

Mississippi Section Report for February 2019

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For many years Amateur Radio Emergency Response has been structured around ARES with a Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC), District Emergency Coordinators (EC), County Emergency Coordinators (EC) with the help of Assistant Emergency Coordinators (AEC), and Official Emergency Stations (OES). Opportunities for training on-site and on-line have widely varied from county to county.

A new ARES Plan of Operation (Called ARES Connect) was adopted by the ARRL Board of Directors at its annual meeting in January which represents an effort to provide ARES with a clearly defined mission, goals, and objectives; specify training requirements; and a system for consistent reporting and record keeping. The motivation for ARES Connect was concern on bringing ARES into alignment with the National Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command system (ICS), and creating more consistent and standardized ARES training requirements.

Given dramatic changes and upgrades in national, regional, and local emergency and disaster response organizations, the ARRL faced a major challenge in adapting ARES into a plan of operation consistent with the requirements of agencies that may request Ham Radio assistance. The resulting ARES Plan should be reviewed by all ARES members and can be downloaded on www.arrl.org by typing ARES Plan into the search engine. Many Hams forget that the frequency privileges we enjoy result from the service we can render. There is no free lunch.

The Alcorn County ARES will host the first Corinth Hamfest on Saturday March 30 and Sunday March 31 at the Crossroads Arena in Corinth. VE Exams will be given. For more info see <http://acares.club>.

The 16 th Mississippi QSO Party is just a few weeks away on April 6 th. This QSO Party is a good time to showcase Mississippi in the Ham Radio World. Some people from around the country claim they have never heard a Mississippi Station on the air. This won't be true for the 2019 QSO Party. Put in a few hours and give folks a shot at your rare county. Complete rules are on the Section Website at www.arrlmiss.org. Logs should be sent to W5XX by the end of April. Computer generated logs are nice, but paper logs are OK too.

Lee County EC WA5TEF reports that on their February 25 th Northeast Skywarn Net they had a new one-night record with 23 checkins. There was Skywarn Activation on February 23 with 10 checkins. Jim monitored the storm as it passed northwest of his QTH which produced the Burnsville Tornado a short time later. He recorded 11.47 inches of rain for the week's flooding event.

Itawamba County EC KE5BSB advises that they opened their Skywarn Net on February 23 due to tornado watches and warnings and flooding. Storm Events happened all around Itawamba County, but no life-threatening or major damage occurred in the immediate area.

Activities Chairman KG5YEE notes that the 40 th annual Run Through History was held on March 2. This is a 10K run/5K walk through the rolling hills of the Vicksburg National Military Park. The Vicksburg ARC has handled communications for this event since it first started forty years ago. The operators participating in the race this year were: W5WAF, N5KWT, KD5DHR, KC5VTN, AF5OQ, KC5IBO, WB5WBF, KI5DLV, N5JGK, W5XX, KG5OVR, K5VXV, KG5YEE, And W5VMS.

With the Rise and Shine Marathon approaching on April 6 th, Forrest County EC KF7DLW is looking forward to meeting with the event coordinator to finalize some facts and station assignments for volunteers. Justin reports that he had a great volunteer sign up with 23 operators, who are planning on participating in handling communications. He still needs about 8 operators and maybe a few standby operators as people may have something come up and will not be able to help.

Net Manager KG5WJM reports that Jasper County has two new hams: KI5DBT and KI5DBV. Roger hopes to get the Bay Springs Repeater on the air by mid-March.

The listing of known VE Exams in Mississippi for the remainder of 2019 has been posted on the Section Website at www.arrlmiss.org. Also, an updated list of ARRL Section Appointees has been updated and is on the website.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades in February: KI5CSX, Casey – Starkville; KG5EHK, Danny – Tupelo; N5EIC, Lawrence – Belden; KF5HWG, Billy – Pearl; KE5LWY, Terry – Belmont; KG5THA, James – Canton; KG5UNF, Dustin – Clinton; KG5UYK, Anthony – Booneville; KF5VPD, Edwin – Madison; and KG5YEL, Earnest – Jackson.

Also, congratulations to DeSoto County EC KF5WVJ on completing all seven FEMA Courses in the Professional Development Series required for ARES Connect Level 3.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in February: KI5DBT, James - Bay Springs; KI5DBU, Hannah – Pearl; KI5DBV, Robert – Pearl; KI5DBW, Andria – Brooksville; KI5DBX, Carroll – Brooksville; KI5DCJ, Terrell – Horn Lake; KI5DCN, Cris – Picayune; KI5DEJ, David Starkville; KI5DEK, Megan – Starkville; KI5DEL, Noel – Golden; KI5DEM, Craig, Potts Camp; KI5DEN, Steven – Dennis; KI5DEQ, Eddie - Diamondhead; KI5DER, Joseph – Ocean Springs; KI5DES, Timothy – Moss Point; KI5DET, Andrew – Hattiesburg; KI5DIU, Theodore - Greenwood; KI5DKT, Michael – Brandon; KI5DKU, David Brandon; KI5DLC, Regan – Olive Branch; KI5DLD, Michael – Southaven; KI5DLE, Bryce – Horn Lake; KI5DLT, Michael – Vicksburg; and KI5DLV, Wendy – Vicksburg.

