

Mississippi Section Report for March 2022

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The 19th Mississippi QSO Party is history. You would think that with a Solar Flux of 150 and a K index of 2 this would mean great conditions for the QSO Party. No so. A solar induced radio blackout was in progress as the QSO Party begin. Fortunately, the effects were gone by 1800 and conditions were back to normal.

In years past a lot of Mississippi stations seemed to meet on 3862 in the late afternoon which was a problem for out of state stations looking for contacts that were not in range of 3862. Fortunately, this year many stations moved up to 40 and in some cases 20 and spread the contacts around. Conversely, 3862 was relatively quiet. Further, many stations made QSOs on 15 as Solar Cycle 25 is on the upswing.

Participation from Mississippi Stations was great as evidenced by positive comments in logs that have been received. Always a plus for Mississippi in the Ham Radio World. Now let's get the log checking going so we can find out who the winners are.

Heads up for Section Appointees! Very shortly Appointees will be given access to the monthly ARRL Mississippi New Hams List. This List will be useful in reaching out to new Hams to see if they need any help getting on the air and to get them get involved in their local Ham Community. Further, the Big Club List will also be available to help Appointees have contact information for Mississippi clubs. More info to follow.

From SEC KC5IMN: DMR is coming to MS ARES. <https://hose.brandmeister.network/>. Monitor TG 3128 during the next severe weather outbreak in Mississippi; there's a very professional informal net being worked. What I heard last week was some of the best use of bandwidth and digital technology I've heard in years. The 2022 Simulated Emergency Test will also incorporate the use of the statewide, regional, and local DMR talk groups in use across the state.

KC5IMN will be sponsoring a working group to help develop a statewide plan for implementation of DMR into ARES including bridged TG's from YSF and IDAS rooms/linked repeaters. Reach out directly to KC5IMN@arrl.net if you would like to be part of the discussion.

And in EC Reports –

DEC/EC N5ZNT reports that on March 19 and 20 Southwest Mississippi ARES joined forces with the Southwest Louisiana ARC to help with the 2022 ' That's How We Roll ' Multiple Sclerosis Bike Tour 2022 from Hammond, Louisiana to Percy Quin State Park in McComb and back. Nothing but positive comments for the Hams !

Further, N5ZNT reports that on March 30 the Southwest Mississippi ARES Team activated Skywarn due to weather conditions reporting one funnel cloud to Jackson NWS thru the Jackson Skywarn Net on the 146.94 Repeater.

AEC KD5NDU reports that as the March 30 storm approached and moved through Yalobusha County the ARES Net was activated and begin sending updates on the weather to the public via the Yalobusha County ARES page on Facebook. ARES had several comments coming back asking where the storm shelters were in the county. ARES was able to direct several people where to go in their area.

And at the end of the storm event ARES was contacted by Memphis NWS for storm reports in the county. Through the Yalobusha County ARES page, ARES got in contact with civil defense CD-1 and got reports from fire departments in the county that were working the storm event. This information was forwarded to Memphis NWS. ARES got several thanks for this effort.

K5RTW reports from Lee County that they continue to have regular Monday night Skywarn Nets plus there were two activations in March in response to severe weather.

KB0ZTW reports from Marshall County that the ARES net was active during the March storm events. There were many warnings for the area but minimal damage.

N5AAS reports that local stage 1 and stage 2 nets were activated due to approaching storms, with good activity and good handling of operations.

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

- Field Day, June 25-26, Get ready !
- Mississippi SET, August 6 , POC:KC5IMN
- Shreveport Hamfest, August 13, www.shreveporthamfest.k5sar.com
- The Monroe Hamfest usually held in late April is cancelled.

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

Congratulations to the following who upgraded in March: KJ5LN, Charles – Moss Point; KI5TKL, Donald – Southaven; N5YWP, Maurice – Flowood; and KI5ZDZ, Robert – Pearl.

