

2024 New Year's Eve Party

11 PM Local – 3862 KHZ

W5XX NCS/K5CUB Commentary

Special Guests

K5UZ – Delta Division Director Ed Hudgens – Delta Division Vice Director

Major Events

(February) The 2024 Capital City Hamfest and Mississippi ARRL Convention was held on February 2 and 3 at the new Trade Mart Building on the State Fairgrounds sponsored by the Jackson ARC. Hams from the Central Mississippi ARA, Vicksburg ARC, and Scott County ARC assisted with the event. More than 150 tables were reserved for vendors, and the flea market and a crowd of more than 750 attended the Hamfest.

AE5SK was in charge of the VE test session which resulted in two new Technicians, five either new or upgrades to General, and two upgrades to Extra.

Several informative Forums were presented including Get Smart at the Public Library with Amateur Radio by K4FMH, Civil Air Patrol Capabilities by W5VMS, ARES by KC5IMN, ARRL by K5UZ, WB4RHQ and W5XX, RACES by K5FIT, and the Mississippi Section Nets by W5JGW and KA5ICO.

(April) Mississippi Hams were really busy the first weekend in April. On Saturday they had the twenty-second running of the Mississippi QSO Party. After a day of rest on Sunday after the QSO party, it was time for the eclipse on Monday. Mississippi saw 89% coverage over most of the state. The eclipse began at 12:13 PM with a peak at 1:32 PM and then ended at 3:12 PM for Jackson. This was a rare opportunity to experience night time conditions on 160-80-40 and stations on the AM Broadcast Band during the middle of the day.

W5VMS took members of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Vicksburg Composite Squadron to the Willow Beach Recreation Area near Little Rock to observe the solar eclipse and participate in the National CAP Solar Eclipse Mission

(April) MFJ announced it would stop production on May 17. MFJ was a worldwide distributor of many Ham Radio products for the past 50 plus years leaving behind a reputation of developing

innovative concepts and outstanding customer service which has surely reflected well on Mississippi. Hams could drop into MFJ at any time and receive a warm welcome. All of us have good memories of Martin and Staff hosting five on-site Open Houses as part of our ARRL Day in the Parks.

(April) The Mississippi QSO Party Desk reported that 249 logs were received by the April 30 submission date. Comments received indicate that conditions were not good for the third year in a row. In spite of going through the Solar Maximum, very few contacts were made on 10 and 15.

On the upside more and more Mississippi operators ventured out of their comfort zones to work the pileups on 20 and 40. Good training for Field Day. Many thanks to those who made the extra effort and operated portable or mobile to put some rare counties on the air: W4XK, W5NO (N5GD, WG5GK, and K5IJ ops), WQ5L, W5SGL, W5SMN, W5DUI, AB6Z, K5RFL, and KI5ZQZ,

(May) George County ARES hosted a program on radio communications and Amateur Radio for cadets of the Lucedale Civil Air Patrol Squadron. ARES was represented by KO5F, WA5MVG, KD1VVZ, and KD4VVZ presenting the main program. Discussion was had on the similarities of Ham Radio and the Civil Air Patrol regarding public service and as an auxiliary resource for served agencies. KO5F spoke on the aviation side of things such as GPS/APRS, vectoring, and VOR. KD1VVZ highlighted the importance of correct phonetics both in Ham Radio and the Civil Air Patrol. The Cadets were able to get hands on action by talking to several Hams around the state utilizing DMR technology, which the group found exciting. Thanks to N6PJW, NI5I, and K5YVA for speaking to the Cadets on the radio via DMR.

(May) K4FMH in Ridgeland reports that the Jackson ARC donated two 3D printers with a retail value of \$3,000 to the [Library System in Madison County](#)). Director Tammie Terry responded by saying; 'Thank you, Jackson Amateur Radio Club, for all you have done for our library system. We so appreciate you. Further, another \$2,000 donation of Amateur Radio books a few months ago is already in circulation.'

JARC President AK5J, added, "We enjoy our hobby a great deal, but public service and teaching the public about it is an integral part of our 75-year history here in the Jackson metropolitan area. We have worked out a formal partnership between our club and the Madison County Library System. We currently are making our next donation of material and equipment and STEM-oriented programming to Madison County's libraries. Our intent is to make this support an ongoing project of our club.'

