

Mississippi Section Report for November 2022

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Hamfest Chairman K2PKW reports that the Jackson County ARA hosted The JCARA 2022 Hamfest on November 11 and 12, 2022 at the St Martin Community Center in Ocean Springs. Approximately 150 visitors attended and investigated the well-stocked tables looking for that got-to-have amateur radio item at an incredible rock bottom amazing price. For those with a more technical appetite, the JCARA Hamfest offered 5 Forums, which were well received. Presenters included:

K9EYZ on-NBEMS (Narrow Band Emergency Messaging Services) and WinLink (Global Radio Email); WF5W on Raspberry Pi, LINUX and PAT WinLink and 3D printing, Fabrication and Amateur Radio; and N5MES on Grounding and Bonding, Batteries, and DC Power.

JARC Club President AK5J reports that plans are well under way for the Capital City Hamfest scheduled for January 27 and 28, 2023, at the new Trade Mart in Jackson. The hours on Friday are 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm and on Saturday 8:00 am until 3:00 pm. Several dealers will be present. ARRL representatives will also be present. The following Forums are scheduled: DX on Friday night, ARES and ARRL on Saturday morning, and Sideband Nets on Saturday afternoon. VE testing will be Saturday at 8:00 am. Table reservations are running well ahead of last year. Table reservations may be made online at hamfest.msham.org. For further information email: hamfest@msham.org.

KD4VVZ reports from Lucedale that the George County ARES was asked by the Lucedale Police Department to help them with Christmas Parade 2022. With over 30 barricades in place and several other streets having traffic rerouted and about 150 vehicles in the parade itself, law enforcement along with the GC ARES team had their hands full. Some Hams were working directly with law enforcement while other Hams were at times working barricades and routing traffic by themselves. Challenges, stress, and danger at times were definitely present throughout the event with upset drivers not being able to go the direction they wanted, out of town visitors lost trying to get out of town, and many drivers going around the barricades and against directions causing danger to the pedestrians and parade participants.

At the end of the night there were no reported injuries, lost children, or accidents and most people had a good time with positive things to say. This event gave Ham Radio a great publicity opportunity and with the GC ARES vests that our team wore, the GC ARES Ham team were noticed. The police officer KD4VVZ was paired with was a Ham operator from Jackson County along with her husband, and she was pleased to see Hams helping. There was a man with his family which I spoke to for a while that said he had always wanted to be a Ham. I gave him information and hopefully we will have future contact with him. You never know where or who will notice us as Hams or who we will attract to the hobby.

KF7DLW reports that the Pine Belt ARC and SE District ARES provided communications for the Hobble then Gobble 5-mile run / 2 mile walk in Lamar County Thanksgiving morning. Over 150 runners and walkers were in the race and the proceeds went to support programs for the intellectually and developmentally disabled. Five radio operators worked the event: KI5YOI, KF7DLW, KM0I, WB5TJK, and KG5DKG. The event went for about 2 hrs. KM0I was the overall coordinator for the event.

Project Chairman KG5YEE advises that the Vicksburg ARC provided radio communications and turning directions for the 4th annual Reindeer Run 5K held on the first Saturday of December winding through the streets of downtown Vicksburg. This is always a fun event with some runners and walkers dressing in Christmas attire and walking their dogs, who are also in Christmas outfits. This is a major fund-raising event benefiting Paws Rescue Vicksburg. Participating radio operators were: KG5OVR, KG5YEE, KC5GIB, AF5OQ, KC5IBO, N5JGK, KC5VTN, WB5WBF, W5WAF, K5VXV, W5SFL and K5IMT.

AG5ND reports that the Magnolia ARC held a Breakfast Meeting on November 12 in front of the home of N5OMK. Pancakes sausage, bacon, grit, omelets, fruit salad, coffee, orange juice, etc. were served on tables on the sidewalk. Photo will be on the Section Website at www.arrlmiss.org.

Time to renew your license? Since last April this has become a very complicated process. Checkout the tutorial by W0IS on the following link if you want to see how complicated this can be:

<https://w0is.com/LicenseRenewal/FCCRenewalInstructions.htm>

If you don't want to go this route, let the ARRL do it for you as a free membership benefit!!!

Was your Club Record updated by December 1? If so, door prizes are coming. Not a bad return for 15 minutes of work. The following Clubs can look for a 2023 ARRL six volume Handbook in their mailboxes very shortly:

599 DX Association
ARC of Amite County
Chickasaw ARA
DX Hogs
Jackson ARC
Marion County Radio Club
Magnolia DX Association
Ole Miss ARC
Olive Branch ARC
Pinebelt ARC
Sundancer Solar ARC
Vicksburg ARC

Your Club not listed? Check with your 2022 Club President or Secretary. Maybe there is an error.

