



Arkansas GMRS Repeater Group

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The Arkansas GMRS Repeater Group is an individual, currently loosely-based volunteer cooperative effort between repeater owners based in and around the State of Arkansas. The Group is separated into Repeater Owners and General Members.

Membership/Members

Any person with a valid GMRS License that submits a request to join at arkradio.net

- Membership is extended to his/her family members covered under the original Licensee

Owners

Any person with a valid GMRS license who owns/operates a GMRS repeater in accordance with FCC rules that is affiliated with the Arkansas GMRS Repeater Group.

- Owners' family members qualify as owners also by proxy.
- Repeater owners are asked to serve in an Advisory capacity to the Group as a whole and are asked to set precedent and help the group move forward.
- A Coordinator will help repeater owners communicate amongst the group with any issues, membership requests or other needs affiliates may have, both repeater owners and members alike.

Occasional passers by and transient users are allowed on some affiliated AGRG Repeater Systems as part of an Open Repeater Initiative, which allows members and non-members alike to use their system. Each owner who allows this will indicate on his/her website repeater page and/or in person or over the air as they see fit.

Any affiliate who only allows AGRG members ONLY to use their system will also indicate on their web page and is in full compliance with FCC 95.1705. If unsure, we urge users to seek membership in the Group!

Rules and Disclaimers

It is expected that all GMRS licensees and repeater owners affiliated with the Arkansas GMRS Repeater Group complies with Part 95 of the FCC rules, as compliance is mandatory as a condition of licensure. It is a licensee's responsibility to know what the FCC rules are and to attempt to maintain compliance at all times.

Here are some additional steps

1. Emergencies always take priority. As a licensee you may be helping an ATV group lost in the woods or a fellow member who has broken down. Furthermore, some systems will share severe weather alerts to notify people listening of impending dangerous weather. Please yield to emergencies.
2. Licensed, enrolled members of the Arkansas GMRS Repeater Group will be assigned an Identification Number on our roster. The Group does not ask for each individual name of each family member under one license, but at the time of admission, you may ask for a "bank" of numbers and assign them accordingly within your family. Numbers will be given out in succession (but may not be successive over time) and use the following examples in format:

ID Number	ID Meaning
A-100	"Alpha-One Hundred" or "A 100" is a general member ID. All members in good standing will have an "A" prefix followed by a number given out in succession on a first-come-first served basis.
AR-01	"Aye Arr Oh One" or "Alpha Romeo Zero One" is a repeater owner. All repeater owners and their families will have an "AR" Prefix and be given out in succession on a first come first served basis.
Mena 675 or River Valley 650	All repeaters will have a name to them, chosen by the repeater owner. The Group does not name repeaters unless asked to. Some are the geographical location of the repeater or other mnemonic, which may or may not indicate a location. Repeater names are solely chosen by their owners. Many repeater owners use the last 3 digits of the output frequency the repeater is on to denote which frequency they are using.

3. There is no guarantee that any repeater will be available 100% of the time. Many of our sites are in locations on battery backup, emergency generator power and even grid independent. However, some are located at users homes on conventional service. Please use at your own risk.
4. Access codes not published on the website are private and for membership use only. Any repeater information members access is not for public consumption without the consent of the repeater owner. Members sharing private information will be removed from the Group.
5. Members are to remain aware and considerate of the shared nature of the repeaters and; the member has not had access privileges suspended or revoked by the owner/group.
6. Members are required to legally maintain their GMRS license including a valid mailing address at all times.
7. Members are required to purchase and properly maintain their GMRS radio equipment.
8. Please be courteous, considerate and helpful to other users.
9. Report suspected repeater problems to the owner or Group as soon as possible.
10. Participate in on-air repeater equipment testing if needed.
11. Promote and maintain good stewardship of the General Mobile Radio Service.

Repeater Affiliates

All repeater owners who affiliate their systems with the Arkansas GMRS Repeater Group are simply wonderful people. While we appreciate and recognize that generosity, the Group and it's repeater owners agree to:

1. Share repeater resources on a reciprocal basis, at no charge and;
2. May donate or receive parts, money or time to the group on an individual or whole basis on their own volition and at no obligation and;
3. Will not charge a user fee to any member of the Arkansas GMRS Repeater Group. Voluntary donations are perfectly acceptable.
4. Will promote the Group when possible, including keeping web pages updated by sending the latest information possible to the Coordinator and/or media consultant.
5. Agree to self-coordinate with other repeater owners when constructing new repeaters, especially in areas that are close to one another.
6. Repeater affiliates retain all rights of ownership including frequency use, system naming and placing. The Arkansas GMRS Repeater Group owns no repeater and will not tell another how to run theirs, aside from being good stewards of GMRS and following FCC rules.