

Mississippi Section Report for June 2017

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Comments from the 163 logs received for the Fourteenth Mississippi QSO Party in April indicate that propagation was not good during the first three hours of the QSO party due to a fading solar storm, but improved somewhat as the day wore on. In spite of the semi-lousy conditions OM2VL managed to make 46 Mississippi QSOs from Europe and WB8WKQ made 86 QSOs from Stateside. The logs indicate that 76 Mississippi Stations were on the air in 61 of the 82 counties. We needed some activity from the Delta to have all 82 counties on the air.

Special thanks to the mobiles and portables, who put a lot of counties on the air that would otherwise not have been available. A pat on the back for NO5W/M, K4ZGB/M, KK4TE/M, W5OBM/P, W5SGL/P, and N5WDG/P. And last, but not least, thanks to N5NA for coordinating mobile routes and portable locations with his website and AG5Z for helping to check logs.

Also thanks to the following for sponsoring plaques: 599 DX Association, the Magnolia DX Association, the Central Mississippi ARA, the Jackson ARC, the Hattiesburg ARC, K1REZ, the University of Mississippi ARC, and the Chickasaw ARA. Those stations winning plaques were:

High Score Mississippi Station (single op) – K5WK
High Score Mississippi Portable (unlimited ops/one xmtr) – Mississippi Coast ARA – W5SGL/P
High Score Mississippi Portable (unlimited ops/multi-xmtrs) – Olive Branch ARC – W5OBM/P
High Score Mississippi Mobile (no driver) – K4ZGB/M
High Score Mississippi Mobile (with driver)(NO5W and W5GAI ops)
High Score Mississippi Club – 599 DX Association
High Score Mississippi RTTY – NA5NN (K2FF op)
High Score Out of State Station (W/VE) – WB8WKQ
High Score DX Station (outside W/VE) – OM2VL

The top ten Mississippi Stations (single op) were K5WK, K5TLL, NM5Z, K5WNU, W5UE, N5KDA, KG5CJA, N5RB, K5XU, and W5ETZ.

NA5DX reports that the Magnolia DX Association (MDXA) was very active during the Mississippi QSO Party this year with club call sign K5MDX. Operating in a non-competitive category from several locations in Harrison County. K5MDX logged a total of 802 contacts in 49 states and 18 DXCC entities. Contacts by mode totaled 414 SSB, 368 CW and 20 PSK31. Club members participating as K5MDX operators were K5IJ, KD5PYC, N5GD, W5XMD, WQ5L, and NA5DX. As part of the Mississippi Bi-Centennial celebration, MDXA is conducting a yearlong special event and a special Bi-Centennial QSL card is available for all stations that work K5MDX in 2017. More information can be found on the K5MDX QRZ page or the club's website at www.mdx.org.

MSQP results will be sent out in the next month by email to those who provided an email

address or otherwise by snail mail. Those eligible for plaques and certificates will received them somewhat later by snail mail or club presentation. Remember next year the QSO Party will be held the first full weekend of April. Put April 7-8, 2018 on your long-range calendar!

Field Day 2017 is now history. Unfortunately, Tropical Storm Cindy arrived a day ahead of Cindy and inundated South and parts of Central Mississippi. This resulted in cancellation of a number of Field Day operations. However, many brave souls still ventured into the field experiencing some degree of mud, heat, humidity, rain, and lightening as well as making QSOs, fun, and fellowship.

Those clubs known in the field were:

Alcorn County ARES (W5AWP)
Chickasaw ARA (W5GWD)
Great Southern DX Assc. (K5GDX)
Hattiesburg/Lamar ARCs (K5PN)
Mississippi Coast ARA (W5SGL)
Multi-Club operation (W5W)(Jackson ARC, Central Mississippi ARA, Vicksburg ARC, and the Salvation Army).
Northeast Mississippi ARA (W5NEM)
Olive Branch ARC (W5OBM)
Scott County ARC (KF5WNV)
Southwest Mississippi ARC (W5WQ)
Tishomingo ARC (W5TCR)
Tupelo ARC (K5TUP)
NA5NN (K2FF/W5UE)

If I missed listing your operation, please advise, and I'll put it my permanent record.

Be sure to checkout page 71 of the June QST. Mississippi was Number 1 in the 2016 Simulated Emergency Test in both the ARES Activity and Section/Local Net categories! A record 22 counties participated. Many Kudos to past SEC K1REZ for organizing the SET and following up on the reporting. This was a huge job!

And don't forget our upcoming 2017 SET on August 5. Contact SEC KC5IMN to see how you can help.

EC KE5BSB reports that the NEMRA Net activated on June 22 due to storms moving though the area. There were many tornado reports from unconfirmed sources including the local TV Station, but there were no confirmed tornados. There was minor damage from strong winds.

DEC N5ZNT reports that the Southwest Mississippi ARES Team again set up a special event station for the Dairy Festival in Tylertown. Seven hams and 10 guests participated not to mention free ice cream for all.

