

## **Mississippi Section Report for July 2025**

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The details for the 2025 Mississippi QSO Party are being wrapped up. Checking logs and getting out results this year has been slow without AG5Z (SK) helping.

Thanks to the plaque sponsors:

High Score – Mississippi (Single Op): The Magnolia ARC

High Score – Mississippi (Multi-Op): The Magnolia DX Association

High Score Portable (Single-Op): The k4fmh.com blog

High Score Portable (Multi- Op): The Pine Belt ARA

High Score Mobile (Single Op): The Mississippi Coast ARA

High Score Mobile (Multi-Op): The Jackson ARC

High Score – Digital Station: W5ETZ

Mississippi Station working the most Counties (tie): The Chickasaw ARA

Mississippi Station working the most Counties (tie): George County ARES

High Score W/VE Station: Chickasaw ARA

High Score – Outside USA: OM2VL: DX Hogs

KJ5ET reports from Rankin County on the Central Mississippi ARA FD. This year we dedicated Field Day 2025 in memory of K5ERB (SK). Erbie was very active in ARES and in our club. Our Field Day preparations were rewarded with lots of

comradery, a relatively smooth setup time, and lots of contacts on Saturday and Sunday. We started off the day with antenna and equipment set up in the morning. At noon we started the festivities with a Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer of blessing over the day and the food. We once again catered the lunch meal to free up more hands to help with set up. It was delicious and we spent the afternoon trying not to fall asleep from eating too much. We operated from the Rankin County EOC and thank them for allowing us the opportunity to help them in support of our community. Many of us stayed through the night, keeping our three stations on the air with very little downtime. When Field Day was concluded, the radios fell silent, the last of the coax rolled up, and the cots, pillows and blankets stowed away, we were exhausted but satisfied that we had given it a great effort.

From W5VMS. On July 12th the Jackson Amateur Radio Club (JARC) provided communication support for the 2025 Soul City Cycling Summer Sizzler Bike Race. This event is the signature ride for the Major Taylor Cycling Club. Ride distances included 22-, 33-, 45-, and 62-mile routes. Members from both JARC and the Vicksburg Amateur Radio Club, along with a few Civil Air Patrol Cadets, were stationed at strategic rest stops and intersections to assist with race communication and coordination. Utilizing the very powerful KA5SBK repeater in Jackson, the race was completely covered. Only one station reported inability to use an HT but was fine on mobile radio. Once again, we were able to utilize GMRS radio to extend the communication footprint at the Natchez Trace intersection (clubs should consider using FRS/GMRS--or alternatively MURS--to extend their capabilities when there are not enough licensed Amateur Radio operators available to cover large areas). Fortunately no incidents or accidents occurred throughout the day, with many riders expressing their gratitude for our assistance. The BBQ lunch provided at the end was another perk enjoyed by all participants and volunteers.

Here are some upcoming events to put on your calendar:

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- EMCOMM Checkin on 3862, 6:00 PM, September 4
- Jackson County Hamfest, Sept 18-19, POC: N2PKW
- ARRL Day in the Park, Oct,18, Old Trace Park, POC: AK5J
- 2026 Capital City Hamfest, Jan 30-31, POC: AK5J

...and in SEC/DEC/EC reports from around the state

From DEC/EC AG5ND in Starkville. We went over the most current EC requirements and the related recordkeeping. Field Day was held at Mary Holmes College in West Point. We now have a weekday DMR net with KI5IKJ as the

NCS. ARES activity in July was spent preparing for the 2025 SET. Our EOC Director is retiring, and we will meet with the new EOC Director to maintain our working relationship.

From EC K9EYZ in Jackson County. We are practicing a monthly Winlink Net and a monthly 2m Simplex FM net. We plan to have a simplex "Deployed" net to see how well we can perform "away from our QTH".

From EC WX5RJ in Harrison County. Still working on Go Box and procedures as well as planning for the SET.

From EC K5TCO in Lowndes County. LoCoARC is preparing to do the SET on Aug 9 from the Lowndes EOC for the first time there.

From EC WB5SKM in Choctaw County. Worked this month to improve capability in 2M and 2M/70CM DMR.

From EC KB5SZJ in Lauderdale County. We are working on a couple of repeater projects and as soon as they are ready, we should have a good portion of District 6 covered. More news as it develops.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in July:

N5ATC, Xiaochen – Madison; KJ5LVP, Jeff – Brandon; KI5LZC, Jason – Purvis; KJ5MAX, Richard – Lumberton; KJ5MCN, Evan – Ocean Springs; KJ5MCU, James – Carriere; KJ5MDD, Nicholas – Biloxi.