And looking forward to 2023. Welcome to the following 2023 Club Officers:

Chickasaw ARA: KF8PD (President), KF5WVJ (VP), KE5OPL (Sec), KD4PJN (Treasurer), KE5RHM (Board Member)

Jackson ARC: AK5J (President), K5KKD (VP), K5XU (Sec), K5MLM (Treasurer)

Jackson County ARC: WG5GK (President), W5DDX (VP), W5SMN (Sec), N5MES (Treasurer), N2PFW (Past Pres)

Mississippi Coast ARA: W5SOF (President), W5JGW (VP), KG5UN (Sec), AG5ZH (Treasurer), WA5FFL (Activity Chairman), KF5BA (Past Pres)

MSU ARC: K4MAG (President), KG5XR (VP), K4PHY (Sec), N4OGW (Treasurer/Trustee)

Rankin County ARC: W5SSJ (President), K0UPW (VP), KI5TRX (S/T), and Directors: KI5JCL, K4UNK, WM5A, KI5OTA, K5FIT.

Scott County ARC: N5KAH (President), N5RB (Sec), K5ERB (Treasurer)

Sundancer Solar ARC: KA5ICO (Pres), W5FGH (VP), KA5DHO (S/T)

Tupelo ARC: KB5YJG (President), W5BAQ (Treasurer)

Vicksburg ARC: AF5OQ (President), W5VMS (VP), KG5OVR (S/T)

Club Members, get behind these guys to have a successful year!!!!

More info for 2023. Do your incoming club officers need an opportunity for training? The ARRL is now completing a club development online seminar series to provide this training. The new webinar series will include live Q&A. During the initial presentation the webinars will be recorded and then be made available to ARRL members through the ARRL Learning Center.

The purpose of this program is to offer a series of short webinars that offer training for the skills needed to build and run a successful club. Topics will include leadership, effective club meetings, activities, finance, administration, and recruiting. Envisioned is a series of 10 or more webinars, all lasting from 20 to 30 minutes. Look for these webinars to be available in late January 2023.

Still having password problems with the overhauled ARRL website? Contact Member Services at 1-860-594-0200. They are eager to help and can fix it quick!

From EC Monthly Reports from around the state ...

DEC KF7DLW reports from Hattiesburg that at 5:30 PM on November 29 severe weather conditions entered the area. Reports indicated that a tornado was on the ground in Bassfield traveling east towards Seminary and Collins. The ARES Net was activated by KF7DLW at 5:30 PM as a Stage 2 event on the Hattiesburg repeater 146.775. No reports or traffic were reported but relays of storm track towards warning areas were reported during the net. Stations that checked in were: KF7DLW, AG5Z, KD5XG, KF5JKA, KA3HLT, WB5KXT, KI5TMR, KMOI, KK4TXB.

At the 6:10 the SEVERE threat left the area and was downgraded to a Stage 1 event. The net continued to monitor for traffic and relays.

Then on Nov 30th storms came into the area once more at 2:30 AM. A tornado warning went into effect for Columbia and surrounding counties, and the tornado traveled east towards Lamar and Forrest counties. A stage 2 ARES net was activated by Forrest County EC N5AAS on the 146.775 repeater when the NWS broadcast a report of a tornado on the ground with 1/4-inch hail. The tornado forecast path put it near the net control station, so KF7DLW took over the net so the NCS could secure in his safe room, if needed. No other reports or messages were passed but monitoring and reporting of storm paths continued with no damages reported. Stations checking in were: N5AAS, KF7DLW, K5TLL, AG5Z, K5LVL, KC3HLT. The net closed at 3:40 AM when the severe weather left the area.

KB5SZJ reports from Lauderdale County that activity at local hospitals is increasing. Charlie believes that soon they should have both locations in Meridian back on the air. ARES is also making progress with the new repeater site in Quitman and should have a VHF system on there soon. ARES will also have a meeting with the owners of another site in Collinsville in the coming weeks and hope to have another VHF repeater back on the air. If all goes well at the meeting, then the repeater operated by the late K5LOM should be turned back on for use in the area. In other news, Charlie has been working with a team in Clarke County and hope to have some new ARES members there and active again.

Oktibbeha County EC AG5ND reports that he met with the Oktibbeha County EMA Director. She has assigned an emergency radio room for ARES. One HF and one VHF radio are in place. Antennas are in place. Two hams have volunteered to assist: N5MPC (retired police officer) and AD5HM (US Marshall Service). Both have extensive Ham experience and have agreed to take FEMA ICS-100c training. So, ARES things are underway.

AEC KD5NDU reports from Yalobusha County that our Facebook group page has grown to 213 members. This page was made so ARES could interact with the public during Skywarn events and could get the word out about our ARES group to let the public know what ARES is and what

we do for the public. During our last Skywarn event we reached out to the public and ask them for any weather reports. As a result, several reports were received from different areas. We relayed the reports to the National Weather Service in Memphis and to the North Mississippi Storm Chasers and Spotters that work with our local TV station.

