

Mississippi Section Report for October 2025

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JARC President AK5J reports from Jackson that the 2025 ARRL Day in the Park was held on Saturday, October 18, at Old Trace Park on the Barnett Reservoir in Ridgeland. The host club was the Jackson Amateur Radio Club. Ridgeland Parks and Recreation allowed the use of their Recreation Center at the Park which turned out to be an excellent venue. There was a good turnout for the event. Forums were presented on DMR by KD4VVZ, on the Mississippi ARES reorganization by KC5IMN, and on FRS and GMRS by W5VMS. K5XU was recognized and given awards for working the most counties during the Mississippi QSO Party and also for the highest score in Hinds County. At noon W5XX gave an update on important ARRL matters followed by door prizes. Everyone in attendance enjoyed a fun time of fellowship, informative forums, and also the beautiful scenery and great weather.

WJ5K reports that the Tupelo ARC hosted a great Papa Jack's Trade Day at the Gateway Pavilion in Pontotoc on Saturday October 18. Five vendors were on site including Chatt Radio, FatCat Parts, EFactor Antennas, Cablehelp Antennas, and AF5PO Enterprises. The grand prize winner was won by KE5HJN, who took home a new ICOM IC-7100 donated by Chat Radio.

The Section Website has a listing of repeaters in Mississippi. In general, listings are notoriously inaccurate. For the past six months Edward, K5VOK, has been going through the 2M repeater listing on the Website to verify that the information is correct. In spite of attempting to make contact with the listed POCs, he has found that of the 101 repeaters listed that only 48 responses have been received saying that the website listing is correct or providing updated information. Not good. Does this mean that 53 of the repeaters are not on the air anymore or the POC has disappeared or the antenna fell off the

tower? Maybe so.

Please review the list of repeaters on the Website indicating that there was no response to an information query from K5VOK, and if you have any potential contact or update information, please send this to Edward at eliving1@comcast.net

From AK5J. At the suggestion of Frank Howell, K4FMH, the Jackson Amateur Radio Club applied for a \$3,000 grant from the ARRL Foundation to purchase Ham Radio equipment to be used to establish a Ham station at the Madison County Library. K4FMH had previously established a very good relationship with the library leaders and had interested them in setting up a station at the library. The grant was approved, and the money was used to purchase an Icom IC-300 Transceiver and two Yaesu FTM-300D digital transceivers and related equipment.

Shortly after the equipment was presented to the library, Tamra Bates of the Madison County Library obtained her ham call of KJ5KEX, and her husband, Tab, received his call of KJ5JRK. The library also allowed JARC to conduct technician classes and VE sessions at the library branch in Madison. AC5Z and AE5SK have been in charge of these events which have resulted in a number of new Hams.

In addition to the Ham equipment, JARC has also purchased two 3-D printers for the library. The Madison County Library has had exhibits at the last two Hamfests in Jackson and will also be at the upcoming Hamfest on January 30 and 31, 2026. Other Hams who worked on this library project were K5MPM and AK5J.

From KG5YEE in Vicksburg. On October 11, Vicksburg ARC handled radio communications for Over the River Run, a fund raiser for Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation. The race is a 5-mile run/walk over the Mississippi River bridge into Louisiana and back again. Radio operators participating were: KC5IBO, AF5OQ, KC5IMT, KG5YEE, KG5OVR, N5JGK, N5KWT, and W5WAF, and W5VMS, who walked the route with his radio.

Haven't sent in your letters to your Senators Wicker and Hyde-Smith and your house representative to support the ARRL HOA initiative ? Hams

and GMRS users can go to <https://www.arrl.org/current-legislation> to originate letters. It just takes a minute!

.... And in DEC/EC reports from around the state

From Yalobusha County AEC KD5NDU reports that the Water Valley repeater is now able to link with Memphis NWS service and the Allstar network for times of severe weather as well as the Hams over IP phone service.

