



# Pearl River County Amateur Radio Club

Promoting Amateur Radio and Public Safety in South Mississippi  
Operating the KE5VSR Repeater - 145.210 (-) 136.5 in Poplarville, Ms.

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

## Officers

Ron Smith - President  
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# Getting Ready For PRCARC Hamfest



POPLARVILLE - Preparations are underway for the upcoming Pearl River County Amateur Radio Club 2009 Hamfest - to be held December 12 in the old National Guard Armory in Poplarville (shown above).

The armory is at the intersection of Highway 11 and Highway 26 in Poplarville. In prior years, the hamfest was held at the Pearl River County fairgrounds - just down the road from this year's site.

The new site offers more room and several features that should make the hamfest more enjoyable and more organized

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## Net Control Assignments

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October 8	Ron Smith
October 15	Larry Wagoner
October 22	Bobby Graves
October 29	Tim Livengood

## PRCARC To Assist Scouts October 24

KILN - On October 24, amateur radio operators from the Pearl River Count Amateur Radio Club and the Jefferson, La. Amateur Radio Club will gather at Salmen Scout Camp in northern Hancock County to introduce cub scouts from Jefferson Parish to amateur radio.

Small groups of cub scouts will be given a brief introduction to amateur radio, then offered the opportunity to get on the air under the supervision of licensed hams. The activity is part of a larger activity for scouts being held at the Hancock County facility.

The Pearl River County group plans to use a communications trailer owned by Ray Luke (K5XXV) - which has an air-power telescoping mast, multiple radios and other equipment.

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## Jackson County Hamfest

OCEAN SPRINGS - The Jackson County ARA Hamfest has been set for November 20-21 at the St. Martin Community Center on Lemoyne Blvd. in Ocean Springs.

## Hamfest Preparations ...

than in previous years, according to PRCARC Vice-President Larry Wagoner (N5WLW).

Wagoner said some of those features include a kitchen in the building, classrooms along the main display hall which will permit VE testing and forums on site, and a main hall that will accommodate vendors who have had to park their trailers outside in past years.

Icom America will be with us this year in Poplarville. Ed Byrd - an Icom dealer - has scheduled to be at the fest.

The ARRL has also slated a presence at the PRCARC Hamfest - with Mississippi Section Manager Malcolm Keown planning to be there and the possibility of other officials being present.

Tim Livengood (KC5EAK) has agreed to provide talk-in for the hamfest, while Jack Beith (K5WNU) will be in charge of tickets and admissions. Janice Wagoner (KE5ZJX) will be in charge of concessions, and David Moore (N5ELI) will handle the VE session duties.

An ARRL forum will be offered by Keown - who is travelling down from Vicksburg to join us.

District Emergency Coordinator Ray Luke (K5XXV) will bring up his emergency communications trailer as a display, and will be providing a sound system for our hamfest this year.

The hamfest building will be open for vendors at 5 p.m Friday, December 11, and at 6 a.m. Saturday, December 12. The doors open to the public at 8 a.m. Saturday, December 12 - and will run to 2 p.m. that day.

# Senate Eyes Bill On Amateur Radio

WASHINGTON, D.C. - On October 6, Senator Joe Lieberman (D-CT), along with Senator Susan Collins (R-ME), introduced Senate Bill 1755, The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009. Similar to HR 2160 - also called The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009 - that was introduced this past April by Representative Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX-18), the bill, if passed, would direct the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to undertake a study on emergency communications.

S 1755 points out that "There is a strong Federal interest in the effective performance of Amateur Radio Service stations, and that performance must be given - (A) support at all levels of government; and (B) protection against unreasonable regulation and impediments to the provision of the valuable communications provided by such stations." "We are delighted to have the sponsorship of both the Chairman and the Ranking Member of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, and especially to have the support of Senator Lieberman from the ARRL's home state," said ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ. "The bill could not have a better pedigree." Lieberman is the Chairman of the committee, while Collins is the Ranking Member.

Like HR 2160, S 1755 calls on DHS to undertake a study on the uses and capabilities of Amateur Radio Service communications in emergencies and disaster relief and then to submit a report to Congress no more than 180 days after the bill becomes law. The study shall:

Include a review of the importance of Amateur Radio emergency communications in furtherance of homeland security missions relating to disasters, severe weather and other threats to lives and property in the United States, as well as recommendations for enhancements in the voluntary deployment of Amateur Radio licensees in disaster and emergency communications and disaster relief efforts and improved integration of Amateur Radio operators in planning and furtherance of the Department of Homeland Security initiatives.

Identify impediments to enhanced Amateur Radio Service communications, such as the effects of unreasonable or unnecessary private land use regulations on residential antenna installations; and make recommendations regarding such impediments for consideration by other federal departments, agencies and Congress.

In conducting the study, S 1755 directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to "utilize the expertise of stakeholder entities and organizations, including the Amateur Radio, emergency response and disaster communications communities." S 1755 makes note of the fact that Section 1 of the Joint Resolution entitled Joint Resolution to Recognize the Achievements of Radio Amateurs, and To Establish Support for Such Amateurs as National Policy included a finding that stated: "Reasonable accommodation should be made for the effective operation of Amateur Radio from residences, private vehicles and public areas, and the regulation at all levels of government should facilitate and encourage amateur radio operations ..."

# 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



**Pearl River County Amateur Radio Club member Dan Beavers is expected to be named the new ARRL Emergency Coordinator. He will replace outgoing EC Tim Livengood (rear) who is leaving the post due to job requirements.**

## From The VP's Desk ...

We have all been trying to dodge the thunderstorms that keep rumbling through south Mississippi every day with the regularity of a freight train, and I keep hearing accounts on air of people who are suffering the loss of valuable and beloved gear in the shack.



Please, folks - keep in mind that at this time of year, the storms come almost daily - and with them comes the need to ground our gear, provide lightning protection and disconnect antennas.

Take the time to go look over your tower (or pole) and make sure the grounds are in place and connected. That few minutes could save you thousands of dollars.

And - disconnect feedlines in storms. Don't just lay them aside - move them WELL away from your gear. 73 de N5WLW