

AREDN Overview

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What is an AREDN Network?



See YouTube for a video introduction http://youtu.be/fkl5Nbnz24Y

Purpose



The AREDNTM Project's focus is Emergency Communications (EmComm). It seeks to provide hams a means to implement this technology in practical ways to support local and regional emergency communications needs.

A High-Speed Data Network



Setup

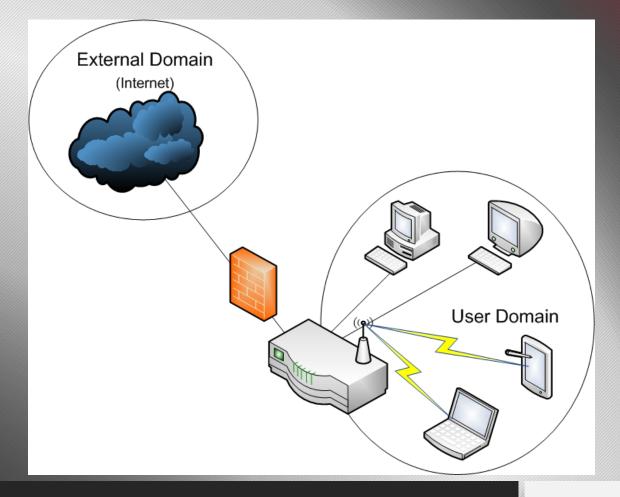
Selfconfiguring Self-healing Robust

Commercial off-the-shelf hardware

Outdoor rated

Useful

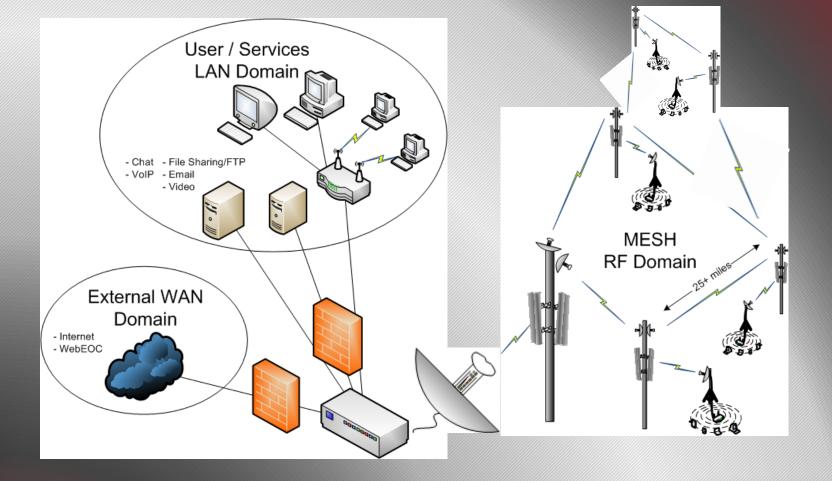
IP based network
Supports familiar apps



How Standard WiFi Works

Internet to Home network through a router/firewall





How AREDN Works

A WiFi network "on steroids"



AREDN Offers 2 Non-Shared Channels on 2.4 GHz

HZ	Channel	-2	-1	0*	1	2	3	4	5	6
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ri	Frea	2.397	2.402	2.407	2.412	2.417	2.422	2.427	2.432	2.437

24 Non-Shared Channels on 3.4 GHz

GH2	Channel	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87
	Status						Ham	Band					
ω 4	Freq	3.380	3.385	3.390	3.395	3.400	3.405	3.410	3.415	3.420	3.425	3.430	3.435
	-	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99
		3.440	3,445	3.450	3.455	3.460	3,465	3.470	3.475	3.480	3.485	3.490	3.495

Refer to your local band plan for coordination

Channels on 2.4 and 3.4 GHZ

2 Non-Shared channels on 2.4 GHz

24 Non-Shared channels on 3.4 GHz



52 Channels, 7 Non-Shared, on 5.8 GHz

GHz	Channel	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143	144	145
8	Status					Sh	ared Han	and ISM,	/WiFi Bar	nd				**
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		5.860	5.865	5.870	5.875	5.880	5.885	5.890	5.895	5.900	5.905	5.910	5.915	5.920

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Channels on 5.8 GHz

7 Non-Shared channels on 5.8 GHz



Current Version 3.16.1.0



- Supports 4 bands: 2.4, 3.4 and 5.8 GHz and 900 MHz
- Enables operation in Part 97 only bands
- Supports 802.11n and MIMO
- Improved data rate from 54 to 130 Mbps
- Supports Internet tunneling
- Over-the-air upgrade capability
- SNR charts aid aiming and troubleshooting

Where To Get the AREDN Software?





