toward setting up a station at the EOC in Tylertown.

Marion County EC AF5NG reports that ARES in conjunction with Marion County Emergency Management sponsored a SKYWARN training session for all of Marion County, which included, Fire, Law, and several Citizens who were interested in becoming Storm Spotters. They had a total of 32 participants in attendance.

EC KF5WVJ advises that there were three severe weather events in Desoto County where ARES operated in the EOC. ARES also had several members attend the Mass Casualty Training and the Volunteer and Donation Training given by MEMA at the Desoto County EMA

March was a busy month for Forest County ARES nailing down the final touches on the Hattiesburg Half Marathon. The Race took place on April 6th with the registration for the runners signed up was close to 1,000. Forest County EC KF7DLW noted that operators were placed over the entire race course to maintain a steady communications link of the runner's positions and their condition. Sports Medicine Trainers were placed along with some Ham operators so if a medical emergency arose communication was available to the closest trainer to assist and determine if EMS was needed. KF7DLW notes there were 26 operators for the event and all stations on the race course were manned. ARES is excited to be able to serve their community

Lauderdale County EC KB5SZJ reports a new APRS site has been located in Collinsville and the Meridian ARC will be placing a station there as soon as the antenna installation is complete. This should give them coverage almost to Philadelphia on Hwy 19. Also, a site is in the works in Hickory along the I-20 corridor and that should give coverage almost to Newton or just past; work to begin on this station soon as well.

Lafayette County EC KF5IMA notes due to the efforts of their club president, KE5IMK, they now have an Echolink node available for Oxford, and it works great. The name to look for on Echolink is KE5IMK. This connects to their 147.33 repeater in Oxford. Anyone can hit the repeater thru their cell phone or Windows computer anywhere in the world.

K5GCY reports that the Jackson ARC worked the Hot Diggity Dog event April 6th at the School for the Blind in Jackson. They had about 200 runners/walkers. Helping Gary were K5XU and K5KKD.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades in March: KD5APV, Terry – New Albany; KI5CFP, Henry – Louisville; KI5CQY, Jaime – Ocean Springs; KI5DBT, James – Bay Springs; KC5QYG, Jeffry – Wiggins; and KG5VEP, Susan – Blue Springs.

Also, congratulations to WB5BNV on completing the seven FEMA Courses in the Professional Development Series.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in March: KI5DRC, Lela – Tupelo; KI5DRD, Ronald – Pass Christian; and KI5DWP, Charles – Olive Branch.

Also, welcome to the following new ARRL Members in March: KF5AFV, Robert – Meridian; KB5JCS, Cyril – Lake Cormorant; WB8LEM, Mark – Brandon; KD5NYV, Emmett – Terry; KE5OPL, James – Hernando; KI5RSR, Jonathan – Hernando; KF5RSS, Nathan – Hernando; WO5V, Henry – Pass Christian; KE6WLI, James – Southaven; and W2XZH, Xerxes – Hattiesburg;

As of March 30, ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 981. Down 10. Not Good.

SEC/DEC Reports for March 2019: KC5IMN (SEC), KC5IIW (EC MS), N5ZNT (SW MS).

EC Reports for March 2019: KE5BSB (Itawamba), KF7DLW (Forrest), AE5FK (Walthall), AG5GN (Lamar), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KC5IIW (Scott), KF5IMA (Lafayette), AD7KJ (Franklin), KC5NDU (AEC)(Yalobusha), AF5NG (Marion), AE5SK (AEC)(Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), KB5ZEA (Attala), and N5ZNT (Lincoln/Wilkinson).

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 5/43/0 (KD5XG)

K5TAL - American Legion 80M Net 4/61/0 (KA5DON)

Magnolia Section Net 31/1274/4 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 5/27/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 31/2246/24 (W5JGW)

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

Attala County ARES 1/5/0 (KB5ZEA)

Capital Area Emergency Net 4/59/0 (K5XU)

DeSoto County Training and Information Net 4/88/0 (KF5WVJ)

Forrest/Perry Counties ARES 2/24/0 (KF7DLW)

Hattiesburg ARC 2M Net 5/73/11 (KD5XG)

Hattiesburg 2M Simplex Net 1/11/0 (KD5XG)

Itawamba County ARES 4/20/0 (KE5BSB)

Jackson ARC Emergency Net 3/30/0 (K5XU)

Jasper County ARES 4/26/0 (KG5WJM)

K5TAL – American Legion 2M Net 4/28/0 (KA5DON)

Lamar County ARES Net 2/29/0 (AG5GN)

Lowndes County ARC Net 4/47/0 (KF5AZ)

Marion County ARES Net 4/31/0 (AF5NG)

Madison County ARES 4/21/0 (W5DIX)

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

Mississippi Coast ARES, Weather, and Tech Net 4/79/0 (K5CRJ)

Meridian Area Emergency Net 4/44/0 (KB5SZJ and KF5ETN)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 2/10/0 (AE5SK)

MSU ARC 4/98/0 (N5OMK)

Scott County ARES Training Net 4/38/0 (KC5IIW)

Southwest MS ARES Team 4/19/0 (N5ZNT)

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 4/46/0 (KA5ICO)

University of Mississippi ARC VHF Net 5/44/0 (KF5IMA)

University of Mississippi ARC UHF Net 1/14/0 (KF5IMA)

Vicksburg ARC MLEN Net 5/160/0 (KD5DHR)

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

Walthall County ARES Net 3/29/0 (AE5FK)

Yalobusha County Skywarn Net 2/5/0 (KD5NDU)

Digital Net Reports

EMTARG/SANDPOUNDER – QNI 41

MS NBEMS Traffic Net 4/21/2 (W5DIX)

PSHR – KA5DON 124

Traffic: K5LAM 178 and KA5DON 64.