

Mississippi Section Report for May 2017

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On your short-range calendar, clear June 24-25 for Field Day 2017! 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 19 through June 25 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 5 for the SET (POC: KC5IMN), September 29-30 for the ARRL Day in the Park at MFJ in Starkville (POC: W5XX), and January 26-27 2018 for the Delta Division Convention and Capital City Hamfest (POC: K5GCY).

The Jackson ARC and Central Mississippi ARA helped with communications for the Heatwave Triathlon June 3 at the Reservoir. This event consisted of a 1/2-mile swim, a 27 1/2-mile bike ride, and a 10K run starting at 7 AM ending at 11 AM. Those providing communications support were K5GCY, WM5A, K5BLL, K5CID, K5RWB, AK5J, W5SSJ, K5YCD, AG5CL, AG5QD, and K5KKD.

The Vicksburg ARC again participated in the Museum Ships on the Air Weekend operating from the M/V Mississippi docked in the Yazoo Diversion Canal in Vicksburg. K5ZRO made 150 QSOs on 40 Meter SSB only due to the atrocious conditions. Those participating were N5JGK, WB5YKR, W5WAF, KE5WYJ, K5NRK, KG5OER, K5VXV, KD5DHR, K5IMT, W5GLA, and W5XX.

EC WB5CON reports that 12 Alcorn County ARES volunteers provided communications support at each mile marker for the 35th running of the Coca Cola Classic 10k race. Their initial job was to start the race clocks located at each mile marker, and to report the first three runners that passed the mile markers in each category. These categories were Wheelchair, Male, and Female. The CEO of Coca Cola traveled to Corinth for the race, and ran in it! There were 1,500 entries, which was the cap. ARES Participants were N5YAV, KD5CDV, KG5KSH, K0RIS, KD5LAP, AF5PO, KG5OGG, W5MRE, KG5JQF, and K5WHB.

DEC N5ZNT notes that on 27 May 2017 Lincoln County ARES conducted an antenna party at Homes Water Park in Tylertown in preparation for Special Event Station activation on June 3, June 2017.

The Bluff City Two Meter Net is planning to practice traffic handling by EC N5KDA passing a message to checkins, who regularly meet the MSPN, and then the recipients taking the traffic to the MSPN to pass. Let's see how this good idea works out.

DEC KB0ZTX advises that NW MS ARES assisted with storm response and damage assessments thereafter for the May 27 wind event.

EC KF5WVJ reports that DeSoto County ARES had 6 members take the Disaster 101 and Damage Assessment course offered by MEMA at the county EOC. In addition, four ARES members assisted with SAR with the Lake Patrol during Memorial Day Weekend on Arkabutla Lake.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in April: KD5TDF, James – Booneville; KG5TFX, Adam – Falkner; KG5TFZ, William – Saucier; KG5TGA, Kenneth – Biloxi; KG5TGB, Jean – Gulfport; KG5TGI, Wyatt – Clinton; KG5TGJ, Nathan – Ridgeland; KG5TGK, Joseph – Ridgeland; KG5TGL, Claire – Ridgeland; KG5TGM, William – Raymond; KG5TGY, William – Starkville; KG5THA, James – Canton; and KG5TLU, Joshua – Starkville.

Welcome to the following new ARRL Members in April: K5CPO, Ronald – Clinton; K5GET, Carroll – Oxford; KG5HVQ, Stacey - Ripley; W5JDH, Jack – Gulfport; KE5PTO, Dave – Waveland; K5RDN, Michael – Hattiesburg; KG5RNM, Mark – Union; KG5SJD, Charles – Brandon; KG5SQZ, Maury – Terry; and KG5SWA, Mike – Madison.

As of May 31, ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 1,056 down 6 from the last report on April 30. Not good.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades in April: KG5MFR, Dennis – Southaven; KG5RTF, Marlyn – Biloxi; KG5SEP, Jason – Biloxi; KG5SSB, Daniel – Tupelo; and KB5SSG, Troy – Olive Branch;

Congratulations to AB5OR for being presented with the Top Tester Award by the Flex Radio Alpha Team.

