

# Mississippi Section Report for December 2021

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Mississippi Hams welcomed in 2022 on 3862 with our annual New Year's Eve On-the-Air Party. Special guests ARRL President K5UR and Delta Division Director K5UZ visited the Party and passed along New Year's greetings and updated checkins on ARRL events. In addition, updates were reported on the Jackson Capital City Hamfest by K5XU, the response to Hurricane Ida by KD4VVZ, the MSPN by W5JGW, and the Magnolia Section Net by KA5ICO.

W5XX and K5DSG provided info on major events in 2021 including emergency communications, public service events, and silent keys. For those that couldn't make the On-the-Air Party, this information is available by email as a Word file from [w5xx@arrl.net](mailto:w5xx@arrl.net). In spite of the late hour, after action comments indicate that a good time was had by all!

Final preparations are being made for the Capital City Hamfest scheduled for January 28 & 29, 2022, at the new Trade Mart Building on the fairgrounds at 1200 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39202. The hours are on Friday 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm and on Saturday 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. VE exams will be given on Saturday at 8:00 am. Forums are scheduled for ARRL, ARES, and the Mississippi phone nets. Several dealers will be present. Drawings will be held for hourly door prizes and for the grand prize on Saturday afternoon. Table reservation may be made online at [hamfest.msham.org](http://hamfest.msham.org). For further information email: [hamfest@msham.org](mailto:hamfest@msham.org)

From Magnolia Net Manager KA5ICO: "We didn't quite have a record year, but we "skeert it bad"! We had our all-time record check-ins in 2020 with 13,733, and we got real close to that this year with 13,709. Thanks to every member and our faithful NCS's who have kept the Magnolia Section Net alive and flourishing! Let's see how lively we can make it this year! "

And in EC Reports –

KF5IAY in Carroll County reports that ARES is now on EchoLink as KG5RRG-L

KG5SQZ in Hinds County advises that the Central MS Amateur Radio Association in conjunction with Central MS ARES will host a FREE half day Amateur Radio Technician class Saturday, February 12, 2022 from 8 am to 12 noon for anyone interested in getting their entry level Ham Radio license. The class will be held at the Crossroads of Life Church at 6775 S. Siwell Rd. in Byram, MS. The class is designed to supplement one's own self-study. It will not replace it. Testing for the Technician exam as well as General and Extra will follow at 1 pm.

To register for the class (required) send your name, phone number, and email address to [Pkyle0501@gmail.com](mailto:Pkyle0501@gmail.com). To register for the test (required) contact Brian at 601-741-0873. He prefers a text.

KD4VVZ notes from George County that ARES supported the local Head Start Christmas Clothing Drive

KD0ZTX reports from Marshall County that ARES supported severe weather operations for the December quad state tornado outbreak in Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, and Missouri.

KB5SZJ advises from Lauderdale County that the Meridian ARC is holding weekly socials and monthly meetings every month, Y'all come.

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

- Capital City Hamfest, January 28 -29, TradeMart, Jackson, [hamfest@msham.org](mailto:hamfest@msham.org)
- Central Mississippi ARA Tech Class. February 12, centralmsara@gmail.com
- 2022 Mississippi QSO Party, April 2-3, POC: W5XX; see [www.arrlmiss.org](http://www.arrlmiss.org)
- April Fools Hamfest, April 2-3, Corinth, POC: K5WHB
- Field Day, June 25-26, Get ready !
- Mississippi SET, August 6 (Tentative), POC:KC5IMN

Anybody have additional information? Thanks to all who helped pull this information together. This list will be updated in future Section Reports.

Congratulations to the following who upgraded in November or December: KI5HWA, Charles – Nesbit; KI5PCD, David – Corinth; KI5PGF, Bobby – Walnut; KI5QFE, David – Lucedale; KI5RQE, George – Brandon, KI5SCX, William – Biloxi; KI5SDB, Stephen – Poplarville; KI5SEK, Jeffrey – Olive Branch; and KC5VCB, Duron – Perkinston.

Welcome to the following new Hams in November and December: KI5SKB, Walter – Gautier; KI5SKC, James – Biloxi; KI5SKD, Kevin – Quitman; KI5SKE, Michael – Quitman; KI5SKF, Scott - Diamondhead; KI5SKG, William – Quitman; KI5SLB, Kerry – Lucedale; KI5SNO, Clifford – Mc Henry; KI5SNQ, James – Mc Henry; KI5SNR, Kevin – Mc Henry; KI5SON, Albert – Wesson; KI5SNS, Cameron – Wiggins; KI5SWF, John – Mc Henry; KI5SZA, Jennifer – Gulfport; KI5SZK, Dan – Hattiesburg; KI5TBQ, Ricky – Collins; and KI5TCZ, Anthony – Crystal Springs.

If you like to keep up with statistics, W5XX has been tracking the number of new Hams and the number of upgrades in Mississippi for the past 12 years. Since 2010 we have had 1,918 new Hams and 934 upgrades. That's good. 49% of the new Hams have upgraded.

The average number of new Hams in Mississippi each over the past 12 years is 160 and the number of upgrades 78. In 2021 we had 156 new Hams and 69 upgrades.

