

Mississippi Section Report for February 2016

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Clear your calendar for April 2 for the thirteenth running of the Mississippi QSO Party. Hams from all over will be hunting for Mississippi Stations to finish up awards like WAS, 5BWAS, USACA, etc. Complete rules are posted on www.arrlmiss.org.

Mississippi sustained several severe storm events during February. The worst impacted area was in South Mississippi where 7 tornados were verified by the NWS and one fatality occurred in Lamar County. Those nets known to be active during one or more of the storm events were the Southeast Mississippi ARES Net, the Central Mississippi Skywarn Net, the Forrest County ARES Net, the Yalobusha County ARES Net, the Greene County ARES Net, the Marion County ARES Net, the DeSoto County ARES Net, and the Rankin County ARES Net.

DEC KC5IMN reports that on Feb 20-21, the West Central Mississippi (WC MS) District conducted a HF NVIS test to determine operator readiness for real-time field deployments in emergencies and to promote interest in ARES for WC MS. The test occurred over two days to cover a broad range of atmospheric propagation conditions; morning, noontime, and evening. The exercise used 80/75, 60, and 40 for HF voice and digital communications.

In conjunction with the HF NVIS test on Feb 21, the WC MS District conducted a 2-meter point to point test using FM voice and digital modes. The purpose of this test was to make as many two-way QSOs with as many different stations as possible in as many different locations as possible in a 1-hour time period. This test was designed to simulate emergency conditions where repeaters might be down and to operate more like a contest where many stations were attempting to contact many stations in the West Central MS ARES District.

KC5IMN indicates that logs for these exercises are being reviewed with the expectation that the WC MS District will be able to show spider charts on local maps depicting actual signal path contacts (much like what you see in the QST periodicals). One objective of these exercises will be to show served agencies ARES capabilities so they'll feel more comfortable sharing their roles with ARES trained operators. An update will follow when all the logs are in.

PIO KF5ZFI reports that the Petal Amateur Wireless Society (N5YH) provided race communications for the Petal Children's Task Force 5k and 2 mile walk, on Feb 13. There were a total of 15 Ham operators stationed throughout the course to notify the race coordinator via a control station if any runners or walkers were in need of assistance, and also to keep all participants on the course. N5MZ used a 4wheeler provided by the Forrest County EOC as the chase vehicle. This event help raise money for the Task Force to provide needy families with assistance for school uniforms, supplies and food. Participating Hams included KG5ASA, KD5XG, NU5Y, N5MZ, KG5ASB, K5DVO, KG5KIW, KG5KIV, KF5ZFFV, KG5FXU, KF5ZCI, NG5C, KE5RJU, KG5FUJ, and K5TJU.

And on the other side of the State, the Vicksburg ARC provided communications for the 37 th Run through History held at the Vicksburg National Military Park. Chairman N5KWT reports that over 700 runners/walkers negotiated the 10K of heartbreak hills. In addition to Don, those VARC members participating were: W5WAF, N5JGK, WB5YKR, KC5VTN, K5IMT, KG5JCO, K5NRK, W5GLA, and W5XX.

K5LMB reports that the University of Mississippi Amateur Radio Club conducted a VE Testing session at their February Meeting. KC5IQZ, brought his son and his family for VE Testing. His son Bob AG5CY passed all three elements in one sitting, earning his Amateur Extra license. Earning their Technician licenses were AG5CY's wife, Sarah KG5MBM, and three sons, Matthew KG5MBN, Timothy KG5MBO, and Jonathan KG5MBP. Wow! Thanks to the UMACR/W5UMS VE Team W5XF, KZ7H, AB5TR, and W1IBL for conducting the Exam.

WA5CYR notes that on the February 3rd broadcast of HamNation that his brother Jim's (KB5CQR)(SK) (and Dan's) joint QSL was posted on AE5DW's 'Board of Honor.' AE5DW reserves this honor for disabled vets. Jim was once a regular checkin to the MSPN.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in February: KG5LKP, John – Meridian; KG5LKR, Richard - Newton; KG5LKS, Dillon – Liberty; KG5LKT, Isaac – Vicksburg; KG5LKW, Henry – Vicksburg; KG5LLO, Gary – Walnut; KG5LLP, Harold – Southaven; KG5LQK, Eric – Jayess; KG5LRC, Patrick – Biloxi; KG5LRD, Melissa – Poplarville; KG5LRE, Joseph – Pontotoc; KG5LVK, Lynwood – Brooklyn; KG5LVL, Kyle – Laurel; and KG5LWC, John – Sumrall.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in February: KK4ADD, Stanley – Terry; KG5AZL, Delisa – Lucedale; KG5AZM, Brent – Lucedale; AG5BX, James – Iuka; N0COP, Leo – Fulton; KB5DXO, Donnie – Amory; KB5HPM, Kevin – Ashland; WB0JBZ, Katherine – Canton, KB5JSG, Lionel – Picayune; KG5KSW, James – Southaven; KE5JNZ, David – Ocean Springs; WA5LCK, Rowland – Tupelo; KG5LLO, Gary – Walnut; KG5LLP, Harold – Southaven; KE5LRA, Brian – Lucedale; KE5MLL, David – Richland; KA5MQI, Gary – Perkinston; KC5UDI, James – Ecu; KC5UDM, Ian – Oxford; W5WSG, William – Hattiesburg; and AE5WV, Jacqueline – Saucier.

