

Mississippi Section Report for September 2022

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Have you been counting on having a 2023 ARRL Handbook as a door prize for a 2023 Club Meeting? Easy enough to do. Just make sure your club has an updated Club Record as of December 1 and the Handbook will be in your mailbox shortly thereafter. As of October 1, the following clubs are up to date:

Amite County ARC
Chickasaw ARA
Jackson ARC
Magnolia DX Club
Ole Miss ARC
Olive Branch ARC
Vicksburg ARC

Great, but if your club is not on the list above, check with your club officers to get them on the stick.

Be sure to check out page 30 of the October 2022 CQ for a write up on our own MFJ Enterprises. Congratulations to Martin and his staff for 50 years of innovation in the Ham Radio Community.

Club President AK5J reports that Hams from the Jackson Amateur Radio Club provided communications for the annual Walk for Diabetes in Jackson sponsored by the Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi. Hams were placed at all rest stops and reported on the status of the walk to net control and the director of the event. The Hams were able to help a mother who got separated from her young children. The Director of the Diabetes Foundation was very appreciative of the help provided and stated that the Hams always looked after the safety of the walkers. Hams participating were K5XU, K5KKD, K5CID, AC5Z and AK5J.

Upcoming event: On October 15th and 22nd, the Vicksburg Amateur Radio Club (VARC) and the Central Mississippi Amateur Radio Association (CMARA) will conduct a technician class training and licensing session for the Civil Air Patrol's Central Mississippi Squadron (Jackson, MS). This cooperative effort is intended as a pilot program (no pun intended) to advance interest in Amateur Radio and promote interest in public service, especially among youth members.

Amateur Radio operators have a long history of providing radio communication support to served agencies in both the government and private sectors in response to emergencies and disasters. A number of programs, including several sponsored by ARRL, facilitate cooperation between radio amateurs and supported agencies at both the national and local levels. If successful, it may become a model for other communities to follow. Coordinators for this effort

are KD5SBP and W5VMS. (as of this writing in early September, 17 students have signed up including 5 CAP Parents!)

A couple of years ago K5ATA was on the Faculty of Lafayette Middle School in Oxford. Now he is on the staff at ARRL Headquarters. Quite a change! W5XX sent him an email asking how he and the family had acclimated to the Yankee Environment and how the new job was coming. Here is his response.

"A big hello to Mississippi hams from the great northeast. I officially moved out of Mississippi in May to come to ARRL HQ. As many of you know, I left teaching after 21 years to become the Education and Learning Manager at ARRL last September. To say that things are different up here would be an understatement. One of the things that everyone knows about is the weather. We generally stay much cooler in the summer and gets colder faster. In fact, last month, when it was still getting into the mid-90s in Mississippi, I was driving to the office with the temperature in the 40s. Crazy I tell you. If you ever have the opportunity to come up this way, do it! The chance to get to operate the ARRL Flagship Station, W1AW, is worth the drive... but I caution you, bring your own Cajun seasoning. It seems folks up here don't understand how to season food properly. Oh, how I miss my Mississippi fried catfish.

Things are progressing well here in the Education and Learning Dept. We have expanded the number of ARRL Teachers Institutes. ARRL TI is a donor funded program to help train and equip teachers to take amateur radio to the classroom. I had great success doing this while at Lafayette Middle School in Oxford and believe the best way to engage more youth is through the school system. In fact, last summer, we had the pleasure of having a Mississippi teacher, Candice Purvis KD5VDV attend. Not only did Candice do a fabulous job in the course, but she also upgraded to a General class license. At the end of October, we will welcome three teachers from the Mississippi School for the Blind. I met with them earlier in the year, and they are interested in getting a club started there. It is good to know that great things are happening with amateur radio in Mississippi! I ask a couple things, please, help spread the word about the Teachers Institute. You can find more information at www.arrl.org/ti. Please, reach out to teachers and help them with their amateur radio projects in school. Teachers are busy, they appreciate the support. Trust me. And finally, if you have the means to help support my mission of getting amateur radio into more schools, donate to the Education and Technology Fund. Every little bit helps. www.arrl.org/donate. Donations to that fund are used solely to train and equip teachers. Thank you for being an ARRL member and thank you for being active in amateur radio. If there is anything I can do to help you with your programs, please reach out. K5ATA@arrl.org.

