

Mississippi Section Report for March 2017

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The 2017 Mississippi QSO Party is now history. Band conditions were pretty good (SFI 100+) considering we are on the downward slope of a sunspot cycle when the bands come in late and go out early. There was plenty of activity both inside and outside of Mississippi as evidenced by the fact that over 150 logs have come in as of April 10. Thanks to K4ZGB, KK4TE, and multiop mobile team of NO5W and W5GAI for conducting mobile operations from many counties that would not otherwise have not been on the air.

The Southeast MS ARES District provided thirty-two operators (including six high school students) for the third annual Hattiesburg Clinic Rise and Shine Half Marathon on April 1, 2017. These operators provided support communication for the race and reported race status, traffic, medical, and other issues that arose during the 13.1-mile event. NG5C, a Hattiesburg Clinic employee, served as liaison on the planning committee. PIO KF5ZCI set up an information booth and served as net control, and Forrest County EC N5MZ recruited and assigned operators to the course. Unplanned events provided emergency net training when the repeater hosting the net suddenly went offline. NCS KF5ZCI moved the net to a simplex frequency, checked everybody back into the net, and proceeded. Stations begin checking into the net about 6:30AM and the net ceased operations about 11:30AM.

Those participating in the race communications event included: PIO KF5ZCI (NCS), NG5C, KE5AFC, Forrest Co AEC NU5Y, ADEC N5SP, W5WSG, N5TNT, AG5DO, DEC KB5VE, KD5XG, KF7DLW, KG5QAZ, W5TUT, NY9U, KG5NEZ, N5ARM, Forrest Co EC N5MZ, George Co AEC KG5AZM, KF5ZFB, K5DVO, K5SDB, Lamar Co EC K5VBB, AG5AB, WB5TJK, KF5ZAU, KG5KJJ, KF5YXY, KG5PXA, AG5HM, KG5PND, KG5AZG, and KG5AZL.

From Shelby County EC Kf5WVJ reports that their ARES Team was invited to hold its monthly meeting at the Shelby County, Tennessee, EOC and were given a tour and explanation on the Shelby County Operations Center. Further, on 3/16/2017 KB0ZTX, KF5WVJ, KC5RDP, K5DKR, W5FLH, and KG5AVJ, attended the WMC Channel 5 local news sponsored Weather Road Show event at Whispering Woods in Olive Branch in conjunction with Desoto County EMA Director Chief Storey and Deputy Director Chris Olson. We were on hand to explain to the public our roll as volunteers in the Skywarn program and our function as amateur radio operators during times of emergencies or disasters with RACES and ARES.

In other EC Notes WB5CON reports that 11 ARES volunteers went to a 4-hour training session at the county EOC which was taught by the Alcorn County EMA Director. And Tishomingo County EC AF5PO reports that their repeater was down for a week. Jon went to repeater site and operated his mobile in reverse as net control during their weekly net.

Assistant SEC for Digital Communications K1REZ notes that for information regarding Amateur Radio Digital Modes in Mississippi visit: <http://www.msares.com/digital/>

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in February: KG5SEM, Sam – Hamilton; KG5SEN, John – Aberdeen; KG5SEO, Sarah – Hamilton; KG5SEP, Jason – Biloxi; and KG5SER, Paul – Gulfport.

Welcome to the following new ARRL Members in March: KD5AFC, Latanya – Ecu; KE5HVV, James – Hernando; AG5IK, Gilbert – Ocean Springs; KB5JOF, James – Jackson; AB8LA, Sandi- Coldwater; W5KZO, Billy – Kosciusko; N5LCG, Marvin – Clinton; K5PBK, Patrick – Florence; KG5PIU, Keith – Collins; W5RCG, Robert – Long Beach; KG5RME, Charles – Guntown; KG5RSA, Raymond – Water Valley; KG5RTF, Marlyn – Biloxi; KG5RYK, James – Pearl; KG5SER, Paul – Gulfport; WB5UXR, William- Terry; KC5WMI, Billy – Biloxi; KE5YZC, Jackie – Batesville; and K5ZMR, Ronald – Ocean Springs.

