

# Mississippi Section Report for September 2018

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Was the 2018 ARRL Day in the Park GREAT or was it GREAT???? Here is a summary provided by Chairman KW5GP: The event was hosted by the Chickasaw Amateur Radio Association and the Olive Branch Amateur Radio Club and held at the Olive Branch City Park on Saturday, October 6th. We couldn't have asked for better weather and the turnout was great. The event was attended by approximately 175 hams, non-hams, and their families, including David Norris - K5UZ, Delta Division Director, Henry Leggette - WD4Q, Past Delta Division Director, and Malcolm Keown - W5XX, MS Section Manager.

Steve Blount, W5ETZ, headed up the cooking crew, fixing up some awesome BBQ, burgers, hot dogs, drinks, and desert goodies. Three hams came for VE testing and all passed their test. Grayson, Preston May - KN4NOG's grandson, made his first contact, with Norway no less, at one of the two GOTA stations that were set up and also helped with the prize drawings.

Scott Adams, KM4PMU, was the winner of the Grand Prize - An MFJ-1836 Cobweb Antenna and Howard Thompson - N4HLT, won the second prize of a Heil BM-10 Headset. Overall, there were 35 door prize packages awarded that were gathered up by KW5GP and KF8PD.

The event Committee was Glen Popiel - KW5GP Chairman; Ed Thornsburg - KF8PD, Dean Plessala - KC5RDP, Tim Jones - N5PYQ, Richard Shaw - KF5OIM, Jim Harris - KF5TPT, plus 33 other CARA and OBARC members, who made sure everything ran smoothly

Lauderdale County EC KB5SZJ reports that the W5FQ repeater is still running on a low powered backup repeater. The main repeater that was struck by lightning has been reworked and is ready to go back into service, but they still need some antenna work done on the tower. They are looking for an insured person to climb up and replace the top antenna.

Forrest County EOC KF7DLE announces the resignation of KF5ZCI, from his position as AEC Forrest county. Bill is moving to Marion County and feels he will be too far away to be effective. He has served the ARES Group as AEC and Public information officer for the last 5 years. During that time, he has been a valuable member and has performed at a high level as a great asset in the Forrest County EOC during severe weather net activations and as race control station at many race events and marathons. Marion County is surely gaining an ARES asset!

WB5AKR reports that the EMTARG/Sandpounders Digital operators participated with many other Hams during Hurricane Florence sending short weather updates and testing WL2K during static weather conditions. If the internet went down, they never knew it.

K5GCY reports that the Jackson ARC provided communications for the Diabetes 5K Walk. In addition to Gary, those participating were K5CID, WB5ALM, and AK5J.

Greene County EC AE5QP notes that the EOC has received a new Yaesu 990 transceiver.

On your long-range calendar pencil in the Papa Jack's Trade Day, October 13 in Tupelo (POC K5TMN), the Jackson County ARC Hamfest, November 9-10 in Ocean Springs (POC K5MOZ), and last but not least the Capital City Hamfest, January 25-26, 2019 in Jackson (POC K5GKY).

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in September: KI5BNL, Robert - Biloxi, KI5BPP, Joseph - Oxford, KI5BRR, Richard - Taylorsville, and KI5BRY, Gerald - Byhalia.

And, also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in September: KF5ADJ, Sandor – Olive Branch; KI5BEU, Dickie – Vicksburg; WB4BHK, George – Horn Lake; KI5BLK, Michael – Olive Branch; KE5DIU, Raymond – Hattiesburg; N5EIC, L.D. – Belden; KB5LAJ, David – Brookhaven; KA4LDU, John – Ocean Springs; KG5LEV, Hervey – Bogue Chitto; KA5PSG, Buck – Meridian; KB5UXF, James – Eupora; N5VSB, James – Cedarbluff; and N5WFX, Robert – Natchez;

As of September 30, ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 996 down 0 from the last report on September 30. Maybe the drops have stopped! Let's push it back up to 1,000.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades in September: KI5ARA, Allen – Ocean Springs; KI5BOM, Craig – Picayune; KI5BRF, John – Plantersville; KG5PBJ, Keith – Walls; KE5PMV, Aaron – Starkville; KG5SEN, John – Aberdeen; and KC5YWW, John – Hernando.

