

## Mississippi Section Report for April 2025

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The 22<sup>nd</sup> Mississippi QSO Party is now history. Here are the top score results:

Single Op/Single Xmtr – Fixed: W5XX, W5UE, KG5AZL, K5XU, K5YVY, K5LDA, WD5CCA, KG5SSB, N5KAH, W9NG (Top Ten)

Multi Op/Multi Xmtr - Fixed: W5YD (ops N4OGW, K4MAG, KI5TTX, WT4A, KI5YNG), K4UNK (ops K4UNK, K5MJY)

Single Op/Single Xmtr – Portable: W4XK/5, W8WZ/5

Multi Op/Multi Xmtr – Portable: K5MDX/5, AB6Z/5, W5SGL/5, K5DY/5

Single Op/Single Xmtr – Mobile: K4ZGB/M

Multi Op/Multi Xmtr – Mobile: K5DY/M

High Score Digital Station – K4UNK

Most MS Counties worked - K5XU, WA4CB (Tie)

Thanks to all who went the extra mile operating portable or mobile to put some rare counties on the air:

K5DY --- Operators from the Magnolia ARC (WB5SKM, K5BAK, AD5HM) initially operated portable from the Bolivar County Library in Cleveland where they set up a station with portable antennas and introduced the idea of Amateur Radio and emergency operations capability to local folks, who came by to see the activity. This was coordinated locally by Amanda Mayo, a math and science teacher at Bayou Academy, where last spring the Magnolia ARC and Mrs. Mayo organized a student contact with the ISS. After K5DY operators made portable contacts from the Library they then made 500 plus mobile contacts in 10 counties on the way back to Starkville.

K5MDX --- Members of the Magnolia DX Association (WQ5L, WG5GK, W5XMD) operated from the QTH of W5XMD in Stone County making 543 contacts under poor radio conditions.

W4XK/5 --- Bill has been traveling from Chattanooga to Tishomingo State Park for many years. This year he made 494 QSOs. Thanks to Bill for his continuing MSQP support over the years.

K4ZGB/M --- Tom came over from Birmingham to Mississippi to activate 11 counties with 252 QSOs in 12 hours which included driving time. Tom is a hard worker! Tom is another long term MSQP supporter.

W5SGL/5 --- The Mississippi Coast ARA can always be counted on to make MSQP QSOs. This year the operation was from the QTH of KI5HVD in Pass Christian. Operators were W5JGW and KI5HVD.

AB6Z/5 operated from the street fair in Picayune.

Project Chairman KG5YEE reports that the Vicksburg ARC handled radio communications for the Key City Classic 5K/10K run and 5K walk on Saturday, April 26. The race is a major fund-raising event sponsored by Grace Christian Counseling Center in Vicksburg. This year was the first year of this particular race, formerly known as Chillin' in The Hills. The Race was held as an event in the same location as the annual Courthouse Spring Flea Market, enabling participants to walk and browse the flea market booths while cooling off from the race. The route mostly went through downtown Vicksburg with a brief side track through a popular neighborhood, down to the Vicksburg High School football stadium, then back to the Courthouse area of downtown. Radio operators participating were: W5WAF, KG5YEE, KG5OVR, N5JGK, N5ZNN, K5VXV, KC5IBO, AF5OQ, and W5VMS.

Club President AK5J reports that Hams from the Jackson ARC and the Central Mississippi ARA provided communications for the annual Natchez Trace Century Ride on May 3. There were almost 800 bike riders in this event. Hams were placed at all rest stops and turn around points. Hams reported riders who were having difficulties and reported some dogs, who were chasing riders. They also gave updates as to the where riders were on the course. 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, N5KLT, KC5NJA, and KD5KHI.

From Meridian Newsletter Editor W5MAV reports on Meridian ARC participation in Collinsville Day. This is an annual event on the first Saturday of May conducted jointly by the Collinsville Fire and Rescue department and the local Community Club as a fund raiser for the local volunteer firefighters. Collinsville is a small community located north of Meridian, MS.

Meridian ARC was again invited to have a part in this event to demonstrate Amateur Radio operations to those attending, as a hobby and as a means of communication in emergencies. In issuing the invitation to be a part of Collinsville Day, the Collinsville Fire and Rescue gave recognition to MARC and Amateur Radio as having an important role in responding and assisting with the response of numerous agencies faced with dealing with emergencies and disaster situations.

Due to some incoming thunderstorms, the MARC members set up on the inside of the fire department with tables and banners. Club members operated and made numerous contacts on VHF and HF bands with radio equipment in public view. Besides available electric power, a

battery power box was demonstrated to be reliable radio power in the absence of commercial power. Also present was a Club member's pickup truck equipped with mobile radios. Visitors to the MARC table were given an explanation of Amateur Radio.