73, Steve Goodgame K5ATA"

Send Steve an email from Mississippi to keep him from getting homesick or overnight some catfish to him.

Looking for an online course in emergency communications, electronics and technology, getting on the air? Check out the ARRL Learning Center at learn.arrl.org (no it's not learn@arrl.org)

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!

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

- ARRL Day in the Park, Oct 15, McKee Park, Starkville, POC: K5BAK
- EMCOMM Checkin on 3862, 6PM, November 3 (1st Thursday Each Month)
- Jackson County Hamfest, Nov 11-12, POC: Charles.hardt@mgccc.edu
- New Year's Eve On-the-Air Party, POC: W5XX
- 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 September: KI5WZD, Richard – Gulfport; KI5WZY, Stephen – Ocean Springs; KI5YAG, April – Gulfport; KI5YDD, Janice – Peart; KI5YEE, Robert – Coldwater; KI5YFH, Michael – Fulton; KI5YFH, Brandon – Carrollton; KI5YHQ, Michael – Mc Henry; KI5YHR, Natasha – Perkinston; KI5YHS, Anita – Wiggins; KI5YHJ, Sidney – Wiggins; N5RWM, Robert – Brookhaven.

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 AG5ND as EC for Oktibbeha County and KI5JTR as OES.

Welcome to the following new ARRL members in September: KA0BIF, Carl – Gulfport; AI5CY, Jonathan – Tupelo; KJ5ET, Scott – Brandon; KG5FYS, Donald – Hattiesburg; KA5NOM, Edgar – Como; N5RWM, Robert – Brookhaven; KI5PCG, Daniel – Corinth; KE5TES, Walter – Bogue Chito; KI5TRX, Marsha – Brandon; KI5WSO, Robert – Olive Branch; KI5WQA, Fred - Olive Branch;

The ARRL Membership in Mississippi as of October 1 is 989, up from 8 compared with August. 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: KF5GGX, Joseph – Hattiesburg; KF5IGU, Matthew – Hattiesburg; KI5OWW, John - Lucedale; KI5SNQ, James – Mc Henry; KI5TBQ – Ricky – Collins; and KI5WQT, Donna – Brandon.

Regret to report the passing of:

KE5JKD of Crystal Springs. Ben was a retired Army vet having served in Viet Nam. Later after working for several years for various accounting firms in the Jackson area, Ben retired from the Mississippi Department of Revenue as a tax auditor. Ben was very active in his church and was a key member of the Jackson ARC that hosted the annual Capitol City Hamfest where he handled all of the finances and table assignments.

WA5ZDD of Vicksburg. Lucius served in the Signal Corps during WWII after which he returned to Mississippi to begin law practice in 1949. He again served in the military assigned to the Corps of Engineers during the Korean conflict after which he was recognized by the Society of Military Engineers. Among Lucius many activities besides Ham Radio, he taught Law at Mississippi College and taught the Men's Bible Class at Gibson Memorial Methodist Church in Vicksburg for over 50 years which was broadcast over WQBC.

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

HF Net Reports

Magnolia Section Net 30/1157/11 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/10/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 30/2226/5 (W5JGW)

PBARC 10M Net 4/32/0 (KD5XG)

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

Capital Area EM Net 4/47/0 (K5XU)

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

Lowndes County ARC 4/55/0 (K5TCO)

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

Mississippi Coast ARA 4/118/0 (W5JGW)

Mississippi State ARC 4/98/1 (K4MAG)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn 4/63/0 (W5BAQ)

PBARC 2M Net 4/47/3 (KD5XG)

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

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 4/73/0 (KA5ICO)

Vicksburg ARC/MLEN 4/92/0 (KG5YEE)

Digital Net Reports

Central Mississippi ARES Digital Net 3/17/14 (KI5JCL)

Central Mississippi WL2K Net - QNI 17 (KI5JCL)

Traffic: WV5Q 107 and W5XX 2

PSHR: WV5Q 167 and W5XX 73