On the other hand, wonder where that large number of 1,918 new Hams has disappeared to ??

Welcome to the following new ARRL Members in November and December: KJ5BE, Mike – Jackson; WB5CNY, William – Madison; KH6CU, Carl, Gautier; W3EJD, Richard – Carriere; KE5FAY, Paul – Starkville; KB4FGV, Chris- Gulfport; KG5HGV, Scott - Bogue Chitto;

KF5HWG, Billy – Pearl; WX5KDM, Kenneth – Shannon; KG5KWL, William – Kiln; N5KZK, David – Waveland; KX5L, David – Saltillo, KI5KYU, David – Perkinston; KE5MDF, Ron – Kosciusko; KC5OEO, Mark – Vicksburg; KB5OJO, Louis – Gulfport; KG5PLH, Wendell – Hattiesburg; KI5RMN, Richard – Vicksburg; W5RUE, Harry – Braxton; KF5SEE, W.T. - Ridgeland; KI5SKF, Scott – Diamondhead; KC6SNN, Frederick – Carthage; N5STW, Gary - Columbia; KE5SWS, Jonathan – Mc Henry; KF5TEQ, Michael – Jackson; AF4WQ, James – Southaven; KF5YIA, Perry – Oxford; KF5YTL, David – Carriere, and KE5YXB, Steve - Gulfport.

Mississippi ARRL Membership is now 1,006. Up 16 from last month. Wow !!! Looks like ARRL Memberships must have been a lot of Christmas presents !!!

Welcome to KC5RFL as EC for Tallahatchie County, K5FIT as EC for Rankin County, and K9EYZ as EC for Jackson County.

SEC Report for December 2021: KC5IMN (SEC)

EC Reports for December 2021: K9EYZ (Jackson), AE5FK (Walthall), KG5IAY (Carroll), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), AD5IT (Grenada), AD7KJ (Franklin), AG5RI (Harrison), KG5SQZ (Hinds), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), KG5TTU (Tate), KD4VVZ (George), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), N5ZNT (Lincoln/Wilkinson), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

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

Regret to report the passing of:

K5YPV of Ripley. Wayne was licensed in the late 1950s and was the owner of Ridge Music and Electronics/Radio Shack in Ripley. When Radio Shack went out of business, he continued to stock parts that Hams could use. His place was THE gathering place for Hams in Tippah County. WA5TMC says Wayne was his Elmer and his indispensable friend. He was very active for years on VHF/UHF and worked many of the contests. He was well known by those on the air who used 6, 2, and 432 SSB and CW. He was one of the founders and past president of the Northeast Mississippi Amateur Radio Association.

KD5RGT of Silver Creek. Donnie was a Net Control Station on the Magnolia Net and regular checkin on the MSPN.

NM5Z of Mc Comb. In spite of being a quadriplegic since age 16, David led a full life operating Dave's Computers for many years, was an active church member, and with the help of Ham friends assembled a competitive contest station. David was on the ARRL DXCC Honor Roll (335/340) and earned 5BWAS, 5BDXCC, and 5BWAZ. He was the 599 DXA Webmaster and longtime supporter of the Mississippi QSO Party.

We are losing too many of our good Ham Friends. 22 Mississippi Silent Keys in 2021. Stay healthy in 2022 !

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

K5TAL 80M Net 5/87/0 (WV5Q)

Magnolia Section Net 31/1112/4 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 3/11/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 31/2381/4 (W5JGW)

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

Capital Area Emergency Net 4/58/0 (K5XU)

Central Mississippi ARES Training Net 8/85/0 – joint net traffic count (KG5SQZ)

Coastal ARES Emergency Services Net 1/6/0 (AG5RI)

DeSoto County Training and Information 4/66/0 (KF5WVJ)

Delta ARES Emergency Net ?/204/0 (KF5IAY)

George County ARES Net 4/30/0 (KD4VVZ)

Grenada County ARES ?/270/0 (AD5IT)

Jackson County ARES 4/59/0 (K9EYZ)

JARC Emergency Net 4/46/0 (K5XU)

Lowndes County ARC 5/46/0 (K5TCO)

Meridian Area EM Net 8/21/0 (KB5SZJ)

Mississippi Coast ARA 4/101/4 (AB5FU)

MSU ARC Net 4/84/1 (N5OMK)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net 4/55/0 (W5BAQ)

Southwest Mississippi ARES Team 3/12/0 (N5ZNT)

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 4/65/0 (KA5ICO)

Tate County ARES Net 4/84/0 (KG5TTU)

University of Mississippi ARES Net 4/39/0 KF5IMA)

Vicksburg ARC/MLEN 4/98/0 (KD5DHR)

Walthall County ARES Net 5/71/0 (AE5FK)

#### Digital Net Reports

Central Mississippi ARES Digital Net ?/28/24 (KI5JCL)

Central Mississippi WL2K Net - QNI 16 (KI5JCL)

K5TAL Digital Voice Net 5/53/0 (WV5Q)

Traffic: WV5Q 142, W4XX 8, and KG5FRZ 4.

PSHR: WV5Q 192 and W5XX 74.