

Mississippi Section Report for May 2016

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On your short range calendar clear June 25-26 for Field Day 2016! Mississippi Hams will charge off into the boonies to wrestle with coax and guy wires, scratch their heads when rigs won't load, fight the heat and humidity, and swat mosquitoes. (However, don't forget Category F if you want to operate from a nice cool EOC, if you can't stand the heat and humidity).

If you don't know where there is a Field Day Site near you check the Field Day Station Locator on the ARRL Web Site at www.arrl.org/field-day-locator. If your site is not on the Field Day Station Locator be sure to add it ASAP. Remember the Locator is intended to show public Field Day sites that members of the public and media can visit. If you're going to be operating from a private location, don't add it to the map.

Through the coordination efforts of Section Government Liaison AK5J, Governor Phil Bryant has proclaimed June 20 through June 26 as Amateur Radio Week. If you would like a copy of the Proclamation for posting at your Field Day Site or for local PR, send a request email to ak5j@arrl.net.

And on your long range calendar add August 6 for the SET (POC: K1REZ), August 27-30 for the Katrina 11th Anniversary Special Event (POC:AG5Z), October 15 for the ARRL Day in the Park in Columbia (POC:AF5NG), and December 10 for the Poplarville Hamfest (POC: K5RDA).

Alcorn County ARES provided communication for the annual Coca-Cola 10k footrace. 1,550 racers signed up and about 1,370 managed to finish the 10k course. The following Hams volunteered their services for the race: AF5QC, KK4ZYY, AK4DI, K0RIS, N5YAV, WB5CON, W5JOR, KD5LAP, WB5DO, WB5EO, WB5DM, KG5KQH, KG5JQF, K5WHB, W5MRE, and K9YVT.

Members of the American Legion Post 1992 Ham Club (K5TAL) provided communications assistance for the second annual Legion Riders Poker Run commemorating the D-Day Invasion of Europe. The race course included five sites named Omaha, Gold, Utah, June, and Sword which were manned by Hams. As the riders checked in at the sites they drew a card from a deck and the numbers were relayed back to K5TAL located at Post 1992 in Gautier. At the last stop at Post 1992, riders were given the opportunity to buy another card for \$5 (a money maker) to improve their hand. The registration fees and money were donated to the Fisher House at Keesler and to Boys State. KA5DON reports that Ham participants besides himself were N2PKW, KC5LCW, K5BQJ, AF5AQ, and AF5DP. During the event some 52 messages were passed from the five sites to K5TAL between 10 AM and 4 PM.

PIO K5RWB reports that the Central Mississippi ARA assisted by the Jackson ARC provided communications for the 31 st annual Heatwave Triathlon Class at the Ross Barnett Reservoir.

The title was a little misleading in that at starting time at 7 AM the air temperature was in the high 70s and the water temperature was near 83 degrees. More than 250 men and women took part in the event which included a one-half mile swim, 24 mile ride along the Natchez Trace, and a 24 K run. Following the event which ended about noon Bob reports that a fine meal was served and the winners were announced. Operators were WM5A, K5BLL, K5CID, K5GCV, KD5GMC, K5RWB, and KF5TNZ.

As part of the National Park's 100 th Anniversary Celebration and the Museum Ships on-the Air Weekend, the Vicksburg ARC deployed to the Vicksburg National Military Park and the USS Cairo. Some 250 QSOs were made in six hours in spite of the heat and humidity. Those participating were N5JGK, K5NRK, K5IMT, W5WAF, and W5XX.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in May: AF5FG, Andrew – Horn Lake; KG5NLR, Jarrod – Booneville; KG5NOE, Clayton – Waveland; KG5NOF, Gary – Saucier; KG5NOG, Roger – Gulfport; KG5NOH, Henrie – Gulfport; KG5NPR, George – Brandon; KG5NSN, Robert – Amory; KG5NSV, David – Pascagoula; KG5NTX, Jason – Ocean Springs; KG5NUB, Phillip - Waynesboro; KG5NUC, Chris – Ellisville; and KG5NUD, Michael – Petal.

Invite one of these new Hams to your next local club meeting!

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in May: KG5AFG, John – Biloxi; KJ5BE, Mike – Jackson; AG5DO, Austin – Hattiesburg; N5FYN, Marilyn – Florence; KB5GGN, Dianne – Clinton; KG5JDQ, Stephen – Tupelo; KG5JKO, Tony – Columbia; KE5K, William – Brandon; KF5LBK, Noel – Bay Saint Louis; KG5MEY, Lillian – Bay St. Louis; KG5MPE, Donald – Ellisville; KG5NEZ, Toxie – Hattiesburg; KG5NLR, Jarrod – Booneville; KG5NOG, Roger – Gulfport; KG5NOH, Henrie – Gulfport; W5SID, Sid – Aberdeen; and W5WAF, Bill – Vicksburg.

