

# Mississippi Section Report for July 2020

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Hamfest Chairman K5GCY advises the Capital City Hamfest for 2021 has been cancelled due to potential Covid -19 problems. Hopefully, the Hamfest will be going full steam from the new Trade Mart in 2022! In addition, note that the ARRL Day in the Park/Papa Jack's Trade Day scheduled for Tupelo is also cancelled. Covid - 19 go away!

Tripp Sanders from Sturgis at twelve years old is among the youngest potential Hams in Mississippi to pass a Ham Exam. Tripp passed his Technician on May 14, 2020. He quickly passed his General and was ready to go on the air as K5TRP, but lacked a rig. Fortunately, N9ZA of Fulton kindly donated his 'first radio' to Tripp. On July 25 Tripp worked W5XX on 20M FT4. Wow! Tripp jumps in quick.

Check your profile on the ARRL Web Site (upper center of the home page). There is a place to enter some words on how you became interested in Ham Radio. Put a few words together. This would be an interesting read for your Ham friends.

The first Virtual Ham Expo is over. Mississippi Hams had nothing but positive comments on the event. If you missed it, the entire Expo minus the Chat Room is available 'on demand' from [qsotoday.vfairs.com](http://qsotoday.vfairs.com) or goggle 'Virtual Ham Expo.'. The presentation quality rivals Dayton. The next Virtual Ham Expo is scheduled for March 2021.

Lauderdale County EC KB5SZJ reports ARES is testing its new packet station and is accepting checkins on every Tuesday and Thursday.

PIC K5RFL reports attending a Zoom meeting last month with the Marion County Ham Radio Club, and they gave a brief presentation on the js8call software. Caleb says, "It's always a pleasure to visit with fellow operators from around the section and beyond when it just isn't feasible to physically attend presentations." Any other clubs having Zoom meetings?

EC K1REZ reports that On July 2 the Scott County Amateur Radio Club held its monthly club meeting on the Pelahatchie Repeater, 145.390 with a 77HZ tone. After discussing club business, W5DIX gave an excellent presentation on the importance of Digital Amateur Radio. Handouts were made available for download on the Scott County website so that every could follow along during the presentation.

The administrative details for the 2020 Mississippi QSO Party are about wrapped up. AB6Z is preparing the plaques. All certificates for Mississippi participants have been sent out. If you think you should receive a certificate and have not please advise W5XX. Thanks to W5VMS for designing a great new certificate.

On your long-range calendar pencil in:

- Simulated Emergency Test, August 15, POC: KC5IMN and AA1NA. ARES Prepare.
- ARRL Day in the Park/Papa Jack's Trade Day, Tupelo, Cancelled
- Jackson County Hamfest, Ocean Springs, November 13-14, POC: N2PKW
- Capital City Hamfest, Trademart, Jackson, January 29-30, Cancelled
- 2021 Mississippi QSO Party, April 3, POC: w5xx@cablelynx.com

Upgrades in July: None!! With not being to conduct classes, Covid – 19 is taking its toll. Encourage potential upgrades to keep studying on their own.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in July: AG5ZP, Bradley – Newton; KI5JTJ, Robert – Jackson; KI5JTR, Malcolm - Pontotoc; KI5JWC, Robert – Bay Saint Louis; KI5KAA, Dean – Waveland; KI5KBA, Stanford – Petal; KI5KBB, Jackson – Petal; KI5KCA, Stephen – Poplarville; KI5KBC, Christopher – Petal; KI5KBI, Kurt – Pontotoc; and KI5KDW, Aidan – Water Valley. Thanks to the VE Teams giving potential new Hams a chance to get their license or upgrade under extenuating circumstances. Club members reach out to these newcomers and welcome them into your club.

Also welcome the following new ARRL Members in July : K5BLL, Bill – Madison; KG5CAH, Timothy – Waveland; KI5CNB, Carla – Gulfport; N5DS, Daniel – Long Beach; KF4GCT, Walter – Southaven; KI5IKJ, Mary – Hamilton; KI5IRW, Joseph – Madison; KE5JYV, James – West Point; N5KBQ, Robert – Hattiesburg; KG5LQK, Eric – Jayess; N5RNF, Robert – Amory; N5TAX, Danny – Booneville; and AG5ZP, Bradley – Newton.

ARRL membership in Mississippi is now 991 down 5 from last month. Unfortunately, we sink a little further from 1000. Keep working! Thanks to all who support ARRL Membership in Mississippi.

SEC Report for July 2020: KC5IMN (SEC)

EC Reports for July 2020: N5AAS (Forrest), AE5FK (Walthall), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KF5IMA (Lafayette), KG5IXV (Newton), N5KDA (Adams), AF5NG (Marion), K1REZ (Scott), K5RTW (Lee), AA5SG (Jones/Wayne), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), KD4VVZ (George), KG5WJM (Jasper), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), KA5ZEA (Attala), and KB0ZTX (Marshall)..

ACC Report: W5VMS. Scott asks that club officials file their Annual Club Reports ASAP.

PIC Report: K5RFL

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

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

Hattiesburg ARC HF Net 4/31/0 (KD5XG)

K5TAL 80M Net 5/75/0 (WV5Q)

Magnolia Section Net 31/1116/5 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/17/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 31/2472/12 (W5JGW)

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

Adams County ARES 4/52/0 (N5KDA)

Attala County ARES 1/3/0 (KB5ZEA)

Capital Area Emergency Net 4/64/0 (K5XU)

Central Mississippi ARES Training Net 4/52/13 (K1REZ)

DeSoto County Training and Information Net 4/94/0 (KF5WVJ)

Forrest/Perry Counties Net ARES 2/33/0 (N5AAS)

George County SARES 5/40/0 (KD4VVZ)

Hattiesburg ARC 2 M Net 4/49/6 (KD5XG)

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

Jackson ARC Emergency Net 4/61/0 (K5XU)

Jasper County ARES 5/27/0 (KG5WJM)

Jones/Wayne Counties ARES 5/68/0 (AA5SG)

Lowndes County ARC 4/93/0 (KF5AZ)

Marion County ARES Net 4/35/0 (AF5NG)

Marshall County ARES – meets with DeSoto County Net (KB0ZTX)

Meridian Area Emergency Net 4/56/0 (KB5SZJ)

MSU ARC Net 4/110/0 (N5OMK)

MCARA Training Net 4/101/0 (KF5BA)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net 4/66/0 (W5BAQ)

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 4/80/0 (KA5ICO)

Tate County ARES – Meets with Desoto County Net (KG5TTU)

University of Mississippi ARES Net 4/48/0 (KF5IMA)

Vicksburg ARC MLEN Net 5/148/0 (KD5DHR)

Walthall County ARES Net 5/86/0 (AE5FK)

Digital Net Reports

EMTARG – 1087 (WB5BNV)

K5TAL Digital Voice Net 5/85/0 (WV5Q)

Traffic: K1REZ 238, WV5Q 38, KG5FRZ 10, and W5XX 8.

PSHR: K1REZ 140, WV5Q 98, W5XX 83