Welcome to the following new Hams in March: KI5TZN, Jackson – Starkville; KI5TZO, Austin – Starkville; KI5TZP, Jonathan – Monticello; KI5TZR, Thomas – Hattiesburg; KI5UAN, Jon – Starkville; KI5UAO, Avery – Biloxi; KI5UBI, John – Picayune; KI5UDC, Keith – Madison; KI5UDQ, Hattie – Terry; KI5UFI, William – Holly Springs; KI5UFJ, Evelyn – Holly Springs; KI5UFK, Stephen – Holly Springs; KI5UHX, Robert – Walls; and KI5UHY, Nicholas – New Albany.

Welcome to the following new ARRL Members in March: W5EZT, Henry – Vicksburg; WC5H, James – Hattiesburg; KI5JIV, Patrick – Brandon; KE5KRG, Vernon – Booneville; N5PKK,

Mark – Soso; KG5QXS, Eldon – Brandon; KF5SEW, Michael – Flowood; W5SPH, Steven – Gulfport; and AE5YT, Stanley – Long Beach.

Mississippi ARRL Membership was not reported at the end of March because the communications system in ARRL Headquarters was down for maintenance and upgrade.

SEC Report for March 2022: KC5IMN (SEC), KD4VVZ (Gulf Coast), N5ZNT (SW MS), KB0ZTX (NW MS)

EC Reports for March 2022: N5AAS (Forrest), K9EYZ (Jackson), AE5FK (Walthall), KF5IAY (Carroll), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), AD7KJ (Franklin), KB5NDU (AEC)(Yalobusha), K5RTW (Lee), KG5SQZ (Hinds), KG5TTU (Tate), N5UDK (Stone)KD4VVZ (George), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), N5ZNT (Lincoln/Wilkinson), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

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

Regret to report the passing of: NONE !! These past few months have been unreal. Old Timers: Continue to take you pills, get some exercise, and don't skip doctor's appointments! Flower Fund Administrator KB5YEE reports that all Memorial Gifts have been taken care of and all notifications of death have been sent to QST Silent Keys.

HF Net Reports

K5TAL 80M Net 4/60/0 (WV5Q)

Magnolia Section Net 31/1227/2 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/15/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 31/2373/14 (W5JGW)

Pine Belt ARC 10M Net 4/37/0 (KD5XG)

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

Capital Area Emergency Net 4/58/0 (K5XU)

Central Mississippi ARES Training Net 4/137/0 – joint net traffic count (KG5SQZ)

DeSoto County Training and Information 4/59/0 (KF5WVJ)

Delta ARES EM Net ?/172/0 (KF5IAY)

Forrest County ARES Net 2/26/0 (N5AAS)

George County ARES Net ?/24/0 (KF5TJU)

Jackson County ARES 4/121/1 (K9EYZ)

JARC Emergency Net 5/47/0 (K5XU)

Lowndes County ARC 5/55/0 (K5TCO)

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

Mississippi Coast ARA 5/129/0 (AB5FU)

MSU ARC Net 4/90/0 (N5OMK)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net 6/105/0 (W5BAQ)(two Skywarn Sessions)

Pine Belt ARC 2M Net 4/58/2 (KD5XG)

Pine Belt ARC Simplex Net 1/9/0 (KD5XG)

Southwest MS ARES Team 5/20/0 (N5ZNT)

Stone County ARES 2/12/0 (N5UDK)

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 4/70/0 (KA5ICO)

Tate County ARES Net 4/59/0 (KG5TTU)

Walthall County ARES Net 4/54/1 (AE5FK)

Yalobusha County ARES ?/72/0 (KD5NDU)

Digital Net Reports

Central Mississippi ARES Digital Net ?/20/15 (KI5JCL)

Central Mississippi WL2K Net - QNI 24 (KI5JCL)

Traffic: WV5Q 135 and W5XX 12

PSHR: WV5Q 185 and W5XX 87.