



# CARC

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## AC Net

Our club, along with the Jackson County ARES, sponsor a net every Monday evening at 1900 CST on the 146.670 repeater

## Club Events

- Jun. 19th, Club Meeting
- Jun. 23rd, Field Day
- Jul. 21st, Club Meeting/Test Session

### Other Events

- Jul 13-14, Milton Hamfest**
- OCT 19-21, JOTA**

## Club Officers

- Bill Everitt, KG4ZJT—Pres
- David Tomaszek, WD4CBZ—V. Pres
- Jimmy Adams, K4KHV—Sec/Treasurer

## Club Officials

- Repeater Coordinator  
Jeff Hagan, WO4j
- 146.670 Repeater Trustee  
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- 147.045 Repeater Trustee  
Bill Everitt, KG4ZJT
- 444.950 Repeater Trustee  
Danny Tipton, KN4UC
- Yahoo Moderator  
Wayne Espey, KB4AAC
- Echolink Moderator  
Bill Everitt, KG4ZJT
- Newsletter Editor  
Gary Brown, WVV4JDO
- Web Master  
Bill Everitt, KG4ZJT

# The President's Corner

Well it is that time of the year again. We are currently making final plans for the Annual Field Day event. I look forward to seeing all of you out there. We will be operating at the Citizen's Lodge just North of the Chipola River bridge on Caverns Rd. Setup will begin at or around noon. Bring any equipment that you wish to set up. We will start setting up antennas and such and get the radios fired up as close to noon as possible. We had originally planned on a fish fry, but due to the number of club members that are going to be out of town this weekend, we have decided to reschedule until a later time.

I will be departing first

thing Sunday Morning to take Dustin (KI4UJA) to Boy Scout Summer Camp at Camp AlaFlo. I will be taking my Kenwood HF rig and an antenna with me. The BSA has changed Camp protocol and are encouraging Ham Radio involvement in Summer Camp. I will be handing out a schedule and frequency matrix for you all to monitor over the next week. I will also attempt contact on 28.320 and/or 3.950 MHz.

Lastly, I would just like to remind everyone that the Echolink repeater link is up and opera-

tional. I will cover that in



Ben KI4OEE catching 'em and Bill KG4ZJT cleaning 'em

more detail below.

Thanks,  
Bill Everitt  
Chipola ARC President

# Getting The Word Out

Let your friends and family know that we will be hosting another test session at our next club meeting July 21st. The meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 AM with a pre-meeting at 8:15 AM at Hardee's. The test

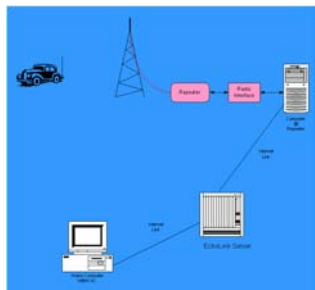
session will begin at 10:30 AM.

We are always looking for new members to the club. If you know a ham that doesn't regularly attend meetings, how about extending an invitation and

see if we can start filling the EOC up on meeting days/evenings.

# ECHOLINK UP AND OPERATIONAL

As you can tell by the bold type above, I am pretty excited about this fact. As promised at the last meeting, the ECHOLINK repeater link was online by the beginning of hurricane season. It took a couple of days to work some of the audio and interference issues out, but it is definitely working well. This past Sunday evening, Alec W4ICU, using his HT in town linked our 70cm repeater to a repeater in Northern Alabama for their net. He was able to check into the net and got good audio reports



Simple Echolink Diagram

from the NCS. I too was able to check into the net from my laptop at the house using the ECHOLINK Client. I will be handing out a DTMF cheat sheet at the club meeting for those interested.

Some question whether ECHOLINK is ham radio or not. The simple fact is, yes it is with the exception of computer to computer communications. As long as at some point, the audio is riding on the airwave, it is radio. ECHOLINK is a valuable tool and is also a fun toy, just as our ham radios

are. I encourage those that have at least a semi-descent dial-up connection to download the software if they haven't already and go through the validation process and try it out. I will be putting on a small presentation at the next two club meetings. If you have any questions about getting up and running on ECHOLINK, or would like more information, see Bill KG4ZJT.

## JCEMA Receives Grant Funds

Rodney Andreasen and the Jackson County Emergency Management Agency have applied for and received more grant money for the county. Part of the monies will go to replace the duplexer for the ARES repeater, and there is also money to purchase two more pelican boxed radio systems like the ones already received for the shelters. Rodney has gone out of his

way to provide the local hams the tools that we need to provide emergency communications in support of the EOC and the 3 shelters in the county. He is also assisting in forging solid relationships with other served agencies in the

county including the Federal Prison, Sheriff's Department and local LEO, Fire Rescue agencies.

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## Red Cross and Jackson County

For those of you who don't know it, the American Red Cross is in the process of re-establishing a foothold in Jackson County. This has been something that local volunteers have been striving to achieve for a long time. Richard Caputo (KI4VTC), is the person you need to speak to



Red Cross ERV

if you are interested in becoming involved with the local group and/or if you are interested in Red Cross Training. Roy Johnson and Richard both are spearheading the "ALL Hazards" Volunteer team and working together to provide coverage under the Mass

Care ESF. There are plenty of training opportunities for those interested in volunteering. We also have plenty of openings for ARES volunteers as well.