As of February 29 ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 1,143 up 10 from the last report on January 31. Thanks to all that support the ARRL!

And last but not least, welcome to KM5ZA as EC for Lowndes County.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KC5BYO, Eddie – Mooreville; KG5GOR, Michael – Laurel; KG5HGQ, Robert – Monticello; KG5JAW, Brooke – Brandon; KG5JHL, Stacy – Columbia; KG5JVV, Mickey – Monticello; KG5JWM, Brian – Flowood; KG5JWO, Richard – Pearl; KE5LVD, Winnie – Liberty; KD5QQL, Kendel – Corinth; KF5VYW, Lewis – Wiggins; and KF5YIA, Perry – Thaxton.

SEC/DEC/EC Reports for February 2016: WM5A (Rankin), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KC5IIW (Scott), KC5IMN (WC MS, Copiah, Hinds, Madison), N5LJC (Marion), KE5MIS (Yalobusha),

K5MOZ (Jackson), N5MZ (Forrest), WX5N (NE MS/Prentiss), AE5QP (Greene), K1REZ (SEC), WX5SE (Itawamba), WA5TEF (Lee), KB5VE (SE MS), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), and N5ZNT (SW MS).

PIO Report: KF5ZCI

Club Newsletter/Reports (Editor): Meridian ARC (W5MAV) and the Mississippi Coast ARA Splatter (KF5SQF).

Regret to report the passing of K5RFC of Wesson.

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

Magnolia Section Net 29/1033/10 (K5DSG)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/29/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 29/2386/15 (K5NRK)

MS-NBEMS Net 5/24/6 (N5TQF)

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

Alcorn County ARES 4/52/0 (WB5CON)

Booneville and Prentiss County Net 4/68/0 (WX5N)

Capital Area Em Net 4/50/0 (K5XU)

Central MS Skywarn 1/22/5 (N5XXX/KE5PYM)

DeSoto County Emergency Training and Information Net 5/103/0 (KF5WVJ/N5PYQ)

2 severe weather activations

Forest County ARES – 3 severe weather activations.

Greene County – (AE5QP) 1 severe weather activation

Hattiesburg ARC Emergency 2M Net 4/41/0 (K5TLL)

Hattiesburg ARC 10M Simplex Net 4/29/0 (K5TLL)

Hattiesburg ARC 2M Simplex Net 1/9/0 (K5TLL)

Itawamba County ARES 4/83/4 (WX5SE)

Jackson County Em Net 25/613/4 (K5MOZ)

Lowndes County ARC Net 4/36/0 (KF5AZ)

Marion County ARES (N5LJC) 2 severe weather activations

MDXA Net 4/38/0 (N5GD)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 5/53/5 (AE5SK)

MPP Net 4/45/0 (W5DIX)

MS Coast Em Services, WX, Training, and Tech Net May 4/66/0 (N5AHM)

Miss/Lou Em Net 4/22/0 (K5NRK)

Northeast MS Skywarn Net 5/69/0 (WA5TEF)

Olive Branch ARC Net 12/83/0 (KF5QGF)

Pearl River ARC Net 4/62/0 (K5RDA)

Rankin County ARES Net 5/87/2 (KG5AVT) 1 severe weather activation

Scott County ARES Training Net 5/55/4 (W5JMJ)

Scott County ARES Simplex Net 5/18/0 (W5JMJ)

Tishomingo ARC Net 4/96/0 (AF5PO)

UMARC UHF Net 4/17/0 (K5LMB)

UMARC VHF Net 4/42/0 (K5LMB)

Yalobusha County ARES – 2 severe weather activations (KE5MIS)

PSHR – K1REZ 243, KA5DON 124 and W5XX 75.

Traffic: KA5DON 54, KG5FRZ 6, and W5XX 5.

Compilation of Net Statistics provided by KB5RCJ.