(May) The 22nd Mississippi QSO Party is now history. The 249 logs submitted have been checked. 79 Mississippi Stations were on the air in 38 of Mississippi's 82 counties. Top scores were: Single Op Fixed – W5UE, Single Op Portable - WQ5L, Multi Op Fixed - W5YD, Multi Op Portable - W4XK, Single Op Mobile - K5RFL Most MS Counties Worked - W5NO and W5SGL with 22 counties worked.

Interest in FT4/FT8/RTTY continues to increase. Of the 42 Mississippi logs submitted 19 stations operated some digital and 7 of these were digital only

(June) Mississippi Hams charged off on June 24th for Field Day 2024. Records show that 14 clubs were in the field. The usual general consensus was that it was HOT, but band conditions seem to vary from site to site. Clubs on the air were:

Chickasaw ARA – K5K

George County ARES - KC5CWW

Olive Branch ARC – W5OBM

Meridian ARC – W5FQ

Ole Miss ARC – W5UMS

Jackson County ARC – N5OS

Central Mississippi ARC – K5XU

Pine Belt ARC – K5PN

Lowndes County ARC and Magnolia ARC – KC5ULN

Harrison County ARES – WX5HAR

Mississippi Coast ARA – W5SGL

Alcorn County ARES – W5AWP

Tupelo ARC – K5TUP

Northeast Mississippi Radio Amateurs – W5NEM

(June) KA5ICO has retired as Magnolia Net Manager due to physical considerations after 8 years on the job. Thanks, Bob! KF5BA has taken over the helm.

(August) The International Space Station visited Mississippi in August. On Thursday August 22, Bayou Academy in Cleveland hosted this historic event. This was a collaborative effort involving members from three Ham Clubs in the Golden Triangle with N4OGW, K4MAG, KG5XR, KI5YNG, KJ5HOU all from the MSU ARC, K5BAK, WT5A, K5MCB, KJ5HOC, AG5ND all from the Magnolia ARC, and KI5VGO from the Lowndes County ARC. The station was operated using W5YD with N4OGW as the control op and WT5A manning the backup station.

Amanda Mayo (science teacher at Bayou Academy) won the ISS lottery at the end of 2023 and received one of the slots for contacting the ISS. She did this with NO knowledge of Amateur

Radio, so she had to find some way to make this happen. Ms. Mayo got on Google, and according to her, she contacted every radio club she could find in the state, and Magnolia Club President K5BAK was the only club contact who replied. Doug told her "Sounds like fun, let's do it!", and from February to August Doug, with help, figured out how to coordinate the contact with the ISS. Untold hours were spent into prepping, phone calls, and in-person setups and finally dry runs at the school, which is a two-hour drive from Starkville.

The ISS contact went off without a hitch. The news media was there. It was live streamed on YouTube. The whole school was decorated with a space theme. The high school band played space music, including Star Wars and the theme from the movie Mars Attacks!

(August) ARRL Headquarters announced the following 2024 Mississippi Scholarship winners: K5JOZ of Petal, who was awarded the Magnolia DX Association Scholarship, and KI5HMH of Paris, who was awarded The Mississippi Scholarship sponsored by the W5CH estate.

(October) JARC President AK5J reports that the 2024 ARRL Day in the Park was held on Saturday, October 5 at Lake Trace Park on the Barnett Reservoir in Ridgeland. The host club was the Jackson ARC. Ridgeland Parks and Recreation allowed the use of their Recreation Center at the Park which turned out to be an excellent venue. There were approximately forty (40) in attendance which included hams from Jackson, Brandon, Madison, Ridgeland, Clinton, Vicksburg, Hattiesburg, Starkville, Magee, and other towns. After lunch W5XX gave an update on important ARRL matters followed by many door prizes. Everyone in attendance enjoyed a fun time of fellowship, food, and flea market activities, and also enjoyed the beautiful scenery and great weather.

(October) N5MIS reports from Pontotoc County that they had a get together at the Fly Wheel Festival in Houston in memory of Bobby Sanderson KA5ICO and found out that Bobby's son has gotten his Fathers callsign which was good news. Bennett, Bobby's son, is now KA5ICO and lives near Hattiesburg. We got to talk with Bennett, and he is planning on upgrading to a general license soon.

