



Pearl River County Amateur Radio Club

Promoting Amateur Radio and Public Safety in South Mississippi
Operating the KE5VSU Repeater - 145.210 (-) 136.5 in Poplarville, Ms.

Pearl River County Amateur Radio Club is dedicated to promoting Amateur Radio in south Mississippi.

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145.210 Repeater Is Back On The Air

POPLARVILLE - The Pearl River County Amateur Radio Club's 145.210 repeater in Poplarville is back on the air after repairs from a lightning strike and some antenna work, but more work still needs to be done, according to PRCARC Vice-President Larry Wagoner (N5WLW).

"The machine took what appears to be a direct lightning strike and suffered massive damage," Wagoner said, after the damaged repeater was returned to service recently. The club vice-president described the damage to the radio, noting that a pre-amp board in the receiver section was literally blown apart by the power of the strike, and a large section of the audio amplifier board was destroyed.

The repeater - an older General Electric Mastr II Exec II - required major repairs, including complete re-alignment of the receiver and transmitter and replacement of some of the leads in the radio.

A section of feedline that led into the repeater shack was also replaced, and additional grounding and lightning protection equipment was installed after the recent strike.

But, Wagoner said, the work is not done. He said the machine still suffers from a lot of receiver noise believed to be coming from the antenna harness on the four-bay exposed dipole array. He said he is hoping to build a replacement harness, then have the antenna lowered to the ground, replace the harness and re-mount the antenna on its current tower.

Repeater Roundup

Location	Frequency	Offset	Tone
Poplarville	145.210	-	136.5
Millard	145.150	-	136.5
Hillsdale	145.410	-	136.5
McHenry	147.165	+	136.5
McHenry	147.375	+	open
Wiggins	145.270	-	136.5
Kiln	145.330	-	open
Biloxi	146.730	-	136.5
Biloxi	146.790	-	136.5
Hattiesburg	146.775	-	136.5
Hattiesburg	147.315	+	136.5
Hattiesburg	145.370	-	136.5
Hattiesburg	145.190	-	136.5
Hattiesburg	442.725	+	open
Hattiesburg	444.775	+	136.5
Hattiesburg	443.700	+	136.5
Collins	146.985	-	136.5
McComb	146.940	-	103.5
McComb	444.875	+	100.0
Pine, La.	145.430	-	107.2
Slidell, La.	147.270	+	114.8
Slidell, La.	146.460	+	114.8
Slidell, La.	146.640	+	open
(echolink node #463183)			
Slidell, La.	443.200	+	114.8
Slidell, La.	444.425	+	114.8
Slidell, La.	443.950	+	114.8
N.O., La.	146.860	-	114.8
Covington, La.	146.715	-	open
Hammond, La.	147.000	-	open
Hammond, La.	145.130	-	107.2
Hammond, La.	145.010	HMU	Digi
Hammond, La.	444.250	+	107.2
Hammond, La.	53.090/52.090		open

Local Hamfest Is ARRL Approved

POPLARVILLE - Notice has been received that the Pearl River County Amateur Radio Club Hamfest - slated for December 12, is now ARRL approved.

The letter, received from Gail Iannone, Convention Program Manager of the ARRL, stated that Delta Division Director Mickey Cox of Louisiana approved the application.

Plans have been underway for months for the upcoming hamfest, which this year will be held at the old National Guard Armory in Poplarville, located at the intersection of Highway 11 and Highway 26. The new location will offer more room and better facilities for the festival - which has grown every year it has been held.

Wagoner To Speak To Red Hats

HENLEYFIELD - Pearl River County Amateur Radio Club Vice-President Larry Wagoner (N5WLW) and David Moore (N5ELI) are slated to speak to the Pearl River County Red Hat Society on Saturday, September 12 at the Henleyfield Community Center.

They will be discussing amateur radio and the services that hams provide to the community in times of emergency. The talk was requested by Red Hats official Laura Oussett, who said there was a great deal of interest in the group about what hams can do following events like Hurricane Katrina.

The local ham group came to her attention at the 2009 Field Day event, which in Pearl River County was held at the Henleyfield Community Center.

