

Mississippi Section Report for February 2024

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Mississippi Hams will be really busy the first weekend in April. On Saturday we have the twenty-second running of the Mississippi QSO Party and then on Monday the eclipse.

As we go through the peak of Cycle 25 Hams from all over will be looking for Mississippi QSOs on 10 and 15 during the MSQP to complete their 5BWAS. Plus, we will have our normal Mississippi QSO Chasers looking for rare counties and making contacts for the State QSO Party Challenge. Complete rules are posted on www.arrlmiss.org. Please advise W5XX as soon as possible regarding your anticipated activity, especially if you are planning a mobile or portable operation.

After you have had a day of rest on Sunday after the QSO party, it's time for the eclipse on Monday. Mississippi should see 89% overage over most of the state. The eclipse should begin at 12:13 PM CDST and peak at 1:32 PM and then end at 3:12 PM for Jackson. The rest of the state should be very close to these times.

This will be a rare opportunity to experience night time conditions on 169-80-40-AM Broadcast during the middle of the day. Send W5XX a summary of your experience.

Hamfest Chairman AK5J reports that the 2024 Capital City Hamfest was a huge success. The sponsor, the Jackson Amateur Radio Club, would like to thank all who participated and worked to help make this event happen. JARC was able to meet its budget for the Hamfest and is looking forward to preparing for the 2025 Capital City Hamfest to be held on Friday and Saturday, January 31 and February 1, 2025, at the Trade Mart in Jackson. The staff at the Trade Mart have always been very accommodating and helpful to those working on the Hamfest. JARC is always looking for ways to improve the Hamfest and would welcome any comments which may be sent to ak5j@arrl.net

Virginia expat KC5QCN advises from the Arlington Desk that one hundred years ago on February 7, 1924, the Vicksburg Evening Post reported that Meridith Schlapp (no call listed) was the first Ham in Vicksburg. Wow! Does anyone know his call? Was he the first Ham in Mississippi? Let W5XX hear from you at w5xx@cablelync.com

K1REZ reports from Pelahatchie that The Mississippi Chapter of Ten-Ten International is official. The chapter is now listed on their Chapter webpage: <https://ten-ten.org/chapters/ten-ten-chapters>. The weekly Net is also now listed on their Chapter Nets webpage: <https://ten-ten.org/chapters/chapter-nets>

Project Chairman KG5YEE reports that on March 2, the Vicksburg Amateur Radio Club handled communications for the 45th annual Run Thru History, a 5K Walk/10K Run through the Vicksburg National Military Park. The morning started with almost zero visibility fog

conditions, but the sun started peeking out about the time the race ended. There was also a 1 mile 'fun run' for kids 10 and under. Radio operators who assisted were: KG5YEE, KG5OVR, W5VMS, AF5OQ, KC5IBO, W5WAF, K5IMT, KC5VTN, N5JGK, KI5ZNE, K5VXV, W5SFL, AG5KI, N5KWT, and N5ZNN. Running in the race with his radio was KC5QCN, who has participated in all 45 years of the race.

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

- Bi-State Hurricane Simulation, March 23, POC: AB6Z
- EMCOMM Checkin on 3862, 6:00 PM, April 4 (1st Thursday Each Month)
- Mississippi QSO Party, April 6-7, www.arrlmiss.org for rules POC: W5XX
- Eclipse, April 8, Starts at 12:13 PM CDST. Be prepared!
- ARRL Field Day, June 28-29, see arrl.org or QST for rules.
- SET, August 10, Wildfire-Heatwave. POC: KC5IMN
- Capital City Hamfest, Trademart, January 31-February 1, 2025

Welcome to the following new Amateurs in Mississippi in February: KJ5EGU, Joel – Hernando; KJ5EHT, Basil – Gulfport; KJ5EIC, Jonathan – Tishomingo; KJ5EIR, Michael – Osyka; KJ5EIW, Larry- Brandon; KJ5EMC, Gerald – Ridgeland; KJ5ENL, Kevin – Biloxi; KJ5EOF, Bobby – Morgan City; KJ5EOU, Jimmy – Pearl; KJ5EPT, Edwin – Columbus; KJ5EPU, Kendrick – Meridian; KJ5EQH, Joshua – Crawford; KJ5EQN, Matthew – Bay Saint Louis; KI5EQU, Matthew – Walnut; KJ5EQX, Sandra – Petal; KJ5ESE, Bohumir – Starkville; KJ5ESL, Clifton – Grenada.

Keep up the good work Elmers and VE Teams!

Welcome to the following new ARRL members in February 2024: KJ5ESL, Clifton - Grenada; KD5NHJ, Shelia – Jackson; WA5TMC, Karl – Ripley. Karl is a former Delta Division Director.

ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 976 as of March 1. Down 14 from February 1.

Welcome to KG5OVS as EC for Leake County.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades in February: KJ5CFY, Jay – Hernando; KJ5EDR, James – Hattiesburg; KJ5EIR, Michael – Osyka; KB5FOX, George – Pachuta; KE5JHL, Andrew – Vicksburg; N5MIS, Joe – Pontotoc; KJ5MPF, Ross – Long Beach; KI5OAC, Timothy – Long Beach; KI5PVX, Douglas – Braxton; KG5QXS, Eldon – Brandon; KB5SMK, Paul – Brandon; KI5ZCC, Branton - Pearl; KI5ZRU, Charles – Brandon;

... and if you haven't passed your Extra yet ... keep studying!

Club Newsletters (Editor): the Meridian ARC Spark Gap (W5MAV) and the Mississippi Coast ARA Splatter (N5OCT).

Regret to report the passing of:

AA5SK of Gulfport. Sam was retired from the Navy Seebecs after many overseas tours of duty including Viet Nam, the Pacific, the Caribbean, and Europe. After retirement he was an instructor of multiple trades at Jefferson Davis Community College and also served as Director of the Evening College.

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

Magnolia Section Net 29/1313/7 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/13/0 (WF5F) Sunday, 7263 at 4PM

MSPN 29/2658/15 (W5JGW)

Pine Belt ARC 10M Net 4/24/0 (K5TLL)

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

Capital Area Em Net 4/42/0 (K5XU)

Calhoun/Chickasaw ARES Net 4/57/0 (KA5ICO)

Jackson ARC Net 3/28/0 (K5XU)

Lowndes County ARC 4/44/0 (K5TCO)

Mississippi Coast ARA 4/108/0 (W5JGW)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn 4/58/0 (W5BAQ)

Pine Belt ARC 2M Net 4/52/0 (K5TLL)

Pine Belt ARC 2M Simplex Net 1/9/0 (K5TLL)

Vicksburg ARC/MLEN 4/91/0 (KG5YEE)

Digital Net Reports

Central Mississippi ARES Digital Net 4/35/31 (KI5JCL)
(1 VHF net and 3 HF nets)

East MS EMCOMM Net 29/205/184 (K5TCO)

Traffic: WV5Q 126, AE5MI 26, and W5XX 10

PSHR: WV5Q 186 and W5XX 77