(October) AG5ND reports from Starkville. The 9th of November was a beautiful Saturday, a perfect day for driving around North Mississippi and making contacts on some new-to-you repeaters, and that is exactly what a lot of Hams did during the 2024 Repeater Roundup. The Roundup gave Hams the opportunity to program new repeaters into their radios, and meet some new Hams on repeaters that aren't near their home QTH. Assistant Section Manager K5BAK, had this to say about the event. "I enjoyed the repeater roundup very much. I found the instructions to be perfect; and the score/log sheet made working the contest a breeze. I believe it stirred up activity on all the repeaters, which made it a really fun time. Even people that I didn't know joined in on the fun, and many nice QSOs were had."

The repeaters in the Starkville area really "woke up" on the 9th, with many, many QSOs being heard after the 7 AM start time. AD5HM, had these thoughts on the Repeater Roundup. "I had a great time working multiple stations on various repeaters. I heard more than one Ham comment

that they, “didn’t realize I could hit this repeater” and there were many QSOs between Hams, who I have never met or had a QSO with before. I think I met maybe five new Hams during the event.”

AG5ND says the Roundup seemed to be a success, in that the stated goals for the event were met, which were to get more activity on the repeaters and introduce Hams to repeaters they don’t usually use,

Emergency Communications

(January) From Net Manager K5DDT in Columbus: What started out as a seasoned amateur radio operator teaching other operators digital modes evolved into the creation of the East Mississippi Emergency Comms Team (EMECT). This group has explored the digital world of FLDIGI, Winlink, Net40 and JS8Call learning the strengths and weaknesses of each application. In addition to learning the digital modes, this group receives a daily dose of training messages to promote the generating and passing of radiogram traffic. Their daily traffic includes local weather reports, solar reports and may include upcoming events, Net Control schedules, stories, or news articles.

(March) From Pearl River County, Emergency Coordinator AB6Z reports that on March 23, 2024 a Hurricane Simulation was conducted. The exercise began at 0900 hrs and ran until about 1600 hrs. The scenario was provided by the Pearl River County Emergency Management Director and former a FEMA employee. A timeline of events was developed that would enable each participating Emergency Coordinator to edit the timeline to include specific tasks for that county. Eight counties and parishes participated in the simulation. More than 100 properly formatted emergency messages were delivered to the various EOCs.

(April) Following a fun long weekend of the Mississippi QSO Party and the eclipse, Mother Nature sent a major storm along the Gulf Coast. Pearl River County Emergency Coordinator AB6Z reports that the PEARL LEAGUE (that is the Pearl River Emergency Amateur Radio League) was activated as the storm approached. During the storm event they were able to send multiple emergency messages to the EOC in Poplarville and also to adjacent counties and parishes including warning Hams in the Kiln area that tornados were heading in their direction before the National Weather Service was able to regain connectivity in order to issue a warning. PEARL ran on generators as they had no power until mid - afternoon. All communications equipment ran perfectly throughout the event.

(April) From Lauderdale County, EC KB5SZJ reports that on May 4th the Meridian ARC was invited to set up and display the basics of Ham Radio in the community in a booth at the Collinsville Day Event. They had a one table set up at the booth for making contacts on HF and had others making contacts from both mobile rigs and with handhelds. Further, ARRL information handouts were available and were provided to visitors to the booth.

(April) DeSoto County Emergency Coordinator KF5WVJ accompanied by KG5TTU, KI5HWA, and K9DSS set up their comm trailer for a day of Public Relations at Hernando Square for the Earth Day Celebration. They met and spoke with numerous Desoto County residents and County Supervisors about our function as ARES/ RACES Members and Ham Radio. They had a really large crowd again this year in spite of the early storms and showers.

(August) Section Emergency Coordinator KC5IMN reports that Mississippi ARES successfully conducted a comprehensive statewide exercise, "Wildfire Heatwave SET." The annual Section Emergency Test was designed to simulate and test emergency communications response capabilities in the face of severe environmental and infrastructure challenges.

There were multiple simulated emergency conditions including wildfires raging across the state, severe drought, disruptions to public safety and service communications infrastructure in affected areas, and significant potential damage to private and public property, including threats to firefighting personnel.

Both ARES members and non-member operators participated by providing simulated emergency communications support to public safety agencies and local and state governments. The exercise ran from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, on Saturday August 10 with operators engaging in various communication modes including HF, VHF, UHF, analog voice, SSB, and digital voice and data.