From Adams County EC WJ5ES has exciting news from Southwest Mississippi! Many of the local hams are in the process of acquiring a 400 ft tower with all infrastructure where they will be coordinating, installing, and getting two new repeaters (2M and 70CM) on the air. A new club is being formed to administer and maintain these repeaters. The footprint from these new repeaters should extend well south into Louisiana and north to almost Vicksburg. They are looking forward to the possibility to include a new ARES net on these repeaters that will cover much of the Miss-Lou area. Any help or advice would be greatly appreciated. Contact WJ5ES for more information.

From EC KD5KMO in Chickasaw County. ARES is working on compiling contact information for previous members so they can start club meetings again.

From Leake County EC KG5OVS. During the last two ARES Nets they have had a substantial increase in check-ins.

From Lowndes County EC K5TCO. Four ARES members participated in the BSA Jamboree on the Air at Columbus Lock and Dam.

Here are some upcoming events to put on your calendar:

- EMCOMM Checkin on 3862, 5:30 PM, December 4
- New Year's Eve Party, Dec 31, 11PM, 3862, POC: W5XX
- 2026 Capital City Hamfest, Jan 30-31, POC: AK5J
- Jackson County Hamfest, Mar 20-21, 2026, Ocean Springs

- Mississippi QSO Party, Apr 4-5, POC W5XX
- ARRL Field Day, June 27-28, www.arrl.org

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in November: No report due to Government Shutdown.

ARRL Membership in Mississippi on November 1 was 811 up 8 from last month. WOW! Maybe the worst is over. This increase is largely attributed to members, who in the past have let their membership lapse for many reasons, and have decided there is more to an ARRL Membership than a monthly magazine.

Welcome to AG5ND as DEC for the North Mississippi District and KI5CSG as EC for Monroe County.

SEC/DEC/EC Reports: KC5IMN (SEC), K5DSC (Newton), KJ5ET (Rankin), AE5FK (Walthall), KD5KMO (Chickasaw), AG5ND (Golden Triangle/Oktibbeha), KD5NDU (AEC) Yalobusha, NI5I (Perry), W5OA (Alcorn), KG5OVS (Leake), WB5SKM (Choctaw),

AA5SG (Jones), KG5SQZ (Hinds), K5TCO (Lowndes), KC5VCB (AEC)(Stone), W5VMS (West Central MS/Warren/Claiborne), KD4VVZ (Gulf Coast/George), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), AB6Z (Pearl River).

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

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

Magnolia Section Net 31/1140/9 (KF5BA)

MS Baptist Hams Net 2/7/0 (WF5F) Sunday, 7263 at 4PM

MSPN 31/2437/11 (W5JGW)

Pine Belt ARA 10M Net 4/20/0 (K5TLL)

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

Alcorn County ARES Net 4/50/0 (W5OA)

Bluff City EMCOMM Net 4/77/1 (WF5ES)

Capital Area Em Net 4/37/0 (K5XU)

Central MS ARES NET 4/140/0 (KD5SQZ)

Chickasaw County ARES Net 7/30/0 (KD5KMO)

DeSoto County Training and Information Net 2/52/0 (KF5WVJ)

George County ARES 5/68/0 (KD4VVZ)

Houston/Chickasaw/Calhoun County ARES Net 4/18/0 (KI5LKJ)

Jackson ARC Net 4/39/0 (K5XU)

Leake county ARES Net 4/16/0 (KG5OVS)

Lowndes County ARES Net 4/32/0 (K5TCO)

NE MS WX Net 4/35/0 (W5BAQ)

Pearl River ARES Net 4/67/0 (AB6Z)

Pine Belt ARC 2M Em Training Net 4/39/0 (K5TLL)

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

Vicksburg ARC/MLEN 4/74/0 (KG5YEE)

Walthall County ARES Net 5/56/0 (AE5FK)

W5YD Monday Night Net 4/12/0 (AG5ND)

Digital Net Reports

East MS EMM COMM Team 29/273/5 (K5TCO)

K5FIT WL2K Hybrid Gateway – 274 connections to pass traffic.

MS WL2K Net QNI 60 by 5 stations (K5FIT)

NE MS DMR Net – QNI 495 (KI5LKJ)

Traffic: AE5MI 52, WV5Q 51

PSHR: AE5MI 165, WV5Q 110