Also, welcome to the following new ARRL Members in February: KF5AGU, John – Fulton; K5AJB, Allen – Ocean Springs, N5BLY, Charles – Pass Christian; W5BUY, William – Summit; W5ECT, Charles – Pass Christian; KA0IBF, Carl - Gulfport; KG5JAW, Brook – Brandon;

K5JBG, James – Southaven; N5LFA, Steven – Potts Camp; K2OWK, Barry – Tupelo; KG5PLH, Wendell – Hattiesburg; KG5SEN, John – Aberdeen; KF5TEX, Jeff – Hattiesburg; N5TF, Terry - Biloxi; N5UK, Gilbert – Kiln; KG5UYK, Anthony – Booneville; KE5ZOP, David Gulfport. As of February 28, ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 991. Up 7 from last month. GREAT!

Also welcome to KG5IVL as AEC for Lee County.

SEC/DEC Reports for February 2019: KC5IMN (SEC), KC5IIW (EC MS), AF5PO (NE MS), N5ZNT (SW MS), and KB0ZTX (NW MS).

EC Reports for February 2019: KE5BSB (Itawamba), WB5CON (Alcorn), KF7DLW (Forrest), AE5FK (Walthall), AG5GN (Lamar), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KC5IIW (Scott), KF5IMA (Lafayette), N5KDA (Adams), AD5KJ (Franklin), NS5M (Washington), KC5NDU (AEC)(Yalobusha), AF5NG (Marion), AF5PO (Tishomingo), AE5SK (AEC)(Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin) , AA5SG (Jones/Wayne), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), WA5TEF (Lee), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), W4WLF (Harrison), KB5ZEA (Attala), N5ZNT (Lincoln/Wilkinson), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

Club Newsletter/Reports (Editor): the Meridian ARC Spark Gap (W5MAV) and the Chickasaw ARA Newsletter (KE5RHM).

Regret to report the passing of W5ILR of Biloxi, who recently moved to the Kansas Soldiers Home in Fort Dodge, Kansas, where he passed. Allan maintained a Digipeater on the Coast for many years.

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

Hattiesburg ARC 10M Net 5/50/0 (KD5XG)

K5TAL - American Legion 80M Net 4/56/0 (KA5DON)

Magnolia Section Net 28/1116/13 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/19/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 28/2243/33 (W5JGW)

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

Adams County ARES 4/59/0 (N5KDA)

Alcorn County ARES Net 4/59/0 (WB5CON)

Attala County ARES 1/10/0 (KB5ZEA) Two Skywarn Activations
Booneville and Prentiss Co Net 4/59/0 (WX5N)

Capital Area Emergency Net 4/53/0 (K5XU)

DeSoto County Training and Information Net 4/104/0 (KF5WVJ) Two Skywarn Activations

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

Hattiesburg ARC 2M Net 5/83/10 (KD5XG)

Hattiesburg 2M Simplex Net 1/10/0 (KD5XG)

Itawamba County ARES 4/20/0 (KE5BSB) One Skywarn Activation

Jackson ARC Emergency Net 3/17/0 (K5XU)

Jasper County ARES 4/31/1 (KG5WJM)

Jones/Wayne ARES Net 4/76/0 (AA5SG)

K5TAL – American Legion 2M Net 4/21/0 (KA5DON)

Lamar County ARES Net 2/29/0 (AG5GN)

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

Marion County ARES Net 4/29/0 (AF5NG)

Madison County ARES 4/36/0 (W5DIX)

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

Mississippi Coast ARES, Weather, and Tech Net 4/71/0 (W4WLF and K5CRJ)

Meridian Area Emergency Net 4/42/0 (KB5SZJ and KF5ETN)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 2/14/0 (AE5SK)

MSU ARC 4/91/1 (N5OMK)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn 4/75/0 (WA5TEF) One Skywarn Activation

Olive Branch ARC 3/29/0 (K5OLV)

Scott County ARES Training Net 4/36/0 (KC5IIW)

Southwest MS ARES Team 4/15/0 (N5ZNT) Three Skywarn activations

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 4/49/0 (KA5ICO)

Tishomingo ARES Net 4/66/0 (AD5PO)

University of Mississippi ARC VHF Net 4/37/0 (KF5IMA)

University of Mississippi ARC UHF Net 4/15/0 (KF5IMA)

Vicksburg ARC MLEN Net 4/111/0 (KD5DHR)

Vicksburg ARC UHF Net 1/9/0 (KD5DHR)

Walthall County ARES Net 3/23/0 (AE5FK)

Yalobusha County Skywarn Net 2/6/0 (KD5NDU)

Digital Net Reports

MS NBEMS Traffic Net 4/20/1 (W5DIX)

PSHR – KA5DON 131 and W5XX 71

Traffic: K5LAM 164, KA5DON 71, and KG5FRZ 8.