Also, congratulations to KG5CCQ of New Albany for being awarded the Mississippi Scholarship and KK4SJK of Collierville, Tennessee for being awarded the Magnolia DX Association Scholarship by the ARRL Foundation.

SEC/DEC Reports for September 2018: KC5IMN (SEC), KC5IIW (EC MS), N5ZNT (SW MS), KB0ZTX (NW MS),

EC Reports for September 2018: KG5AVT (AEC)(Rankin), KE5BSB (Itawamba), WB5CON (Alcorn), KF7DLW (Forrest), AE5FK (Walthall), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KC5IIW (Scott), KF5IMA (Lafayette), AD7KJ (Franklin), KD5NDU (AEC)(Yalobusha), AF5NG (Marion), AE5QP (Greene), AE5SK (AEC)(Hinds), W5STV (AEC)(Lee), W4WLF (Harrison), KF5WVJ (Desoto), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), WB5TJK (AEC)(Lamar), KB5ZEA (Attala), N5ZNT (Lincoln/Wilkinson), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

OES Reports: AD5TJ and WB5AKR.

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

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

Hattiesburg ARC 10M Net 4/25/0 (KD5XG)

K5TAL American Legion 80M Net 4/51/0 (KA5DON)

K5TAL American Legion 40M Net 2/0/0 (KA5DON)

Magnolia Section Net 30/968/9 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 5/15/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 30/2415/15 (W5JGW)

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

Adams County ARES 4/70/0 (N5KDA)

Alcorn County ARES Net 4/70/0 (WB5CON)

Capital Area Emergency Net 5/65/0 (K5XU)

DeSoto County Training and Information Net 4/101/0 (KF5WVJ) One Skywarn Activation

Forrest/Perry Counties ARES 2/13/0 (KF7DLW)

Greene County ARES Net 1/2/0 (AE5QP)

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

Hattiesburg 2M Simplex Net 1/11/0 (KD5XG)

Itawamba County ARES Net 4/24/0 (KE5BSB)

K5TAL – American Legion 2M Net 4/27/0 (KA5DON)

Lamar County ARES Net 2/31/0 (AG5GN)

Lowndes County ARC Net 4/42/0 (KF5AZ)

Marion County ARES Net 4/26/0 (AF5NG)

Madison County ARES 4/29/0 (W5DIX)

Marshall County ARES – meets with Desoto County – (KB0ZTX)

MDXA Net 4/26/0 (N5GD)

Meridian Area Emergency Net 4/61/0 (KB5SZJ and KF5ETN)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/35/0 (AE5SK)

Mississippi Coast ARA 4/80/5 (W4WLF and N5AHM) EOC activated 4-5 September

MSU ARC 4/66/1 (N5OMK)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net 4/55/0 (W5STV)

Olive Branch ARC 11/60/0 (K5OLV)

Rankin County ARES Net 4/62/0 (KG5AVT)

Scott County ARES Training Net 4/33/0 (KC5IIW)

Scott County ARES Simplex Net 1/4/0 (KC5IIW)

South Central ARES Net 5/86/0 (AA5SG)

Southwest MS ARES Team 4/20/0 (N5ZNT)

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 4/48/0 (KA5ICO)

University of Mississippi ARC Net 5/40/1 (KF5IMA)

Vicksburg ARC MLEN Net 5/126/0 (KD5DHR)

Vicksburg ARC UHF Net 1/15/2 (KD5DHR)

Walthall County ARES Net 4/25/0 (AE5FK)

Yalobusha County Skywarn Net 2/6/0 (KD5NDU)

#### Digital Net Reports

MS NBEMS Traffic Net 4/20/2 (W5DIX)

EMTARG/Sandpounder Group – 543 (WB5AKR)

PSHR – W5XX 82 and AD5TJ 39.

Traffic: K5LAM 528, KG5FRZ 10, W5XX 5 and AD5TJ 2.