

Mississippi Section Report for March 2020

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The seventeenth Mississippi QSO Party is now history. This was one of the best! For this point in the sunspot cycle conditions were great. Further, considering that most mobile/portable operations were curtailed due to the Governor's "Shelter in Place" Declaration, overall activity was ably sustained by the fixed stations, who came to the rescue of potentially not having much in-state activity.

Activity from outside of Mississippi was great also. The pileups seemed to be bottomless for great lengths of time. This was probably attributable to people having to stay at home and the State QSO Party Challenge (Goggle for more info) which is in progress.

Remember that logs are due to W5XX by April 30. At this writing (April 9) over 175 logs have been checked in. Looking at the W5XX in-basket, this number is sure to go over 200 – a record.

The Vicksburg ARC provided communications for the 41st annual Run Through History in Vicksburg. The event coordinator was KG5YEE. Other participants include K5IMT, KG5OVR, N5JGK, W5WAF, W5VMS, KC5GIB, N5KWT, and KC5QCN.

On your long-range calendar note Field Day on June 27-28; and the ARRL Day in the Park in Vicksburg date TBD.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades in March: KI5FAM, Joseph – Vardaman; WH6GFX, Carl – Gautier; KI5HTA, Jherica – Batesville; and KF5TPT, James – Olive Branch.

And congratulations to AB6Z who worked VP8PJ in the South Shetland Islands to reach the DXCC Honor Role.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in March: KI5IKJ, Mary – Hamilton; KI5ILT, William – Water Valley; KI5ILU, Nolan - Oxford; KI5INT, Warren – Soso; KI5INV, Ty Tupelo; KI5IPN, Timothy – Columbia; KI5IQO, Richard – Ocean Springs; and KI5IRT, Richard – Vicksburg.

Also, welcome to the following new ARRL Members in March: KG5BRM, Nathan – Pontotoc; WA5CJP, Paul – Hattiesburg; WA5EEC, Kenneth – Pass Christian; KE5EOQ, Sandra – Hernando; KI5HTA, Jherica – Batesville; KI5HWA, Charles – Nesbit; KI5HWB, Thomas – Hernando; KI5IQO, Richard – Ocean Springs; KG5LEV, Harvey – Bogue Chitto; KB5MBP, Sterling – Preston; KC8OLQ, John Michael – Columbus; K5RKO, Floyd – Pontotoc; KG5SWA, Michael – Madison; and W5TOD, Michael – Southaven.

ARRL membership in Mississippi is now 982 down 2 from last month.

And last, but not least, welcome to N5OMK as EC for Oktibbeha County and KG5SQZ as OES.

SEC/ASEC/DEC Reports for March 2020: KC5IMN (SEC), N5ZNT (SW MS), and KB0ZTX (DEC NW MS).

EC Reports for February 2020: N5AAS (EC – Nominee)(Forrest), AE5FK (Walthall), AG5GN (Lamar), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KF5IMA (Lafayette), N5KDA (Adams), AD7KJ (Franklin), AF5NG (Marion), AE5SK (AEC)(Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin), AA5SG (Jones/Wayne), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), KK5TTU (Tate), (KF5WVJ (DeSoto), N5ZNT (Lincoln/Wilkinson), KG5ZEA (Attala), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

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

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

Hattiesburg ARC HF Net 5/46/0 (KD5XG)

K5TAL Net 4/54/0 (WV1Q)

Magnolia Section Net 31/1231/6 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 5/25/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 31/2778/32 (W5JGW)

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

Adams County ARES Net 5/52/0 (N5KDA)

Capital Area Emergency Net 5/64/0 (K5XU)

DeSoto County Training and Information Net 5/143/0 (KF5WVJ)

Forrest/Perry Counties Net ARES 2/31/0 (N5AAS - EC Nominee)

Hattiesburg ARC 2 M Net 5/69/0 (KD5XG)

Hattiesburg ARC 2 M Simplex Net 1/9/0 (KD5XG)

Jackson ARC Emergency Net 4/47/0 (K5XU)

Jones/Wayne Counties ARES 6/82/1 (AA5SG)

Lamar County ARES Net 2/39/0 (AG5GN)

Madison County ARES 2/9/0 (W5DIX)

Marion County ARES Net 5/32/0 (AF5NG)

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

Meridian Area Emergency Net 5/84/0 (KB5SZJ)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 2/15/0 (AE5SK)

MSU ARC Net 5/142/0 (N5OMK)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net 5/104/0 (W5BAQ)

Southwest MS ARES Team 4/16/0 (N5ZNT)

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 5/41/0 (KA5ICO)

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

University of Mississippi ARES Net 5/60/0 (KF5IMA)

Vicksburg ARC MLEN Net 7/190/0 (KD5DHR)

Walthall County ARES Net 3/36/0 (AE5FK)

Digital Net Reports

EMTARG - 620

K5TAL Digital Voice Net 4/72/0 (WV5Q)

MS Winlink Net 2/28/0 (W5DIX)

NBEMS 5/45/7 (W5DIX)

Traffic: K5LAM 691, WV5Q 44, KG5FRZ 10, and W5XX 1

PSHR: WV5Q 106, W5XX 76.