KJ5MDS, Michelle – Brandon; KJ5MDX, Denise – Rienzi; KJ5MEM, Jay – Ocean Springs; KJ5MFC, Alana – Carriere; KJ5MFY, Kieanna – Starkville.

Welcome to new ARRL Members: N5ATC, Xiaochen – Madison; KJ5BSB, Robert – Lucedale, KG5TFX, Adam – Falkner; AI5ZK, Jacob – Ridgeland.

ARRL Membership in Mississippi on August 1 was 823 down 8 from last month.

SEC/DEC/EC Reports: KC5IMN (SEC), K5DSC (Newton), AE5FK (Walthall), KI5GDZ (Winston), NI5I (Perry), AG5ND (Golden Triangle/Oktibbeha), KG5OVR (Leake), WX5RJ (Harrison), KG5RRF (AEC)(Carroll), K5RTW (Lee), WB5SKM (Choctaw), AA5SG (Jones), KG5SQZ (Hinds), KC5VCB

(AEC)(Stone), W5VMS (West Central MS/Warren/Claiborne), K5VOL (Hancock), KD4VVZ (Gulf Coast/George), AB6Z (Pearl; River)

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

Regret to report the passing of:

AG5Z of Hattiesburg. W3UR, Editor of the Daily DX, printed the following obituary in the July 25 edition which is kindly reproduced here with permission.

AG5Z, Larry G. Morgan, of Hattiesburg, Mississippi passed away on July 23. He developed a passion for electronics at a young age under the guidance of his Parents, both licensed hams, and went onto become a dedicated amateur radio operator after his service in the Navy. First licensed as WN5JCX in 1973, Larry earned his Extra class license and the AG5Z call, remaining active in many aspects of amateur radio including DX, emergency communications, RTTY, and teaching. A proud member of a family spanning three generations of hams, Larry cherished the legacy of the W5DRI callsign, which was held by his mother, daughter, and wife Sylvia. He will be remembered for his technical skill, generosity as a mentor, and deep commitment to the amateur radio community. Larry had 301 confirmed in the ARRL DXCC Standings.

(From W5XX.) Larry served as ASM for many years and helped W5XX work through many tasks at the section level. In addition, he helped dig through the Mississippi QSO Party Logs and pull together the results. RIP OM You will be missed.

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

Magnolia Section Net 31/1037/9 (KF5BA)

MS Baptist Hams Net 2/8/0 Sunday, 7263 at 4PM

MSPN 31/2074/12 (W5JGW)

Pine Belt ARA 10M Net 4/16/0 (K5TLL)

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

Capital Area Em Net 4/35/0 (K5XU)

Carroll County ARES 1/23/0 (KG5RRF)

Chickasaw/Calhoun County ARES Net 4;/22/0 (KI5LKJ)

George County ARES Net 5/59/0 (KD4VVZ)

Golden Triangle ARES Net 4/32/0 (AG5ND)

Harrison County ARES Net 3/18/0 (WX5RJ) 1 Em Op 2, Skywarn Nets

Jackson ARC Net 5/52/0 (K5XU)

Leake County ARES Net 5/12/0 (KG5OVS)

Lowndes County ARC Net 5/40/0 (K5TCO)

Mississippi Coast ARA Net 5/112/0 (N5GQ)

NE MS WX Net 4/32/0 (W5BAQ) 4 Skywarn Nets

Oktibbeha County ARES Net 4/12/0 (AG5ND) 1 Em Op

Pearl River County ARES Net 4//40/0 (AB6Z) 1 Em Op

Pine Belt ARC 2M Em Training Net 4/48/0 (K5TLL)

Pine Belt 2M Simplex Net 1/8/0 (K5TLL)

South Central Mississippi Skywarn Net 5/61/0 (AA5SG)

Stone County ARES Net 2/24/0 (KC5VCB)

Vicksburg ARC/MLEN 4/79/0 (KG5YEE)

Walthall County ARES Net 4/49/0 (AE5FK)

## Digital Net Reports

EMECT Net 31/289/3 (K5TCO)

K5FIT WL2K Hybrid Gateway – 178 connections to pass traffic.

MS WL2K Net QNI 78 by 6 stations (K5FIT)

NE MS DMR Net – QNI 457 (KI5LKJ)

Traffic: WV5Q 70, AE5MI 48, and W5XX 2.

PSHR: WV5Q 110, AE5MI 110, and W5XX 70

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