



# Platinum Coast Amateur Radio Society

PO Box 1004 Melbourne, FL 32902-1004

## Membership Application/Renewal

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We post your home phone on our website. If you prefer we don't, please note it here: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

We keep our expenses low by delivering our newsletter by email.

License Class: Tech \_\_\_ General \_\_\_ Advanced \_\_\_ Extra \_\_\_ Currently unlicensed \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Check: \_\_\_\_\_ I'm renewing: \_\_\_\_\_ New member: \_\_\_\_\_

Interests: Emergency/Public Service: \_\_\_\_\_ DX: \_\_\_\_\_ Contests: \_\_\_\_\_ Instructing: \_\_\_\_\_

CW: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ RTTY: \_\_\_\_\_ ATV: \_\_\_\_\_ Microwave: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

ARES: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an ARRL Member? Y N

Dues are \$20.00 annually. Licensed family members at the same address: \$10.00

Memberships expire on 12/31 each year.

PCARS is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. We need your support for our activities within your capabilities and interests.

Roster Entry date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

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## PLATINUM COAST AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY (PCARS)

Welcome to the exciting world of Amateur Radio! PCARS is an amateur radio club located in Melbourne, Florida, that serves primarily South Brevard County. The club is a Florida non-profit corporation with about one hundred members, and it has existed for over forty years. PCARS is affiliated with the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), which is a national membership organization for licensed amateur radio operators.

PCARS amateur radio operators, often called "HAMS" participate in a wide variety of amateur radio activities. These include providing disaster communications, experimenting with things like amateur TV and satellite communications, competing in amateur radio competitions, and contacting amateurs around the world. Our members use not only voice, but also many different modes of communications, such as Morse code; amateur television; radio teletype; and other digital modes using computer interfaces.

The club has an FCC issued amateur radio call sign, **W4MLB**, and a well-equipped amateur radio station. This station has been used by club members to compete with other clubs and groups around the world in various radio sport competitions. As members of the club started winning more and more of these competitions, other teams started referring to us as those "Florida Boys," a name that has stuck with our PCARS contest group.

Two VHF-FM repeaters (**146.610 MHz & 146.850 MHz**) and one UHF repeater (**444.425 MHz**) are owned and operated by the club. These enable consistent and effective communication over a large part of Brevard County using small hand-held transceivers. These repeaters have been very valuable in helping club members support Red Cross Shelters during hurricanes, and in supporting public service events. Most PCARS members are also members of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), and the club is a vital part of the Brevard Emergency Amateur Radio Service (BEARS).

The Melbourne Hamfest has been sponsored by PCARS since 1964. This annual event is held the second weekend in October at the Melbourne Auditorium. It draws over 1200 enthusiasts from all over the state of Florida and beyond. It's a time of fellowship, attending forums, browsing through tables piled high with communications equipment, and "eye-balling" the latest equipment available through retail outlets.

In addition to providing reliable communications for worthy public service events (races, parades, mock disasters, etc.), PCARS sponsors regular classes to teach interested individuals the technical theory required to obtain an FCC issued Amateur Radio License or advance to the next higher class of their current license.

**PCARS meetings are held on the second Monday night of the each month at the Salvation Army Community Center, 1180 South Hickory Street, Melbourne, Florida. There is a social time starting at 7:00PM followed by a program at 7:15PM and then a business meeting. Meetings are open to the general public. Visitors interested in amateur radio are welcome.**

For additional information on Amateur Radio, or if you're interested in having PCARS provide communications for a special public service event, contact the Platinum Coast Amateur Radio Society, PO Box 1004, Melbourne, FL 32902-1004. Or visit our web site at [www.pcars.org](http://www.pcars.org)