(September) From Section Emergency Coordinator KC5IMN: Hurricane Francine made landfall on the Louisiana Coast on the afternoon of September 11 and moved into Mississippi later that evening. Mississippi ARES activated at 5PM on 3862 supported by county ARES nets and DMR. ARES secured the next day at 11AM. Robert notes that "We had a huge positive showing of ARES team members checking into nets."

Public Service

(January) Project Chairman KG5YEE reports that the first "Laces for Love 5K/10K Race" was held in Vicksburg and sponsored as a fundraiser for the Vicksburg Junior Auxiliary. The Vicksburg Amateur Radio Club services were requested to help. The participants wound through streets of downtown Vicksburg and into a neighboring subdivision. About 150 registered for the event, but since it was pouring down rain, less than half showed up to race. Club members assisted with radio communications and included: KG5OVR, KG5YEE, N5JGK, KC5IBO, AF5OQ, N5ZNN, K5IMT, W5WAF, K5VXV, and W5SFL.

(March) KG5SQZ reports that 15 members of Central Mississippi ARES, under the direction of KJ5ET, supported the "Breaking the Loop Foot Race" at the Barnett Reservoir. Race officials and runners appreciated them being there and said they felt safer seeing the team on site being identified by their Emergency Communications vests. The team received a hearty round of cheers and applause when officials announced Ham Radio communications support for the event.

(March) 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 one 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.

(May) JARC President AK5J reports that Hams from the Jackson ARC and Central Mississippi ARA provided communications for the annual Natchez Trace Century Ride on May 4. There were almost 900 bike riders in this event. Hams were placed at all rest stops and turn around points and reported important information. Hams reported a rider who had fallen and several riders who had to stop for health reasons, one of whom was taken back to the finish line by AE5SK. Ridgeland Parks and Recreation, sponsor of the event, was very complimentary of the Hams and stated that the Hams always look after the safety of the riders. Hams participating were K5XU, K5KKD, K5FIT, AK5J, K4FMH, AC5Z, KJ5ET, KI5TRX, AE5SK, KI5UTO, and WM5A.

(May) Club Program Manager KG5YEE reports that on May 11 the Vicksburg ARC provided communications support for “Chillin’ in the Hills,” formerly held in January, but moved to May hoping for better weather and more participation. This 5K run/walk is a fund raiser for Grace Christian Counseling Center in Vicksburg, which is a non-profit service providing professional counseling with fee adjustments. The race wound through downtown Vicksburg and surrounding neighborhoods. Club members that participated were: KG5OVR, AF5OQ, KC5IBO, K5IMT, N5ZNN, W5VMS, N5JGK, KC5VTN, W5WAF, KG5YEE, and KI5RMN.

(August) JARC President AK5J reports that Hams from the Jackson Amateur Radio Club and the Vicksburg Amateur Radio Club assisted with communications for the “Soul City Cycling Summer Sizzler Bike Ride” on July 13. There were more than 200 bike riders in this event. Hams were placed at all rest stops and major intersections and gave progress reports and reported any problems. The event was very well organized and went very smoothly. The ride officials were very complimentary of the Hams, and the help they provided. Hams participating were K5XU, K5KKD, AK5J, N5KLT, AC5Z, W5VMS, AE5SK, KI5UTO and K5CID as well as several CAP Cadets from Vicksburg using GMRS radios.

October) From W5VMS. The Jackson ARC normally provides communication support for the annual “Jackson Walk for Diabetes.” However, a schedule change caused the event to run concurrently with the ARRL Day In the Park, also hosted by JARC. JARC President AK5J reached out to the Civil Air Patrol’s Vicksburg Squadron for help. Volunteer Service, one of CAP's core values. Members of both the Vicksburg and Jackson Squadrons provided communication support along the 3-mile trail at strategic locations normally manned by JARC. GMRS simplex radios were used to great effect, with no communication issues. The event took place over roughly a three-hour period, with over 150 walkers in attendance. Unfortunately, Mississippi leads the nation with diabetes. The walk helps educate and support those living with the disease and their families. Participants included adult members

KD5SBP, W5VMS, Caleb Roberts, and Chasty Stevens and nine Cadets. The CAP also assisted with location tear-down and packing. The squadrons expect to be invited back next year with possibly an expanded role.

