

Mississippi Section Report for September 2019

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Mississippi Hams have two big events on the Calendar for October. The first is the ARRL Day in the Park on October 19 at the American Legion Hall in Gautier hosted by American Legion Post 1992 and the Jackson County ARC. POC is ka5don@arrl.net. Complete details are on the Section web site at www.arrlmiss.org.

The second event is Papa Jack's Trade Day on October 26 at the Tupelo Airport hosted by the Tupelo ARC. See tupeloarc.org. POCs: wa5tef@arrl.net and k5tmn@arrl.net.

Yalobusha County AEC KB5NDU reports that the Water Valley repeater antenna suffered wind damage in August. This was a Diamond antenna base station antenna. The antenna was replaced with a Sinclair 224. Now the Water Valley repeater has a commercial antenna for more reliability in bad weather

New Scott County EC K1REZ is taking this opportunity to get ARES members on board with the new ARRL ARES requirements and how to utilize the new member Task Book.

Lauderdale County EC KB5SZJ notes that ARES is working on a Winlink system for their EOC in Meridian to help provide radio and Internet services in times of need.

September was public event support month for Hams in Mississippi. Harrison County AEC K5CRJ reports that the Mississippi Coast Amateur Radio Association provided public service support for the 'Walks Mississippi' 5K Diabetes Walk on September 14 th at Jones Park in Gulfport. Hams were stationed at water and rest station check points as well as one Ham roving on a bicycle. The Hams were able to let the walk director know when the last walkers had passed the check points in order to secure the rest stops in a timely manner. The MCARA folks enjoyed the opportunity to provide this service and look forward to additional events. The following participated: KF5BA , KE6DTL, N5AHM, W4WLF, W5SOF, KJ4NJT, W5GS, K5CRJ, AE5MU and W5JGW.

K5GCY reports notes that the Jackson ARC and the Vicksburg ARC provided communications for the Cyclist Curing Cancer 100-mile Bike Ride from Clinton to Port Gibson and return on September 7. The following Hams supported this effort: K5GCY, AE5SK, KD5DHR, K5VXV, AF5OQ, W5GLA, KG5YEE, KG5OVR, and N5JGK. Their help was deeply appreciated.

KD5DHR advises that the Vicksburg ARC provided communication and safety assistance for the 10 th Annual Bricks and Spokes bike ride in Vicksburg. The course was not well marked, and Hams were instrumental in keeping the riders headed in the right direction. Participants included KC5GHU (chairman), KK5ED, N5JGK, K5VXV, KG5YEE, KG5OVR, W5DRF, KC5GIB, K5IMT, and KD5DHR.

Walthall County EC AE5FK and Franklin County EC AD7KJ report that ARES provided Communications for the Breast Cancer 5 K Walk-Run in McComb

KD5DHR notes that the Vicksburg ARC completed a Technician classroom training class on October 3 and was followed by an open VE session on October 10 at the Warren County EOC. Potential Technician students should contact Jerry, KD5DHR@yahoo.com for information regarding future training and VE sessions.

Walthall County EC AE5FK advises that one test session was held in September with one new Tech and one upgrade to General.

And on your long-range calendar pencil in the Jackson County Hamfest in Ocean Springs on November 15-16 and the Capital City Hamfest in Jackson on January 24-25.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades in September: KI5GDI, Thomas – Raleigh; KI5GDY, Levi – Vardaman; KI5GDZ, Jonathan – Vardaman; KI5GET, Kenneth – Southaven; KD5GIF, William – Columbus; KI5GIK, Charles – Summit; KI0IBF, Carl – Gulfport; KG5SEN, John – Aberdeen, and KG5UBX, Louis - Long Beach.

Also, congratulations to ADEC K9EYZ, who successfully completed ARRL Emergency Communications Course EC-001.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in September: KI5GIG, Mark – Caledonia; KI5GLF, Christopher – Cleveland; KI5GLG, Gunnar – Cleveland; KI5GNR, Howard – Carriere; KI5GOV, Stephen – Petal; and KI5GOX, Michael – Columbus.

Also, welcome to the following new ARRL Members in September: N5AAS, Robert – Hattiesburg; KE5FFX, David – Senatobia; KI5GDJ, Ron – Byram; KG5NPR, George – Brandon; KD5UUV, Dale – Picayune; KG5YKZ, Daniel – Louisville; and KG5YTV, Michael – Oxford. As of September 30, ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 975. Down 1 from last month.

And lastly, but not least, welcome to K1REZ as EC for Scott County and KF5VVU and W5MSV as AECs, and welcome to KG5IVL as EC for Lee County. Former EC WA5TEF has retired. Thanks for your efforts, Jim!

SEC/ASEC/DEC Reports for September 2019: KC5IMN (SEC), K1REZ (ADEC – Training), AD5PO (NE MS), and N5ZNT (SW MS),

EC Reports for September 2019: AE5FK (Walthall), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), N5KDA (Adams), AD7KJ (Franklin), AF5NG (Marion), KD5NDU (AEC) (Yalobusha), AD5PO (Tishomingo), AA5SG (Jones/Wayne), AE5SK (AEC)(Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin), K1REZ (Scott), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), KF5TEX (Forrest), KG5WJM (Jasper), W4WLF (Harrison), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), N5ZNT (Lincoln/Wilkinson), and KB5ZEA (Attala).

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

HF Net Reports

Hattiesburg ARC 10M Net 5/44/0 (KD5XG)

K5TAL American Legion Net 4/59/0 (WV5Q)

K5TAL Digital Voice Net 4/47/0 (WV5Q)

Magnolia Section Net 30/1013/7 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 5/23/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 30/2323/17 (W5JGW)

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

Adams County ARES 4/53/0 (N5KDA and WA5CAM)

Capital Area Emergency Net 4/41/0 (K5XU)

DeSoto County Training and Information Net 5/120/0 (KF5WVJ)

Forrest/Perry Counties ARES 2/22/0 (KF7TEX)

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

Hattiesburg 2M Simplex Net 1/13/0 (KD5XG)

Jackson ARC Emergency Net 2/20/0 (K5XU)

Jasper County ARES Net 4/35/0 KG5WJM)

Jones/Wayne Counties ARES 5/62/0 (AA5SG)

Lowndes County ARES 4/64/0 (KF5AZ)

Madison County ARES 4/23/0 (W5DIX)

Marion County ARES Net 5/30/0 (AF5NG)

Mississippi Coast ARES, Weather, and Tech Net 4/70/0 (W4WLF and K5CRJ)

Meridian Area Emergency Net 4/52/0 (KB5SZJ and KF5ETN)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 1/12/0 (AE5SK)

MSU ARC 5/182/0 (N5OMK)

Scott County ARES Training Net 5/14/0 (K1REZ)

Southwest MS ARES Team 4/18/0 (N5ZNT)

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 5/71/0 (KA5ICO)

Tishomingo County ARES 4/48/0 (AD5PO)

Vicksburg ARC MLEN Net 5/155/0 (KD5DHR)

Vicksburg ARC UHF Net 1/11/0 (KD5DHR)

Walthall County ARES Net 2/16/0 (AE5FK)

Yalobusha County ARES 2/5/0 (KD5NDU) One Skywarn Operation

Traffic: K5LAM 463 KA5DON 36, KG5FRZ 5, W5XX 2

Digital Net Reports

EMTARG 753 (WB5AKR)

NMEMS 5/56/17 (W5DIX)

PSHR: KA5DON: 96, W5XX 77