ASM K0UPW reports from Rankin County that CMSARA/CMARES set up their 10 by 10 logo tent on April 26 at the MS Street Rod Association Car Show at Trustmark Park in Pearl with two rigs on the air. Various flyers were made available to visitors showcasing the many aspects of Amateur Radio. The twelve club participants fielded inquiries about Amateur Radio including how to get involved and how to test for a license. The event provided good exposure to show others who we are and what we do.

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

- EMCOMM Checkin on 3862, 6:00 PM, June 5
- ARRL Field Day, June 28-29, See ARRL Website
- Jackson County Hamfest, September 12-13, POC: N2PKW
- 2026 Capital City Hamfest, Jan 30-31, POC AK5J

... and in EC Reports from around the State.

DEC/EC AG5ND reports from Starkville that at the end of April, three members of the Magnolia ARC (AD5HM, K5BAK, and AG5ND) went to the top of OCH Regional Hospital to replace a failed repeater antenna with a new vertical. The footprint of the repeater and the efficiency of the repeater's transmissions improved greatly.

From Hinds County EC KG5SQZ reports that each third Saturday members of CMSARA/CMSARES meet at a local park to have fun, fellowship, and practice operations in preparation of emergencies. This month, 21 members met at Crystal Lake. They were soon joined by a long time licensed but in-active ham who inquired when he saw all the activity. He was quickly welcomed into the group. Five stations were set up with various HF and VHF rigs, using both homemade and commercial antennas. Operators made contacts using voice and digital modes including FT8. A new ham built his first antenna with help from one of our members. Visitors, including non-hams, are always invited to join us for this activity. Contact Jim, K0UPW, at [k0upw@arrl.net](mailto:k0upw@arrl.net) to be added to his contact list.

DEC/EC W5VMS reports that the Vicksburg ARC held National Weather Service SKYWARN Training at the April 21 meeting.

The Desoto County ARES/ EMA Reservists were invited to participate in Earth Day on the Hernando Town Square. KF5WVJ, KK5BS, KF8PD, and AB8LA set up the ARES Comm trailer on the square to promote Amateur Radio and ARES during this event.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in April:

KJ5KTB, Ryan – Leland; KJ5KTT, Cassie – Hernando; KJ5KWP, Lelia – Brandon; KJ5KWQ, Milton – Ocean Springs; KJ5KXI, Charles – Hattiesburg; KJ5KYQ, Cooper – New Abany; KJ5KYY, Blake – Southaven; KJ5LCL, Stanley – Carriere; KJ5LCM, Theresa – Carriere.

Welcome to new ARRL Members: KD5FRY, Robert – West Point; KX5JXQ Bradley – Greenville; KJ5KBO, Matt – Shannon.

ARRL Membership in Mississippi on May 1 was 845 down 8 from last month.

SEC/DEC/EC Reports: KC5IMN (SEC), K5DSC (Newton), K9EYZ (Jackson), AE5FK (Walthall), AG5ND (Golden Triangle/Oktibbeha), KG5OVS (Leake), AA5SG (Jones), KG5SQZ (Hinds), W5VMS (West Central MS/Warren/Claiborne), KD4VVZ (Gulf Coast/George), KF5WVJ (Northwest MS/DeSoto),

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

Welcome to KI5VGO as AEC for Lowndes County.

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

Magnolia Section Net 30/1105/10 (KF5BA)

MS Baptist Hams Net 3/11/0 (WF5F) Sunday, 7263 at 4PM

MSPN 31/2671/20 (W5JGW)

Pine Belt ARC 10M Em Training Net 4/16/0 (K5TLL)

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

Capital Area Em Net 4/32/0 (K5XU)

DeSoto County Training and Emergency Net 4/68/0 (KF5WVJ)

George County ARES Net 5/47/0 (KG4VVZ)

Jackson ARC Net 5/38/0 (K5XU)

Jackson County Emergency Net 6/81/0 (K9EYZ)

Leake County ARES 4/11/0 (KG5OVS)

Mississippi Coast ARA 5/105/0 (N5GQ)

NE MS WX Net 3/32/0 (W5BAQ)

Pine Belt ARC 2M Em Training Net 4/54/0 (K5TLL)

Pine Belt ARC 2M Em Training Simplex Net 1/10/0 (K5TLL)

South Central MS Skywarn Net 5/59/0 (AA5SG)

Stone County ARES Net 2/22/0 (KC5VCB)

Vicksburg ARC/MLEN 4/85/0 (KG5YEE)

Walthall County ARES Team 4/35/0 (AE5FK)

Digital Net Reports

Central MS ARES Digital Net 4/31/29 (KI5JCL)

K5FIT WL2K Hybrid Gateway – 217 connections to pass traffic.

MS WL2K Net QNI 94 by 9 stations (K5FIT)

Traffic: WV5Q 104, AE5MI 47, and W5XX 5.

PSHR: WV5Q 110, AE5MI 110, and W5XX 76

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