

# Mississippi Section Report for January 2019

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ASEC for Training AA1NA reports that the results of the August 2018 SET have been compiled and submitted to the ARRL. The overall scenario for the SET was that the fictional terrorist state of Flyspeckistan had released the dreaded 'QRM Virus,' and Mississippi was highly vulnerable. The Mississippi Department of Health (MSDH) was tasked with distributing vaccine; however, normal communications circuits were down.

As a result, MSDH requested that ARES provide communications to the county Points of Distribution (POD). This request was implemented by ARES transmitting a message on an hourly basis advising what quantity of vaccine was being shipped to each county. This message was sent via the DECs to the county ECs, who relayed the information to the county POD, and in turn, the ECs later returned a message noting the amount of vaccine used. The information was initially originated by the MS NBEMS SET Net and then on to the DECs and ECs. If a digital station was not available in a given county the message was relayed by the MS HF SET Net (Joint Magnolia and MSPN operation). USAF MARS provided communications between the HF Net and Digital Net, as needed.

A summary provided by AA1NA indicates that 148 Hams participated in local ARES activity resulting in 1936 third party messages being originated on behalf of served agencies. The Nets had 77 participating Hams resulting in 1580 messages being handled. Preliminary results indicate that the highest point score was posted in the Southeast District (District VIII) and Forrest County at the county level. Final results will be available in the July 2019 QST.

Thanks again to the Jackson ARC for sponsoring another Capital City Hamfest. Our guests were WV1X from ARRL Headquarters, Delta Division Director K5UZ, and Delta Division Vice-Director WB4JHQ. In addition, Walt Grayson of Channel 12 – Jackson visited the TradeMart and shot footage which aired twice on the February 1 Evening News.

Hamfest Chairman K5GCY reports that over 1,100 Hams were in attendance. Gary thanks the following JARC Members who helped: K5TDD, KE5JKD, KD5JPB, KE5WAC, K5KKD, K5XU, WB8BZH, AK5J, AE5SK, K5RWB, KD5NHJ, W5TWZ, K5IMT, KC5VTN, K5CID, W5RUE, N3TZJ, N5TQF, N5GT, KC5LK, and KG5FSA. Gary further reports that the main prize winner was KE5YES from Yazoo City.

Also, thanks to the following for conducting informative forums: the 599 DX Association on the FT5ZM DXpedition conducted by K2FF and W5UE, 'ARES Connect' conducted by WV1X, the ARRL Forum conducted by WV1X, W5XX, and K5UZ, and the Joint Magnolia Section Net and Mississippi Section Phone Net Forum conducted by KA5ICO and W5JGW.

VE Team Leader AE5SK reports the VE Test Session had 10 candidates which resulted in four new Techs, two upgrades to General, and one upgrade to Extra. Jim thanks the VE's who helped

with the test: N3TZJ, W5JDX, AE5QD, K5TDD, WU5I, WM5A, W5SSJ, KG5NBE, K5BLL, and N5KLT.

Lauderdale county EC KB5SZJ reports that the Jackson Hamfest was very good this year. He personally had a good time and picked up some parts their local club stations. The Meridian ARC digi (W5FQ ) is on the air and doing well. They hope to start working on a link towards Jackson for future traffic. They will also be discussing the possibility of an ATV station for the use of passing along weather bulletins and other info from the Lauderdale EMA

EC KF7DLW advises that Forrest/Perry Counties ARES is looking for operators for the Rise and Shine half marathon that will be taking place in April 6 th Hattiesburg. They need to get at least 30 operators but 45-50 would be optimal. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

KG5YEE relays that the Vicksburg ARC again provided communications support for the Chill in the Hills 10K run/5K walk on January 12. The race supports Grace Christian Counseling Center, which is a non-profit service providing professional counseling with fee adjustments. The race wound through historic downtown Vicksburg and surrounding neighborhoods. It was a cold and rainy day, but resilient club members who participated were: N5JGK, N5KWT, W5WAF, KG5OVR, KD5DHR, KG5YEE, AF5OQ, KC5IBO, AC5UL, KJ5RC, and KC5GIB.

EC AE5FK reports that ARES is trying to get their radio station set up in the Walthall County EOC building .

Congratulations to the following new club officers for 2019: Olive Branch – W5SMB President, KF5OIM VP, and K5OLB S/T; and the Vicksburg ARC – KD5DHR President, AF5OQ VP, and KG5OVR S/T.

