



**Platinum Coast Amateur Radio Society (PCARS)**  
*Cordially Invites You, Your Friends and Your Family to Our*

***47th Melbourne Hamfest &  
2012 ARRL State Convention  
October 13 & 14, 2012***

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**Saturday: 9AM-5PM      Sunday: 9AM-2PM**

**Location:** Melbourne Auditorium  
625 East Hibiscus Boulevard  
Melbourne, Florida 32901  
*(next to beautiful Wells Park)*

**Setup:** Friday      October 12<sup>th</sup>      6:00PM to 9:00PM  
Saturday      October 13<sup>th</sup>      7:00AM to 9:00AM

**Talk in:** W4MLB, 146.25/146.85 repeater  
*(No PL, Open Repeater)*

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# Lots of Activities, Events, Features:

- Tailgating: Great outside area: \$10.00 per designated parking space  
**First come, first served after 4:00PM Friday.** Areas not designated regular parking are \$2.00/linear foot and only assigned by special request.  
Come early - open at 6:00AM on Saturday! Hamfest tickets are required in the tailgate area.
- Trading: Large indoor swap area. Order form on last page.
- SellUrStuff: Consignment table run by PCARS  
Bring us your equipment...we sell it for you!  
Easy, trouble free, modest fee.
- Vendors: Many commercial vendors will be attending.  
Commercial booths are still available
- Prizes: Great main prizes...and other prizes as well!  
***A BIG THANK YOU to: Bird Technologies, ICOM, ARRL, and HRO-Atlanta for contributing to last year's hamfest prizes. Also a big THANK YOU to TMS for the first donation of a prize to this year's hamfest-100 ft. of LMR-600 with connectors!***
- Technical: Many first rate technical talks & forums..DX, AMSAT, youth area, program & special guests...something for everyone
- Exams: Amateur Radio Exams will be given on site... get that higher class license and more privileges now! Contact:
- ARES: Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) Badging available all day Saturday. Contact: Ray; rkassis@cfl.rr.com
- Awards: ARRL Awards checking available Saturday
- Internet: Free Wireless Internet on site
- Website: [www.pcars.org](http://www.pcars.org) see this site for additional info:  
Vendor booth, swap table, tailgate area layouts, local hotel information and program details

# Technical Talks

**Renewable Energy Resources**

**Thomas Morris** [KG4CYX](#), Miami, FL

**Weak Sig Ops above 30 MHz**

**Charles A. Hoover** [K0VXM](#), Merritt Island, FL

# Forums, Meetings, Activities

**Quarter Century Wireless Association (QWCA)** (9-10AM, Sat; MR#1)

**Ken Simpson, W8EK:** Were you first licensed prior to 1987? Are you a member of QCWA - the Quarter Century Wireless Association? If not, you should be! Come to the forum and learn what QCWA is all about. If you are presently a QCWA member, please come and find out what is going on in your organization. A national director (Ken, W8EK) will be present to answer your questions.

**Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Examinations** (9:30AM-1PM, Sat and Sun)

**Judy Gardner, AA9GW** Melbourne, FL

**American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Division and Section** (10-11AM, Sat; MR#1)

**David Fowler, K4DLF** West Palm Beach, FL & **Greg Sarratt, W4OZK** Huntsville, AL  
David and Greg will review ARRL Division and Section activities, and be available for a question and answer session.

**Contesting** (11-1PM, Sat; MR#1)

**Dan Street, K1TO**, of Myakka City, FL:

**ARES/RACES** (1-2 PM, Sat; MR#2, Auditorium Stage)

**Ray Kassis, N4LEM:** Ray will answer questions and concerns as well as describe the roll that Amateur Ham Radio Operators play in Disasters and Emergencies through ARES and BEARS for the County and the Red Cross. **ARES Badging** will also be available Saturday.

**DX** (1-2PM, Sat; MR#1)

**MARS Forum** (2-3 PM, Sat; MR#1)

**Ron Jakubowski, K2RJ:** Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS) Army, Navy/Marine Corps, and Air Force Branches provide contingency radio communications support to U.S. Government operations and civil agencies. Come find out about its mission and history, and meet with active members and State and Regional officials.

**Youth Forum** (2-4PM, Sat; MR#2 - stage)

**Aaron Mitchell, KJ4DDM** Melbourne, FL & **Dan Fisher, AI4GK** Palm Bay, FL

**JACK THE RADIO DOG** will be here to teach kids about basic electronics and they will build their own radio using SNAP CIRCUIT KITS. These activities are approved for kids age 5 and up!

**Florida Repeater Council** (3-5PM, Sat; MR#1)

**Marshall Paisner, N4BIF:** The meeting starts off by opening up the floor to interested parties that have issues or questions pertaining to amateur repeater systems in Florida. The second half of the meeting is a Board Session where the FRC Staff and Directors work through the various items on our agenda.

**DXCC Card Checking** (Sat; Table #100)

**Ned Buck, W4KS** Melbourne, FL

**Registration Information:** Tickets purchased before Sept. 30 are \$6.00, and \$7.00 after Sept. 30, 2012. Tickets are required everywhere on auditorium property-inside and outside. Age 12 and under are FREE. Requests must include Self Addressed Stamped Envelope for advance tickets or pick-up at the door.

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STREET \_\_\_\_\_ PH \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Swap Tables, \$20.00 Each Table # Request \_\_\_\_\_ QTY. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Entry and prize tickets (and setup passes) @ \$6.00 each QTY. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to **PCARS Melbourne Hamfest** TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Commercial booths – Contact us for size and location availability.

See more info and latest updates on our PCARS web site: [www.pcars.org](http://www.pcars.org) Go to the PCARS HAMFEST link

E-Mail your information requests to [hamfest2012@pcars.org](mailto:hamfest2012@pcars.org)

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**FREE Wireless  
Internet on site**

# Map

