

Mississippi Section Report for May 2022

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The 270 logs submitted for the 2022 Mississippi QSO Party have been checked and double checked and the high scores in Mississippi are:

Single op – Fixed (Top Ten): WQ5L, NN5O, KD4VVZ, W5UE, NA5DX, NA5NN, N5RB, N5GD, KF5WVJ, and KE5MIS.

Multi-Op – Fixed – Unlimited transmitters: W5YD, K4FMH

Single OP – Portable: WJ5ES/5, N5PA/5, N5PYQ/5

Multi OP – Portable : W4XK/5, W5SGL/5, W5OBM/5

Single Op – Mobile: K5RFL/M, KD5BS/M

Most Mississippi Counties worked (24): W5SGL and KF5WVJ (Tie)

QSO Party Notes: Looking through the logs indicates that 71 Mississippi Stations were on the air from 39 Counties. This was the second year for FT4/FT8 operation in the MSQP. Six Mississippi Stations sent in FT4/FT8 logs. The final results should be emailed to those who submitted logs (in early July).

KB5YJT reports from Tupelo that at the May 7th VE Test Session Mike Hood, K5MDH, upgraded to Extra and Deborah Pumphrey passed the Technician exam. Deborah has been issued KI5VIP. Thanks to Tom Hall WB4VYB and Curtis Tate AK5CT for serving as volunteer examiners. And from Rankin County K0UPW reports another successful CMSARA VE Test was held on Saturday, May 14th at the Crossroads of Life Church in Byram. Six tested and six passed. New Techs were Robert Alexander, Kevin Bullard and Lorin Ware. Marsha Williams, KI5TRX and Tian Teh, KG5AMF advanced to General and David Williams, (Marsha's husband) KJ5ET advanced to Extra. .

Project Chairman KG5YEE reports that the Vicksburg ARC participated in the 2022 Museum Ships On The Air event. On Saturday, June 4, VARC members boarded the MV Mississippi docked on the Yazoo River in downtown Vicksburg. Using an HF radio and a portable antenna, K5ZRO made contacts on 20 and 40 meters. There were approximately 87 Museum ships located all over the USA as well as a few in other countries. This was a fun event, not a contest, and even though we had less contacts than we hoped for, everybody had a good time getting together with the opportunity to operate on HF. On board were KG5OVR, KD5DHR, KG5YEE, W5VMS, W5WAF, AB5MW, N5JGK, K5VXV, W5SFL and KC5GIB. (see photo on www.arrlmiss.org)

WB5BNV advises that there is a daily WL2K Net at 6:45 PM until the end of Hurricane season. FLDIGI, 3581KHz, USB,1500 CENTER,THOR22. Contact WB5BNV at winlink.org for more info.

And in EC Reports –

From KB5SZJ in Lauderdale County: We are working on a new NVIS antenna for the EOC. The current system sustained damage from some other work done outside the building. The new antenna should be operational before Field Day and will be tested then. Also, we have been working on building up membership by working with Hams in both Clarke and Newton counties. We now have two in Clarke that are very active as well as three in Newton. The two in Clarke have already taken Skywarn classes and are very motivated. We are hoping to have a test session scheduled by August if all goes well and have an antenna class getting ready to start up.

From Hinds County EC KG5SQZ: Central MS ARES completed testing and evaluating the Hamshack Hotline. We see it as a means of quickly connecting members of the leadership team individually or as a group by using the conference bridge. The VM blast feature allows an individual to leave a voice mail message for all connected members by dialing a single number. Although the system is internet based and is subject to its vulnerabilities it is another tool we can use during normal times. Perhaps in the future other members will decide to join Hamshack Hotline.