Regret to report the passing of N5FG of Wiggins. Floyd was mentor to many new Hams on the Gulf Coast. In addition, he was the President of the 599 DX Association, Past Manager of the W5 QSL Bureau, and Past Manager of the CQ Worked All Zones Award. He will be greatly missed.

Also, regret to report the passing of K0NNO of Diamondhead. George was a retired Navy veteran and later a hospital equipment manager in Colorado. He was very active on VHF having DXCC and WAS on 6.

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

EC Reports for May 2017: KG5AVT (AEC)(Rankin), KE5BSB (Itawamba), WB5CON (Alcorn), AE5FK (Walthall), KF5IAY (Carroll, Montgomery), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KF5IMA (Lafayette), KC5IHW (Scott), N5KDA (Adams), AD7KJ (Franklin), N5LJC (Marion), KF5MWE (Clarke), WX5N (Prentiss), AF5PO (Tishomingo), AE5QP (Greene), AA5SG (AEC) (Jones), AE5SK (AEC) (Copiah, Hinds, Madison), WA5TEF (Lee), K5VBB (Lamar), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), N5ZNT (Amite, Lincoln, and Wilkinson), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

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

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

Hattiesburg ARC 10M Simplex Net 3/15/0 (KD5XG)

Magnolia Section Net 30/1044/6 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 3/9/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 31/2517/14 (K5NRK)

MPP Net 4/45/0 (W5DIX)

MS ARES Net (Digital) 2/21/0 (K1REZ/W5DIX)

MS Skywarn Net (Digital) 2/9/1 (K1REZ)

MS RACES Net (Digital) 1/5/1 (K1REZ)

MS Winlink Net (Digital) 5/244/697 (K1REZ)

MS NBEMS Traffic Net (Digital) 5/65/60 (K1REZ)

MS Skywarn Traffic Net (Digital) 1/8/6 (K1REZ)

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

Alcorn County ARES Net 5/67/0 (WB5CON)

Bluff City ARES 5/94/0 (N5KDA)

Booneville and Prentiss County Weekly Net 5/68/0 (WX5N)

Capital Area Emergency Net 4/51/0 (K5XU)

DeSoto County Emergency Training and Information Net 5/92/0 (KF5WVJ)

Greene County EM Com Team 2/16/0 (AE5QP)

Hattiesburg ARC Emergency 2M Net 4/49/0 (KD5XG)

Hattiesburg 2M Simplex Net 1/8/0 (KD5XG)

Itawamba County ARES Net 4/74/0 (KE5BSB)

Jones County ARES Net 4/41/0 (AA5SG)

Lowndes County ARC Net 5/69/0 (KF5AZ)

Marion County HRC Net 5/39/0 (N5LJC)

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

MDXA Net 5/31/0 (N5GD)

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

Metro Jackson ARES Net 5/46/0 (AE5SK)

MPP 2M Net 4/45/0 (W5DIX)

MLN 4/32/0 (K5NRK)

MSU ARC 5/58/0 (N5OMK)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net 5/62/0 (WA5TEF)

Olive Branch ARC Net 17/90/0 (K5OLV)

Rankin County ARES Net 4/65/0 (KG5AVT)

Scott County ARES Training Net 4/38/0 (KC5IIW)

Scott County ARES Simplex Net 2/6/0 (KC5IIW)

Southeast MS ARES Net 4/60/0 (K5VBB)

Southwest MS ARES Team 2/7/0 (N5ZNT)

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 3/15/0 (KA5ICO)

Tishomingo County ARC Net 5/98/0 (AF5PO)

UMARC UHF Net 4/13/0 (K5LMB)

UMARC VHF Net 4/29/0 (K5LMB)

PSHR – K1REZ 102, KA5DON 88, and W5XX 79

Traffic: K1REZ 697, AD5O 180, KA5DON 38, W5XX 14, and KG5FRZ 2.

Compilation of Net Statistics provided by KB5RCJ.