(October) From Project Coordinator KG5YEE. On Saturday, October 12, Vicksburg Amateur Radio Club Members stationed themselves across the Mississippi River Bridge for the annual Over the River Run. The annual event is the main fund raiser for the Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation. It is a very popular 5-mile run/walk across the bridge, into Louisiana, and back across to end at the Mississippi Welcome Center. This Race consistently attracts many walkers and runners from across the region. Club members participating were: KG5YEE, KG5OVR, N5JGK, K5IMT, W5WAF, and AF5OQ, with KC5IBO acting as Net Control. In addition, KC5QCN and KI5OFV actually ran in the race with their HT radios. A beautiful sunny Fall morning just enhanced this event.

(October) From EC KG5SQZ in Hinds County. On October 23 and 24 the Central Mississippi Amateur Radio Association (CMARA) was the proud sponsor of the Pro Rodeo at the Crossroads of Life Church in Byrum. CMARA members set up and manned an information booth for the two-day event to recruit new members, showcase the various aspects of Amateur Radio, and generate interest in numerous ways Amateur Radio can be invaluable during times of disaster. A VE Test Session was also offered.

(December) From Project Coordinator KG5YEE. On December 7, the Vicksburg ARC provided radio communications as well as route turning directions for the annual Reindeer Run, a 5K walk/run, and a kid's fun run. This run is a fund raiser for PAWS Rescue in Vicksburg/Warren County. This event is a particular favorite of the club because the participants, as well as the dogs that accompany many of the racers, dress up in wacky holiday attire. The race began at Catfish Row and wound through the streets of downtown Vicksburg. The Hams participating this year were: KG5YEE, KG5OVR, KC5GIB, AF5OQ, KC5IBO, N5JGK, N5ZNN, W5WAF, and K5IMT. This race was an opportunity to try out the VARC "new" repeater installed at the Court House, which greatly improved reliable communications in downtown Vicksburg.

(December) KD4VVZ reports in from Lucedale that Christmas Parade 2024 turned out to be the largest float and vehicle entry in the history of Lucedale parades. Amateur Radio volunteers did a fantastic job communicating the float staging area and street barricade status, real time route status locating the front and end of the parade, as well as keeping a watchful eye on the pedestrian's safety. At each Ham's location the primary goal was safety for the parade attendees by watching for proper vehicle flow, answering questions from the public, helping direct traffic, and keeping folks lined up on the route free from dangers of the floats. All of the information was communicated and coordinated via Ham Radio providing valuable service to all those involved. Many Hams pulled double duty on the barricades moving from one position to a second just to make sure that ARES could cover all areas, Team members were on assignments from 3pm until 7:30pm, yes, a long day.

The Lucedale Rotary Club, who sponsors and is responsible for the parade, passed their deepest thanks for each volunteer that gave of their time. A Facebook post from the Lucedale Rotary recognized George County ARES and the Ham volunteers which can be viewed on their Facebook page. ARES participants were KC1FXA, WF5W, W5PYR, KG5VXY, N5MES,

KD4VVZ, KG5AZM, KG5AZL, KI5RGH, KI5QFE and NI5I which included Hams from George County and four surrounding counties.

Silent Keys

(February) K5FA of Leland (formerly K5AEU). Fred graduated from Notre Dame and then came back to Leland to operate the family furniture store for many years, On the balcony surrounding the showroom floor Fred had an extensive collection of vintage Ham equipment. Probably the best Ham Museum for many miles around. Fred was a great CW op and will be missed in the pileups.

(February) KD5JAQ of Natchez. Joy was the XYL of K5SVC and in addition to her Ham Radio activities was an avid gardener and animal activist.

(March) AA5SK of Gulfport. Sam retired from the Navy Seebies 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.

(April) N5WI of McHenry. Cliff was a retired Navy Seabee having been deployed in Vietnam, Guam, Trinidad, and several stateside assignments. After retirement he was the Assistant Director of the Port of Gulfport. Cliff was an active DXer reaching the ARRL DXCC Honor Roll and a longtime member of the Magnolia DXA.

(June) KR1MRG of Saucier. Keith joined the United States Air Force at 17 and retired in 1974 with the rank of Major. After retiring from the Air Force, he pursued a career in insurance and financial services. Keith served several local churches as a music minister and volunteer in children's ministries, after first accepting Jesus as his Savior at 10 years old. Reflecting on his time teaching children, he once said "I learned a whole lot more than the kids". Since he was a child, Keith loved technology and radios. During the past year he found great friendship in Harrison County ARES.