From Marion County EC AF5NG: I presented an overview of ARES, Goals, Mission, and Served Agency support to the Marion County Emergency Preparedness Committee. Marion County was well represented with Marion County Emergency Management, Power Companies, Water and City Maintenance, Fire Departments, Sheriff and Police Departments, City and County Officials in attendance. There were many questions and several attendees expressed interest in getting their Amateur Radio License. Further, ARES has been extensively practicing simplex operations to prepare for a "repeater down" scenario. The interest in these drills has been surprisingly high and has reinvigorated the interest in ARES operations.

From Harrison County EC AG5RI reports that the EMA director arranged for a tower climber, and now they have up a new folded dipole on HF, a new repeater antenna, and a re-hung OCFD.

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 !!
- EMCOMM Checkin on 3862. July 7, (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.

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

EC Reports for May 2022: N5AAS (Forrest), K9EYZ (Jackson), AE5FK (Walthall), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), AD7KJ (Franklin), KD5NDU (AEC)(Yalobusha), AF5NG (Marion), KG5SQZ (Hinds), KD4VVZ (George), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

Congratulation to K5DSG who was featured as the 'Top Story' in the May 29 Sunday Tupelo Daily Journal noting his career in the ministry and education at Ole Miss (but nothing about Ham Radio ??).

And Congratulations to:

K5MCB who completed ARRL EC-001, Introduction to Emergency Communications

KD5SQZ, who completed ARRL EC-016, Public Service and Emergency communications Management for Radio Amateurs,

KD5NDU, who completed ARRL PR-101, Public Relations 101 for Radio Amateurs

Welcome to KC5CDV as EC for Alcorn County, KI5QFE as OES, KI5TLW as OES, and KF5BA as AEC for Harrison County.

Also welcome to new ARRL members in May: K5FJA, Francis – Picayune; KE5JNZ, David – Ocean Springs, AB5MW, Marc – Vicksburg; KD5RG, David – Pontotoc; KJ4TDT, Danny – Iuka; K5TRP, William – Sturgis; KI5UTQ, Stephen – Olive Branch; KI5VGO, Ronald – Columbus; KI5VKI, Thomas – Bay Saint Louis, and WB5YKM, Charlie – Vicksburg.

Remember when new ARRL members join through their affiliated club, then the club will receive a commission of \$15. Also \$2 for current members that renew through their club. See 'ARRL Club Commission Reconciliation Form' on the ARRL Website.

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

HF Net Reports

K5TAL 80M Net 4/78/0 (WV5Q)

Magnolia Section Net 31/1158/2 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/12/0 (WF5F)

Pine Belt ARC 10M Net 5/42/0 (KD5XG)

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

Capital Area Emergency Net 5/65/0 K5XU)

Central Mississippi ARES Training Net 4/99/0 – joint net traffic count (KG5SQZ)

DeSoto County Training and Information 5/77/0 (KF5WVJ)

Forrest County ARES Net 2/14/0 (N5AAS)

George County ARES Net 4/41/0 (KF5TJU)

Jackson County ARES 4/102/1 (K9EYZ)

JARC Emergency Net 5/38/0 (K5XU)

Lowndes County ARC 5/46/0 (K5TCO)

Marion County ARES 4/22/0 (AF5NG)

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

Meridian ARC Em Net ?/23/0 (KB5SZJ)

Mississippi Coast ARA 5/137/0 (AB5FU)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn 5/68/0 (W5BAQ)

Pine Belt ARC 2M Net 5/72/0 (KD5XG)

Pine Belt ARC Simplex Net 1/10/0 (KD5XG)

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 5/90/0 (KA5ICO)

Vicksburg ARC/MLEN 5/82/0 (KG5YEE)

Walthall County ARES 3/51/0 (AE5FK)

Yalobusha County ARES ?/120/0 (KD5NDU)

Digital Net Reports

Central Mississippi ARES Digital Net 5/25/30 (KI5JCL)

Central Mississippi WL2K Net - QNI 14 (KI5JCL)

Traffic: WV5Q 103 and W5XX 3

PSHR: WV5Q 143 and W5XX 78