

Mississippi Section Report for May 2020

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The 2020 Mississippi QSO Party logs have been checked. This was a record year for participation and logs submitted. There were 226 total logs and 40 Mississippi Logs! The logs show that 108 Mississippi stations were on the air in 30 counties. Thanks to all who came to the rescue when it became apparent that portable and mobile activity would be minimal due to the Governor's 'Stay in Place' declaration.

In scanning the logs 2 stations made over 900 QSOs, 3 over 600 QSOs, and 7 over 300 QSOs. The top 10 were N4OGW, K5WK, W5UE, K5SVC, NN5O, WQ5L, NM5Z, N5GD, N5DU, and WA5CAM. And the next 10 were K5IJ, KJ5RC, K5CUB, K5YG, AG5ND, N5CW, KG5PBJ, N5JGK, KF5WVJ, and KB8VND.

The plaque winners are:

High Score Mississippi Stations (Single Op) – N4OGW
High Score Mississippi Club – 599 DX Association
Mississippi Station Working the Most Counties – K5BAK
High scoring Out-of-State W/VE Station – K5EEA (Georgia)
High Scoring DX Station Outside W/VE – OM2VL (Slovak Republic)

Before the QSO Party many of the potential participants were hesitant to operate full force because they were nervous about trying to hold a frequency and run stations. This was a learning experience for many who found they could handle the pileups. We have a new crew of budding testers in Mississippi!

On your long-range calendar pencil in:

- ARRL Field Day, June 27-28, see www.arrl.org for latest status
- Section Emergency Test, August 8, POC: AA1NA at banjo39402@aol.com
- Huntsville Hamfest; Von Braun Center, Huntsville, Alabama, Cancelled
- ARRL Day in the Park and Papa Jack's Trade Day, Tupelo, Date TBD, POC: KG5IVL
- Jackson County Hamfest, Ocean Springs, November 13-14, POC: N2PKW
- Capital City Hamfest, Trademart, Jackson, January 29-30, POC: K2GCY@att.net
- 2021 Mississippi QSO Party, April 3, POC: w5xx@cablelynx.com

SGL AK5J reports that Governor Reeves has signed the Governor's Proclamation for Amateur Radio Week and Field Day for June 22-28. The Proclamation can be downloaded at www.arrrlmiss.org.

Note on page 64 of the July QST that Mississippi was again number 1 in SET Net Activity. Thanks to ASEC AA1NA for organizing the 2019 SET.

Scott County EC K1REZ reports that on May 27 a series of severe thunderstorms moved rapidly into Scott County during the afternoon. KF5VVU, the Scott County AEC in charge of SKYWARN, activated the ARES and SKYWARN Teams and the Scott County Severe Weather Net, which ran approximately two hours. Net Control Operators, KF5VVU and K1REZ read over the air the latest Severe Weather Reports from the National Weather Service forecast office in Jackson and took check ins and Storm Spotter Reports from Amateur Radio Operators in and around Scott County. Fortunately, there was no damage in Scott County, and the SKYWARN Team got in some good testing. They had 7 check ins and forwarded two Storm Spotter Reports to the NWS, one for small hail and the other for flooding. Participants were: K1REZ, KF5VVU, WE5DAB, AG5IN, N5DU, W5PPB, and N5SPJ.

On May 28 the new Tri-County ARES Team held three surprise Emergency tests. K1REZ notes that the tests were designed to test ARES members' response to an unexpected call up for an emergency net, their ability to utilize local repeaters, their ability to rapidly program a new repeater into their radios, their ability to make contacts on simplex frequencies, and their ability to relay information on simplex across long distances. They had 11 check ins and all but 2 stations (who were located far away) passed these tests. Stations participating were: K1REZ, KG5SQZ, K4GLU, N5SPJ, W5SSJ, WE5DAB, KG5IIS, W5PPB, KG5WJM, K0UPW, and KB5NQW.

PIC K5RFL reports that the Magnolia ARC had a great VE Test session despite the Covid 19 Virus. The session was held at the MFJ Factory realizing four new Technicians and two General upgrades (see photo on www.arrlmiss.org).

Got a good photo of Mississippi Ham activity? Please send to W5XX or PIC K5RFL for possible use on the Section Website?

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades in May: KC5FRQ, Donald – Pontotoc; KI5GIG, Mark – Columbus, W5KOZ, Billy – Kosciusko, KG5LQK, Eric – Jayess; KF5TEN, Eric – Clinton, and KB5VAI, Heath – Clinton.