As of March 31, ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 1,070 up 6 from the last report on February 28. Maybe we've finally turned to corner!

And last but not least welcome to AA5SG as AEC for Jones County, KF5ZCI as AEC for Forrest County, and KF5UJD as AEC for Stone County.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades in March: KG5RFO, Dolly – Laurel; KF5SFK, Gary – Vancleave; and WB5TZN, Richard – Aberdeen.

SEC/ASEC/DEC Reports for March 2017: KC5IMN (SEC), K1REZ (ASEC), WX5N (NE MS), KB5VE (SE MS), KB0ZTX (NW MS), N5ZNT (SW MS).

EC Reports for March 2017: KG5AVT(AEC)(Rankin), KE5BSB (Itawamba), WB5CON (Alcorn), AE5FK (Walthall), KG5GMI (Hinds), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KC5IIW (Scott), KF5IMA (Lafayette), N5KDA (Adams), AD7KJ (Franklin), N5LJC (Marion), KF5MWE (Clarke), N5MZ (Forrest), WX5N (Prentiss), AF5PO (Tishomingo), AE5QP (Greene), WA5TEF (Lee), KF5UJD (AEC)(Stone), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), KB0ZTX (Marshall), and N5ZNT (Lincoln and Wilkinson).

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

Regret to report the passing of AE5JG. Dan was retired from both the Army and Navy and was a very active Ham serving as a Jackson County Club Officer, Hamfest Chairman, and class instructor. In addition, he was a very active DXer.

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

Hattiesburg ARC 10M Simplex Net 4/31/0 (K5TLL)

Magnolia Section Net 31/902/4 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/23/0 (WF5F)

MS NBEMS Network 4/44/3 (W5DIX)

MSPN 31/2479/34 (K5NRK)

MPP HF Net 4/44/0 (W5DIX)

MS Winlink Net 3/8/9 (K1REZ)

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

Alcorn County ARES Net 4/44/0 (WB5CON)

Bluff City ARES 4/59/0 (N5KDA)

Booneville and Prentiss County Weekly Net 4/52/0 (WX5N)

Capital Area Emergency Net 4/56/0 (K5XU)

Clarke County EMCOMM Group 1/1/0 (KF5MWE)

DeSoto County Emergency Training and Information Net 4/98/0 (KF5WVJ)

George County ARES Net 4/XX/0 (KD4VVZ)

Green County EMCOMM Team 1/2/0 (AE5QP)

Hattiesburg ARC Emergency 2M Net 4/64/0 (K5TLL)

Hattiesburg 2M Simplex Net 1/14/0 (K5TLL)

Itawamba County ARES Net 5/78/0 (KE5BSB)

Lowndes County ARC Net 4/53/0 (KF5AZ)

Marion County HRC Net 4/52/0 (N5LJC)

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

MDXA Net 4/35/0 (N5GD)

Meridian Area Emergency Net 4/39/0 (KD5GWM)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/38/0 (AE5SK)

Mississippi Coast ARA Net 4/77/0 (N5AHM)

MPP 2M Net 4/64/0 (W5DIX)

MLen 4/30/0 (K5NRK)

MSU ARC 2/27/0 (N5OMK)

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

Rankin County ARES Net 5/102/0 (KG5AVT)

Scott County ARES Training Net 4/37/0 (KC5IIW)

Scott County ARES Simplex Net 3/8/0 (KC5IIW)

Southeast Mississippi ARES Net 4/85/0 (N5MZ)

Southwest Mississippi ARES Team 4/24/0 (N5ZNT)

Sundancer Solar Radio Club 4/51/0 (KA5ICO)

Tishomingo ARC Net 4/66/0 (AF5PO)

UMARC UHF Net 4/22/0 (K5LMB)

UMARC VHF Net 4/27/0 (K5LMB)

Yalobusha Skywarn Net 4/7/0 (KD5NDU)

PSHR – KA5DON 136 and W5XX 70

Traffic: AD5O 114, KA5DON 93, KG5FRZ 15, and W5XX 2.

Compilation of Net Statistics provided by KB5RCJ.