Site For Ham Station At Cub World Selected



KILN - The site for the ham radio station to be operated by the Pearl River County Amateur Radio Club at the 2009 Cub World program at Camp Salman has

been selected. The side of the Health Lodge / Trading Post will be the site of the PRCARC station.

The idea of the event is to introduce cub scouts attending the Cub World event to amateur radio by teaching them a bit about the hobby and giving them the opportunity to get on the air under supervision. Up to 1,500 cub scouts are expected at the event, to be held at Camp Salmen - a scouting retreat camp located in northern Hancock County north of Kiln.

A second station will also be operated at the event by the Jefferson Parish, La. Amateur Radio Club.

Seen At The Meeting

POPLARVILLE - A good turnout of ten people were present at the regular monthly meeting of the Pearl River County Amateur Radio Club held Tuesday, September 1 at the Emergency Operations Center building in Poplarville.

Present were:

Tom Stolee	KF5BJP
Jack Beith	K5WNU
Bobby Graves	AD5WA
Dan Beavers	KE5WJN
Tim Purvis	N5UDK
Duron Hatten	KC5VCB
Larry Wagoner	N5WLW
Tim Livengood	KC5EAK
Ralph Miller	KC5ODF
David Moore	N5ELI

New Orleans Hamfest Upcoming

NEW ORLEANS - October 3 is the date for the upcoming New Orleans hamfest, to be held at the Harahan Recreation Center at the Soniat Playground.

Grand Prize at the fest will be an Icom IC-718 HF Rig, second prize is an Icom IC-880 Dual Band D-Star mobile and third prize will be an Icom IC-P7 Handi Talkie.

There will also be door prizes given away, according to Keith Barnes, who is helping organize the newly-revived hamfest. Several amateur radio clubs are participating.

Net Control Assignments

September 3	Bobby Graves
September 10	Dan Beavers
September 17	Bobby Graves
September 24	Bobby Graves

We are always seeking new net controllers. If you are interested, please contact Larry Wagoner (N5WLW) at (601) 590-0553.

Keep Your Eyes On The Skies

HENLEYFIELD - A reminder to all our ham radio friends to keep your eyes on the skies during the hurricane season.

We have had a remarkably light season so far - and that is a blessing - but remember that at any time one of those screaming monsters could brew itself up and come slamming ashore.

Like all of us here in south Mississippi and along the Gulf Coast, I remember well August 29, 2005 when what was supposed to be a "weak sister" storm called Katrina instead turned into a shrieking banshee that leveled much of the coast, killed hundreds and cost untold billions on dollars in damages.

Ham radio is always there in times of emergency - and it is a legacy we should all be proud of. Being there in times of emergency involves being ready when there is no emergency in sight.

Check your antennas, power systems and equipment - and keep your eyes on the skies.

ARRL Day In The Park Set For Camp Shelby

HATTIESBURG - The ARRL Day In The Park will be held on Saturday, September 26 at Camp Shelby, Ms., starting at 8:00 a.m. and running to about 4:0 p.m.

The Hattiesburg Amateur Radio Club and the Magnolia DX Association will sponsor the event. In addition to the world class Military Museum, there will be displays of the latest Military communications equipment, as well as some of the latest Ham digital modes (MT63, Olivia, PSK 125, and HF Email via WinLink Airmail).

Entry to the Post is thru the South Gate only, and you must have your license, proof of insurance, and the pink registration slip for the vehicle.

Door prizes will be drawn, and food and drink will be available.

Please bring a QSL card as some drawings will be pulled from those cards. We will then be using those cards for our club collection.

Directions:

From the South, Hwy 49 to South Gate, then Hwy 49 south towards Gulfport. Turn Left at "South Gate Camp Shelby". Follow the signs thru the checkpoint.

Once on post, go to stop sign and turn right. At Jackson Ave turn left (it is the first left). Follow Jackson Ave all the way to Lee St.

Turn left on Lee, past the Headquarters building with the flagpole, and turn at the next left. Signs will be posted at most of the major turns.

Talk in will be on 145.370 - offset, 136.5 tone.