As of April 30 ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 1,117 down 13 from the last report on April 30. Let's go back to work on membership!

And last but not least welcome to KD4VVZ as DEC for the Gulf Coast, KF5MWE at EC for Clark County, KG5GMI as AEC for Hinds County, and K4FMH as AEC for Madison County.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades: KM4FHT, Morris – Olive Branch; KG5JDQ, Stephen – Tupelo; KG5JJY, Charles – Clinton; KG5JVF, Byron – Ecru; KG5KQH, Jesse – Corinth; KG5LEW, Brad – Buckatunna; KG5LLO, Gary – Walnut; KG5LLP, Harold – Southaven; KG5MPE, Donald – Ellisville; KI4TPQ, Lynn – Tupelo; and KF5WVJ, Rickey – Nesbit.

Also congratulations to KE5VFK of Tishomingo for being awarded the 2016 Magnolia DX Association Scholarship and the 2016 Mississippi Scholarship.

SEC/DEC Reports for May 2016: K1REZ (SEC), KC5IMN (WC MS), WX5N (NE MS), KB5VE (SE MS), KD4VVZ (Gulf Coast), N5ZNT (SW MS), and KB0ZTX (NW MS).

EC Reports for May 2016: WM5A (Rankin), WB5CON (Alcorn), AE5FK (Walthall), KF5IAY

(Carroll and Montgomery)), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KC5IIW (Scott), KF5IMA (Lafayette), KC5IMN (Copiah, Hinds, Madison, and Yazoo), N5LJC (Marion), KE5MIS (Yalobusha), K5MOZ (Jackson), N5MZ (Forrest), WX5N (Prentiss), AF5PO (Tishomingo), AE5QP (Greene), N5SP (Lamar), WA5TEF (Lee), KD4VVZ (George), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), N5ZNT (Franklin, Lincoln, and Wilkinson), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

Club Newsletter/Reports (Editor): Meridian ARC (W5MAV – 20 years as editor!) and West Central Mississippi ARES District (KC5IMN).

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

Magnolia Section Net 31/1057/5 (K5DSG)

MPP HF Net 2/21/0 (W5DIX)

MS Baptist Hams Net 3/12/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 31/1996/15 (K5NRK)

MS-NBEMS Net 5/22/5 (N5TQF)

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

Alcorn County ARES 5/59/0 (WB5CON)

Booneville and Prentiss County Weekly Net 5/64/0 (WX5N)

Capital Area Em Net 5/49/0 (K5XU)

DeSoto County Emergency Training and Information Net 5/94/1 (KF5WVJ/N5PYQ)

Forest County ARES Net 2/25/1 (N5MZ)

Hattiesburg ARC Emergency 2M Net 5/100/0 (K5TLL)

Hattiesburg 2M Simplex Net 1/13/0 (K5TLL)

Hattiesburg ARC 10M Simplex Net 5/41/0 (K5TLL)

Jackson County Em Net 26/612/0 (K5MOZ)

Lowndes County ARC Net 5/44/0 (KF5AZ)

MDXA Net 5/41/0 (N5GD)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 5/39/0 (AE5SK)

MPP 2M Net 4/46/0 (W5DIX)

MS Coast Em Services, WX, Training, and Tech Net May 3/46/0 (KB9ZR)

Miss/Lou Em Net 5/42/0 (K5NRK)

Northeast MS Skywarn Net 5/63/0 (WA5TEF)

Olive Branch ARC Net 18/145/0 (KF5QGF)

Pearl River ARC Net 4/41/0 (K5RDA)

Rankin County ARES Net 4/66/0 (KG5AVT)

Scott County ARES Training Net 5/49/0 (W5JMJ)

Scott County ARES Simplex Net 5/18/0 (W5JMJ)

Tishomingo ARC Net 5/104/0 (AF5PO)

UMARC UHF Net 5/24/0 (K5LMB)

UMARC VHF Net 5/74/0 (K5LMB)

PSHR – KA5DON 95 and W5XX 74.

Traffic: KA5DON 45, KG5FRZ 6, W5XX 4, and W5JGW 2 (Apr).

Compilation of Net Statistics provided by KB5RCJ.

