

Mississippi Section Report for December 2018

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Forty plus Mississippi Hams brought in the New Year on 3862 during the annual New Year's Eve Party. During the hour-long event, hosts W5XX and N4CBS provided information on 2018 Ham Radio Major Events in Mississippi, EMCOMM Activations, Public Service, Awards and Congratulations, Mississippi Ham Statistics, and Silent Keys. A word copy of all this information is available from W5XX via an email file.

Hamfest time is finally here. On your short-range calendar pencil in the Capital City Hamfest, January 25-26, 2019 in Jackson (POC K5GCY). Our representative from ARRL Headquarters will be Steve Ewald, WV1X, ARRL Field Organization Supervisor, who will conduct a forum on "ARRL Connect." If you are confused on this new ARES reporting system, this will be a great opportunity to get answers to your questions. See <http://www.msham.org/capital-city-hamfest> for more info on this Hamfest.

And on your long-range calendar add in the Sixteenth Mississippi QSO Party scheduled for April 6-7. Rules will be posted on the Section Web Site at www.arrrlmiss.org.

Lauderdale County EC KB5SZJ reports that ARES has moved their packet digi from the tower site to the EOC, and W5FQ-10 is back on the air. Everything is coming along well with getting their repeater site back in order. Further, on Sunday the 30th KD5BEN and KB5SZJ went to Clarke County and assisted KF5MWE in damage assessment of the recent flooding that occurred in some of the lower lying areas. Between the two of them they roughly spent approximately 23 hours in this effort. All three had completed the FEMA Damage Assessment Course.

Itawamba County EC KE5BSB notes that the Northeast Mississippi Radio Association NEMRA raised \$520.00 for the Family First Organization at the NEMRA Christmas Party to benefit needy local families at Christmas.

Jasper County Net Manager KG5WJM relays that ARES Members have been working to get a repeater in Bay Springs on the air. Everything is going great, so in two to three weeks it will be on the air at 145.490 (-) offset DCS 023.

Washington County EC NS5M reports that local repeaters have been down for months. They had to move from the tower they were using. ARES is currently trying to find new tower site.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in December: KI5CMZ, John – Ocean Springs; KI5CNA, Timothy - Poplarville; KI5CNB, Carla – Gulfport; KI5CQY, Jaime – Ocean Springs; KI5CSG, Robert – Aberdeen; KI5CSW, Justin – Starkville; KI5CSX, Casey – Starkville; KI5CSY, Stephanie, West Point; and KI5CSZ, Michael – Starkville;

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in December: KF5AGC, Tony – Wiggins; KI5BVZ, Roy, Gulfport; KF5IQG, Kenneth – Prentiss; KB5LIN, Kim – Hernando; KI4OTF, Jeffrey – Hernando; KF5PLJ, Larry – Florence; N5QHQ, David – Crystal Springs; and KC5RSD, Larry – Picayune.

As of December 31, ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 989. Up one from last month!

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades in December: KI5BXE, Larry – Brandon; KI5CBY, Cody – Etta; and KG5VHL, William – Starkville.

SEC/DEC Reports for December 2018: KC5IMN (SEC), KC5IIW (EC MS), AF5PO (NE MS), KD4VVZ (Gulf Coast), N5ZNT (SW MS), and KB0ZTX (NW MS).

EC Reports for December 2018: KE5BSB (Itawamba), WB5CON (Alcorn), KF7DLW (Forrest), AE5FK (Walthall), AG5GN (Lamar), KF5IAY (Carroll/Montgomery), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KC5IIW (Scott), KF5IMA (Lafayette), N5KDA (Adams), NS5M (Washington), KD5NDU (AEC)(Yalobusha), AA5NG (Marion), AF5PO (Tishomingo), AA5SG (Jones/Wayne), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), WA5TEF (Lee), KD4VVZ (George), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), N5ZNT (Lincoln/Wilkinson), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

OES Reports for December – WB5AKR

Club Newsletter/Reports (Editor): the Meridian ARC Spark Gap (W5MAV).

Regret to report the passing of WB5YKR. Bob was a long-time active member of the Vicksburg ARC and the ‘Go to Guy’ when things need to be fixed. Also, we lost Betty Jo, KB5CSQ, who was active in several Ham organizations on the Coast.

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

Hattiesburg ARC 10M Net 5/45/0 (KD5XG)

K5TAL - American Legion 80M Net 4/31/0 (KA5DON)

Magnolia Section Net 31/1048/5 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 5/25/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 31/2062/14 (W5JGW)

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

Adams County ARES 4/65/0 (N5KDA)

Alcorn County ARES Net 3/45/0 (WB5CON)

Booneville and Prentiss Co Net 4/42/0 (WX5N)

Capital Area Emergency Net 3/33/0 (K5XU)

DeSoto County Training and Information Net 5/93/0 (KF5WVJ)

Forrest/Perry Counties ARES 2/24/0 (KF7DLW)

George County ARES 4/29/0 (KD4VVZ)

Hattiesburg ARC 2M Net 5/89/10 (KD5XG)

Hattiesburg 2M Simplex Net 1/12/0 (KD5XG)

Jackson ARC Emergency Net 4/29/0 (K5XU)

Itawamba County ARES 4/27/0 (KE5BSB)

Jasper County ARES 4/26/0 (KG5WJM)

Jones/Wayne ARES Net 5/108/0 (AA5SG)

K5TAL – American Legion 2M Net 4/30/0 (KA5DON)

Lamar County ARES Net 1/13/0 (AG5GN)

Lowndes County ARC Net 4/37/0 (KF5AZ)

Marion County ARES Net 4/25/0 (AF5NG)

Madison County ARES 4/27/0 (W5DIX)

Marshall County ARES – meets with Desoto County – (KB0ZTX)

MDXA Net 3/16/0 (N5GD)

Meridian Area Emergency Net 4/50/0 (KB5SZJ and KF5ETN)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 1/6/0 (AE5SK)

MSU ARC 5/149/0 (N5OMK) (Record QNI for this Net)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn 5/73/0 (WA5TEF) One Skywarn Activation

Scott County ARES Training Net 3/26/0 (KC5IIW)

Southwest MS ARES Team 3/65/0 (N5ZNT) One Skywarn Activation

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 5/63/0 (KA5ICO)

Tishomingo ARES Net 4/53/0 (AD5PO)

University of Mississippi ARC Net 5/45/0 (KF5IMA)

Vicksburg ARC MLEN Net 6/121/0 (KD5DHR) Two Skywarn Activations

Vicksburg ARC UHF Net 1/19/0 (KD5DHR)

Walthall County ARES Net 4/30/0 (AE5FK)

Yalobusha County Skywarn Net 2/4/0 (KD5NDU)

Digital Net Reports

MS NBEMS Traffic Net 5/32/9 (W5DIX)

EMTARG/Sandpounder Group – 335 (WB5AKR)

PSHR – KA5DON 82, W5XX 81, and AD5TJ (48 in Oct).

Traffic: K5LAM 320, KA5DON 22, W5XX 10 and KG5FRZ 5.