(July) KC5LK of Brandon. John was a retired Navy Vet, EMT, mechanic, and marathon runner, but his real passion was Ham Radio. He was on the ARRL DX Honor Roll (mixed and phone) and had 5BDXCC and 5BWAZ among his operational achievements. Off the air he was a Past President of the Jackson ARC, CQ Worked all Zones Manager, ARRL and CQ card checker, volunteer Examiner, and letter sorter for the W5 Bureau., W5XX remembers him best for helping to man the ARRL Table at many Capital City Hamfest.

(July) N5ZNT of Bogue Chitto. Jeffery was 'Mr. Fix it' in the Ham Community. He served as DEC for Southwest Mississippi and EC for Lincoln County. Jeffery was the first section appointment made by W5XX up on becoming SM in 1998.

(August) KA5ICO of Houston. Bobby was the longtime manager of the Magnolia Section Net and Emergency Coordinator of Chickasaw County. He was very dedicated to his family, a lifelong serving worker in First Baptist Church in Houston, a 35-year member of the Houston

Volunteer Fire Department retiring as Captain, and active in just about every community function in Houston. To quote Bobby's obituary on his philosophy "Some fish, hunt, or play golf. My hobby is service. I enjoy trying to make things better, happier, safer, and more prosperous for others."

(August) K5ERB or Brandon. Early on Erbie enlisted in the United States Air Force where he was a chief mechanic on F-4D fighter jets. Later he joined the Mississippi Air National Guard where he served as a flight engineer on C-130 and C-141 cargo aircraft. Outside of his military service, he worked at Pruet Production Co. and RAPAD Drilling and Well Servicing Company as corporate pilot and Vice President of Safety before retiring in 2016.

Erbie was involved with serving others as an elder, deacon, and Bible class teacher most of his life at North Brandon Church of Christ. Also, he was a very active member and served in several leadership roles in the Central Mississippi Amateur Association; the Jackson Amateur Radio Club; and the Scott County Amateur Radio Club.

(August) K5GRV of Brandon. Malcolm and his XYL, Nita (N5AGV), handled multiple phone patches for military overseas and ships at sea for many years. He retired from the State Tax Commission as an electrical engineer and later as a Rankin County Deputy Sheriff. Malcolm was a founding member of the Brandon Baptist Church.

(October) WD5BJT of Clermont Harbor. Charlie served 20 years in the US Coast Guard at numerous shore duty stations and at sea in the western Pacific, the Caribbean, and the Gulf Coast. While stationed in Puerto Rico he helped organize a DXpedition to super rare Desecheo Island (KP5). After retirement Charlie was a 911 dispatcher for the Sheriff's Office in Hancock County and later worked as an agent for Customs and Border protection in Gulfport. Charlie was an active DXer with 320 countries confirmed and an ARRL Card Checker

(October) WB5HQB of McCall. Gary graduated from LSU and worked for the Louisiana Highway Department, Michael Baker Engineering in Jackson, and Packard Electric in Brookhaven. He retired as computer network administrator/help desk, and because of his extensive professional background in IT, was the "go to guy" in the Brookhaven area for Ham Radio and home computer problems. Although never married, Gary had a huge extended family which he constantly looked after.

Mississippi Ham Statistics

Because of Covid and the ARRL Information System being hacked, complete information is not available for Mississippi New Hams and Upgrades for 2022 through 2024. What we do have is complete information from 2010 through 2021, the average being a pretty good indicator of Mississippi New Hams and Upgrades over the years.

New Hams	Upgrades
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2010 – 178	2010 - 90
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2011 – 186	2011 - 72
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2012 – 244	2012 - 88
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2013 – 174	2013 - 82
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2014 – 200	2014 – 82
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2015 - 229	2015 - 114
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2016 - 200	2016 – 95
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2017 – 148	2017 – 70
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2018 - 102	2018 – 65
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2019 - 101	2019 – 59
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2020 - 155	2020 - 44
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2021 - 156	2021 - 69
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12-year Total - 1918 new Hams and 934 upgrades (does not include 2022)

12-year Average 160 new Hams and 78 upgrades (does not include 2022)