WX5N has retired as DEC for Northeast Mississippi. Replacing Rick will be AF5PO. Welcome aboard Jon. Also, N5LJC has retired as EC for Marion County. Replacing Billy Paul will be John, AF5NG.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in June: KG5TPA, Michael – Diamondhead; KG5TPC, John – Perkinston; KG5TQU, Paul – Booneville; KG5TTK, Charles – Foxworth; KG5TTU, Don – Senatobia; KG5TTV, Thomas – Coldwater; KG5TVQ, Denna – Bolton; KG5TVR, Dennis – Purvis; KG5TVS, John – Purvis; KG5TYA, Thomas – Batesville; KG5TYC, Victor – Columbus; and KG5TYD, Riley – Starkville.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in June: KJ5DEN, Dennis – Clinton; WB5DXG, Russell – Brandon; N5ERX, Darrell – Ocean Springs; KE5EYN, Colleen – Diamondhead; KG5GOP, Steve – Hattiesburg; WB0JBZ, Katherine – Canton; KG5LEV, Harvey – Bogue Chitto; KG5LGU, James – Monticello; N5NCK, Joel – Diamondhead; W5NDM, Charles – Pass Christian; KG5NSN, Robert – Amory; KE5PTI, Cecilia – Kiln; KE5PTJ, Steve – Kiln; KG5PUA, Darrell – West; KE5QIN, Barbara – Gulfport; KA5SIV, Jan – Magnolia; KF5TKE, Caleb – Starkville; KD5VTY, Wade – French Camp; WA4WLS, Roger – Hernando; N5XN, Edward – McComb; and AD5XR, Wayne – Brandon.

As of June 30, ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 1,061 up 5 from the last report on May 31. Good Show!

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades in June: KG5MUE, Wayne – Gulfport; KG5PIF, Bobby – Corinth; KF5QOC, Joe – Florence; KF5SFK, Gary – Vancleave; W5TF, Terry – Laurel; KG5TGA, Kenneth – Biloxi; KF5TKE, Caleb – Starkville; KG5TQV, Bradley – Corinth; KG5TTJ, Marion – Ellisville; and KD5TZG, Angie – Brookhaven.

SEC/ASEC/DEC Reports for June 2017: KC5IMN (SEC), K1REZ (ASEC), WX5N (NE MS), KD4VVZ (Gulf Coast), N5ZNT (SW MS), and KB0ZTX (NM MS).

EC Reports for June 2017: KG5AVT (AEC)(Rankin), KE5BSB (Itawamba), WB5CON (Alcorn), AE5FK (Walthall), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KG5IIS (Madison), KC5IIW (Scott), KF5IMA (Lafayette), N5KDA (Adams), AD7KJ (Franklin), N5LJC (Marion), KF5MWE (Clarke), WX5N (Prentiss), KD5NDU (Yalobusha), N9OKV (Harrison), AF5PO (Tishomingo), AE5QP (Greene), AA5SG (AEC)(Jones), AE5SK(AEC)(Hinds), WA5TEF (Lee), KD4VVZ (George), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), N5ZNT (Lincoln), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

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

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

Magnolia Section Net 30/1065/6 (KA5ICO)

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

MSPN 30/2235/18 (K5NRK)

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

Alcorn County ARES Net 4/55/1 (WB5CON)

Bluff City ARES 4/64/1 (N5KDA)

Booneville and Prentiss County Weekly Net 4/50/0 (WX5N)

Capital Area Emergency Net 4/35/0 (K5XU)

DeSoto County Emergency Training and Information Net 4/105/0 (KF5WVJ)

George County ARES 4/52/0 (KD4VVZ)

Greene County EM Com Team 1/2/0 (AE5QP)

Hattiesburg ARC Emergency 2M Net 4/57/0 (KD5XG)

Itawamba County ARES Net 5/82/0 (KE5BSB)

Jones County ARES Net 6/42/0 (AA5SG)

Lowndes County ARC Net 4/45/0 (KF5AZ)

Madison County ARES 4/61/0 (KG5IIS)

Marion County HRC Net 4/26/0 (N5LJC)

Marshall County ARES – meets with DeSoto County 4/4/0 (KB0ZTX)

MDXA Net 4/28/0 (N5GD)

Meridian Area Emergency Net 4/46/0 (KD5GWM)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/37/0 (AE5SK)

Mississippi Coast ARES 4/126/0 (N9OKV)

MLN 4/39/0 (K5NRK)

MSU ARC 4/53/3 (N5OMK)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net 4/45/0 (WA5TEF)

Olive Branch ARC Net 4/84/0 (K5OLV)

Rankin County ARES Net 5/81/0 (KG5AVT)

Scott County ARES Training Net 4/23/0 (KC5IIW)

Scott County ARES Simplex Net 1/2/0 (KC5IIW)

Southwest MS ARES Team 4/15/0 (N5ZNT)

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 4/31/0 (KA5ICO)

Tishomingo County ARC Net 4/94/0 (AF5PO)

UMARC UHF Net 4/14/0 (K5LMB)

UMARC VHF Net 4/31/0 (K5LMB)

Walthall County ARES 1/2/0 (AE5FK)

Yalobusha County Skywarn 3/4/0 (KD5NDU)

Digital Net Reports

EMTARG (East Mississippi Tailbone Amateur Radio Group) BPQ BBS
14/14/424 (WB5AKR)

EMTARG VHF PACKET 145.010 wb5akr-10/wb5akr-15 BBS 24/7
30/2/140 (WB5AKR)

EMTARG P2P (3586.0 kHz) 24/7
30/90/384 (WB5AKR)

EMTARG FLDIGI WX (3586.0 kHz)(during TS Cindy)
2/3/53 (WB5AKR)

MS NBEMS Traffic Net 4/24/2 (W5DIX)

PSHR – K1REZ 93, W5XX 81, and KA5DON 75.

Traffic: AD5O 101, K1REZ 91, KA5DON 25, W5XX 17, and KG5FRZ 8.

Compilation of Net Statistics provided by KB5RCJ.