ARES has also setup an ALLSTAR node so we can talk directly to the Memphis National Weather Service's ALLSTAR 41907. We have been lucky to not have had any real severe weather recently. But with help from public, the ARES Facebook page, and the Ham Radio operators on the net, we are ready for it.

KI5SAG reports from Winston County that she met with Robert Hutto, fire chief in Louisville. They discussed possibilities for a repeater in Louisville. The Winston County ARES Group can now meet at Fire Station 1 for training. Mr. Hutto is also working with KI5SAG to organize CERT training for our group.

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

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- New Year's Eve On-the- Air Party, Dec 31, POC: W5XX
- EMCOMM Checkin on 3862, 6PM, January 5 (1st Thursday Each Month)
- Capital City Hamfest. Jan 28-29, Trade Mart, POC: ak5j@arrl.net
- 2023 Mississippi QSO Party, April 1-2, 2023, POC: W5XX
- April Fool's Hamfest, April 1-2, Corinth, POC: WB5CON
- Field Day, June 24-25, see June 2023 QST for announcement

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

Welcome to the following new Amateurs in Mississippi in November: KI5YSR, Clark - Kiln; KI5YTQ, James – Lucedale; KI5YTR, James – Lucedale; KI5YTT, Richard – Pearl; KI5YUD, Garet – Moss Point; KI5YUX, Gregg – Pearl; KI5YVH, Malcolm – Decatur; KI5YWP, Robert – Oxford; KI5YWQ, Larry – Shaw; and KI5YXX, Edward – Moss Point.

What to do with this list? Club Officers and members, if you see a local on this list that you are not familiar with, locate and ask them to visit your next club meeting. Ask them if they need help getting on the air.

Welcome to the following new ARRL members in November: KI5JXC, Carl – Pass Christian; KG5KSA, Mike – Ocean Springs; and K7ZAA, Robert – Long Beach.

Remember, if a new member signs up through a club, the club gets a rebate of \$15 for new members and \$5 for a current member renewal.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KE4HEK, Jack – Stonewall. KE5PYL, Charles - Vicksburg; KI5YKB, Charles – De Kalb.

Regret to report the passing of:

K5YG of Ocean Springs. Bill spent 60+ years chasing DX, Contesting, and activating IOTA's and Grids. His total DXCC Mixed was 349 confirmed along with achieving #1 Honor Roll status. K5YG was active from 160m up to 1.2 Ghz. Starting as an SWL in 1955 he then became KN2MHJ in New Jersey. He later operated as KR6IG in Okinawa and HC5MWT in Ecuador. His most exotic expedition was to EL58 at the Head of Passes in 2009 and 2013. This grid is nothing more than some sand but is one of the rarest USA Grids.

SEC/DEC Reports for November 2022: KC5IMN (SEC), KF7DLW (SE MS), KD4VVZ (Gulf Coast), and KB0ZTX (NW MS).

EC Reports for November 2022: AE5FK (Walthall), KF5IAY (Carroll), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), AD7KJ (Franklin), N5MIS (Pontotoc), AG5ND (Oktibbeha), KD5NDU (AEC) (Yalobusha), AF5NG (Marion), KI5SAG (Winston), KG5SQZ (Hinds), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), KG5TTU (Tate), N5UDK (Stone), KD4VVZ (George/Greene), KF5WVJ (DeSoto). KB5ZEA (Attala), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

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

HF Net Reports

Magnolia Section Net 30/1055/8 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 3/9/0 (WF5F)

PBARC 10M Net 4/36/0 (KD5XG)

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

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

Central Mississippi ARES Training Net 4/113/0 – joint net count (KG5SQZ)

Delta ARA EM Net? /188/0 (KF5IAY)

DeSoto County Training and Information 4/71/0 (KF5WVJ)

George County ARES Net 4/63/0 (KF5TJO)

Jackson Area EM Net 4/33/0 (K5XU)

Lowndes County ARC 5/71/0 (K5TCO)

Marion County ARES 4/31/0 (AF5NG)

Marshall County 4/4/0 (KB0ZTX) - Trains with DeSoto ARA Net

Meridian ARC EM Net 4/23/0 (KB5SZJ)

Mississippi State ARC 4/99/0 (K4MAG)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn 4/51/0 (W5BAQ)

PBARC 2M Net 4/55/3 (KD5XG)

PBARC 2M Simplex Net 1/10/0 (KD5XG)

Pontotoc ARES Skywarn WX Net 4/44/0 (N5MIS)

Stone County ARES 2/18/0 (N5UDK)

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

Tate County ARES 4/71/0 (KG5TTU)

Vicksburg ARC/MLEN 5/112/0 (KG5YEE)

Walthall County ARES 3/35//0 (AE5FK)

Yalobusha County ARES 29/737/0 (KD5NDU)

Digital Net Reports

Central Mississippi ARES Digital Net 4/23/18 (KI5JCL)

Traffic: WV5Q 27 and W5XX 2

PSHR: WV5Q 87 and W5XX 70