Also, Congratulations to N5RB and W5XX for winning the ARRL Triple Play Award for working WAS on the CW, SSB, and Digital modes and submitting a record of the QSOs via lotw.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in May: KI5IYM, Christopher – Starkville; KI5IYN, William – Sturgis; KI5IYO, Kasey – Nettleton; KI5JAO, Ronnie – Prentiss; KI5JCK, Rod – Brandon; KI5JCL, Kyle – Madison; KI5JED, Larry – Starkville; KI5JEE, Richard – Louisville; KI5JEF, Sam – Louisville; and KI5JEG, Matthew – Starkville;

Also welcome the following new ARRL Members in May : K5CKF, Terry – Ripley; KE5MUO, Marion – Columbus; KF5NSI, Stanley – Saucier; KA5PGN, William – Ripley; KC0TPW, Leonard – Byhalia; N0TWV, Marie – Hattiesburg; KM5WN, Brad – Jackson; KE5YZC, Jackie – Batesville; and KG5ZFU, William – Southaven.

ARRL membership in Mississippi is now 1,002 up 6 from last month. Wow! We finally got over the hump! Thanks to all who support ARRL Membership in Mississippi.

In addition, welcome to AG5RI as Emergency Coordinator for Harrison County. W4WLF has retired as EC having served in this position for many years coordinating emergency communications on the Coast through many hurricanes. Thanks for your efforts, Tom!

And last, but not least, welcome to W5VMS as Affiliated Club Coordinator. Scott will be helping ARRL Affiliated Clubs to be current on their paperwork, approaching nonaffiliated clubs to consider affiliation, and maintaining the list of Club Meeting dates on www.arrlmiss.org. Scott can be reached at w5vms@arrl.net. Scott is also slowly going through the list of Mississippi ARRL affiliated and non-affiliated clubs and active and inactive clubs to update information and status. Club officers and/or members should expect an email or phone call.

SEC/ASEC/DEC Reports for May 2020: KC5IMN (SEC), N5ZNT (DEC SW MS), and KB0ZTX (DEC NW MS).

EC Reports for May 2020: N5AAS (Forrest), AE5FK (Walthall), KA5ICO (Chickasaw) KF5IMA (Lafayette), AD7KJ (Franklin), AF5NG (Marion), K1REZ (Scott), AA5SG (Jones/Wayne), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), KG5TTU (Tate), W4WLF (Harrison), KG5WJM (Jasper), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), N5ZNT (Lincoln/Wilkinson), KG5ZEA (Attala), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

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

Regret to report the passing of W5CR and XYL KC5VBX of Biloxi. Clyde was a retired Navy Vet and Civil Servant at Keesler, and Carol was a retired bookkeeper. Also regret to report the passing of long time MSPN checkin KB5BRZ. Farrar was a retired educator and volunteer fire department chief. And regret to report the passing of KD5CQZ of Eads, Tennessee and formerly of Vicksburg and Brookhaven. Reggie was a biblical scholar and a friend to all. And lastly, regret to report the passing of K5CRJ of Biloxi. Al was a retired Navy Vet and later worked for the Department of Marine Resources. This was a sad month in the Mississippi Ham family.

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

Hattiesburg ARC HF Net 5/60/0 (KD5XG)

K5TAL 80M Net 4/76/0 (WV5Q)

Magnolia Section Net 31/1271/6 (KA5ICO)

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

MSPN 30/2429/20 (W5JGW)

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

Capital Area Emergency Net 5/64/0 (K5XU)

Central Mississippi ARES Training Net 4/41/0 (K1REZ)

DeSoto County Training and Information Net 4/130/0 (KF5WVJ)

Forrest/Perry Counties Net ARES 3/36/0 (N5AAS)

Hattiesburg ARC 2 M Net 5/75/10 (KD5XG)

Hattiesburg ARC 2 M Simplex Net 1/18/0 (KD5XG)

Jackson ARC Emergency Net 4/56/0 (K5XU)

Jasper County ARES 4/27/0 (KG5WJM)

Jones/Wayne Counties ARES 4/56/0 (AA5SG)

Lowndes County ARC 4/48/0 (KF5AZ)

Madison County ARES 4/29/0 (W5DIX)

Marion County ARES Net 4/33/0 (AF5NG)

Marshall County ARES – meets with DeSoto County Net (KB0ZTX)

Meridian Area Emergency Net 4/60/0 (KB5SZJ)

MSU ARC Net 4/102/0 (N5OMK)

MCARA Training Net 4/130/0 (KF5BA)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net 4/73/0 (W5BAQ)

Southwest MS ARES Team 5/21/0 (N5ZNT)

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 4/65/0 (KA5ICO)

Tate County ARES – Meets with Desoto County Net (KG5TTU)

University of Mississippi ARES Net 5/52/0 (KF5IMA)

Vicksburg ARC MLEN Net 6/163/0 (KD5DHR)

Walthall County ARES Net 4/53/0 (AE5FK)

Digital Net Reports

EMTARG – 1715

K5TAL Digital Voice Net 4/66/0 (WV5Q)

MS Winlink Net 2/16/16 (W5DIX)

NBEMS 4/41/5 (W5DIX)

Traffic: K5LAM 996, K1REZ 170, WV5Q 29, KG5FRZ 6, and W5XX 1.

PSHR: K1REZ 170, WV5Q 89, W5XX 76