Also, congratulations to the following on their upgrades in January: KI5BYX, Charles – Corinth; and KI5CNA, Timothy – Poplarville.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in January: KI5CUO, Jerry – Iuka; KI5SWO, Roman – Kokomo; and KI5CXD, Chase – Starkville. The Government shutdown really slowed down processing new licenses.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in January: W5BDB, Brian – Brandon; KI5BRF, John – Plantersville; KF5CCH, Albert – Hattiesburg; KI5CMZ, John – Ocean Springs; K5CPO, Ronald – Clinton; KI5CQY, Jaime – Ocean Springs; KG5DMF, Jim – Brandon, K9EYZ, Laurence – Ocean Springs; AG5HJ, Linda – Yazoo City; KC5IBO, Wanda – Port Gibson; KB5LZX, Sammy – Amory; KE5MFV, Robert – Byhalia; KE5MFW, Rachel – Byhalia; KG5NSN, Robert – Amory; K5TXR, Nancy – Columbus; W5VMS, Scott – Vicksburg; and AE5W, Brandon – Brandon. As of January 31, ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 984. Down 4 from last month. There's got to be a bottom somewhere.

Also welcome to K9EYZ as ADEC for the Gulf Coast.

SEC/DEC Reports for January 2019: KC5IMN (SEC), KC5IIW (EC MS), AF5PO (NE MS),

N5ZNT (SW MS), and KB0ZTX (NW MS).

EC Reports for January 2019: KE5BSB (Itawamba), WB5CON (Alcorn), KF7DLW (Forrest), AE5FK (Walthall), AG5GN (Lamar), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KC5IIW (Scott), KF5IMA (Lafayette), N5KDA (Adams), AD5KJ (Franklin), WX5N (Prentiss), KC5NDU (AEC)(Yalobusha), AF5NG (Marion), AF5PO (Tishomingo), AE5SK (AEC)(Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin), AA5SG (Jones/Wayne), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), WA5TEF (Lee), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), N5ZNT (Lincoln/Wilkinson), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

OES Reports for January – WB5AKR

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

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

Hattiesburg ARC 10M Net 4/39/0 (KD5XG)

K5TAL - American Legion 80M Net 5/62/0 (KA5DON)

Magnolia Section Net 31/1252/0 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/15/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 31/2609/19 (W5JGW)

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

Adams County ARES 4/67/0 (N5KDA)

Alcorn County ARES Net 4/70/0 (WB5CON)

Booneville and Prentiss Co Net 5/69/0 (WX5N)

Capital Area Emergency Net 4/49/0 (K5XU)

DeSoto County Training and Information Net 4/107/0 (KF5WVJ)

Forrest/Perry Counties ARES 3/32/0 (KF7DLW)

Hattiesburg ARC 2M Net 4/65/1 (KD5XG)

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

Itawamba County ARES 5/24/0 (KE5BSB)

Jackson ARC Emergency Net 5/41/0 (K5XU)

Jasper County ARES 5/29/0 (KG5WJM) One Skywarn activation

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

K5TAL – American Legion 2M Net 5/21/1 (KA5DON)

Lamar County ARES Net 2/27/0 (AG5GN)

Lee County ARES Net 4/74/0 (WA5TEF)

Lowndes County ARC Net 5/57/0 (KF5AZ)

Marion County ARES Net 4/24/0 (AF5NG)

Madison County ARES 5/31/0 (W5DIX)

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

Mississippi Coast ARA Emergency Net 5/77/0 (K5CRJ)

MDXA Net 4/13/0 (N5GD)

Meridian Area Emergency Net 5/61/0 (KB5SZJ and KF5ETN)

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

MSU ARC 5/98/0 (N5OMK)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn 4/74/0 (WA5TEF)

Olive Branch ARC 4/36/0 (K5OLV)

Scott County ARES Training Net 4/35/0 (KC5IIW) One Skywarn Activation

Scott County Simplex Net 1/4/0 (KC5IIW)

Scott County Skywarn Net 1/3/0 (KC5IIW)

Southwest MS ARES Team 5/23/0 (N5ZNT)

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 4/55/0 (KA5ICO)

Tishomingo ARES Net 5/81/0 (AD5PO)

University of Mississippi ARC VHF Net 4/34/0 (KF5IMA)

University of Mississippi ARC UHF Net 4/11/0 (KF5IMA)

Vicksburg ARC MLEN Net 5/132/0 (KD5DHR) One Skywarn Activation

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

Walthall County ARES Net 4/36/0 (AE5FK)

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

Digital Net Reports

MS NBEMS Traffic Net 4/15/2 (W5DIX)

PSHR – KA5DON 108, and W5XX 71

Traffic: KA5DON 48, KG5FRZ 12, and W5XX 2.