Amateur Radio Emergency Data Network

DOCS T HOME SOFTWARE FORUM MAP ABOUTUS * FOR DEVELOPERS SHOP 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 AREDN Offers 2 Non-Shared Channels on 2.4 GHz Channel Status Ham Band Shared Ham and ISM/WiFi Band 2.407 2.412 2.417 2.422 2.427 2.432 2.437 Freq 2.397 2.402 24 Non-Shared Channels on 3.4 GHz Channel 80 81 82 Ham Band 83 84 85 Status Freq 3.385 3.390 3.395 3.400 3.405 | 3.410 | 3.415 | 3.420 | 3.425 | 3.430 | 3.435 89 90 92 93 94 99 3.440 3.445 3.450 3.455 3.460 3.465 3.470 3.475 3.480 3.485 3.490 Refer to your local band plan for coordination

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	Latest Stable version is: 3.16.1	0
STEP 1: Find your device/model from this column.	STEP 2: Choose either the FA from these	CTORY or SYSUPGRADE file
	Loading from AirOS or TFTP	Loading from AREDN or BBHN
	AREDN™ Firmware for Ubiquit	i
Bullet M2 Bullet M5 Bullet M5 Bullet M5 Titanium Bullet M5 Titanium NanoStation Loco M2 NanoStation Loco M5 (XM) NanoStation Loco M9 NanoBridge M2 NanoBridge M5 NanoBridge M9 AirGrid M2 AirGrid M5 PicoStation M2	factory File: AREDN-3.16.1.0-ubnt-bullet-m- squashfs-factory.bin md5sum: ceff5a353c800ec7469341a14c8f6c30 Size: 4.7M	sysupgrade File: AREDN-3.16.1.0-ubnt-bullet-m-squashfs-sysupgrade.bin md5sum: 7d4be805104cc04fe7da13f22bd35f9b Size: 4.7M
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Software Download List

http://www.aredn.org/content/software



How To Install AREDN Firmware



Ubiquiti AirMAX Products
TP-Link CPE210/510

Check the airOS Version



- Warning AirOS 5.6 and newer
- Do not flash a Ubiquiti device that is running, or has been running, airOS version 5.6 or higher with AREDN firmware. We have become aware of a change that may be incompatible with current firmware images. We are looking into the concerns raised and will post more details as they are determined.
- Are you using a supported device? Just because the device was made by Ubiquiti doesn't mean it will be able to be flashed to use AREDN! See the Supported Platform Matrix before continuing.
- LINKS to AirOS 5.5.x for XW and XM hardware

Check the airOS Version



- Before flashing a Ubiquiti device that is running or has been running AirOS version 5.6, please run the AREDN U-Boot Test program below before attempting a firmware load or upgrade.
- We have developed the following utility to help you determine if your device is compatible, as well as being able to take a BACKUP of your node's critical partitions.
- Download and run the AREDN U-Boot Test Setup Program. If the test results in a "GOOD/GOOD" result, then you may proceed to load the appropriate AREDN firmware onto it.

Initial installation of AREDN firmware onto a new node running Ubiquity airOS

The Easiest way to get convert an existing airOS Ubiquiti device to AREDN is to flash the device from its Web Interface.

If you have not made any changes to the device than it will be located at 192.168.1.20. and DHCP will not be enabled. If you have made changes please use your configuration for the steps below.

Download the "Factory" image for your firmware from the downloads page. Remember where you saved this file for later on

Plug your computer directly into the Ubiquiti Power Injector LAN port and the Ubiquiti device into the Power port.



Go to the Network Connections, select the wired LAN connection you have connected to the power injector using with a **Right Click** and select **Properties**. Then select the **Internet Protocol (TCP/IP)** and click the **Properties** button. Another dialog box opens. Configure your computer to use an IP address of **192.168.1.22** with a subnet mask of **255.255.255.0**



This is the initial airOS screen. Login to the airGrid M2 for the first time at http://192.168.1.20 per standard Ubiquiti instructions. (default username: ubnt password: ubnt)



After logging in the next airOS screen is the **Wireless** tab. Ignore the message at the lower right in the orange box about changing the Administrator password.

The Main tab page is selected and displayed. Note that the node's date and time are not set correctly vet. Nothing to do

Step-by step Instructions

http://www.aredn.org/content/uploading-firmware-ubiquiti



How To Setup Your AREDN Node





NOCALL-118-209-231

Help

Refresh

Setup

Select a theme .

This node is not yet configured.

Go to the setup page and set your node name and password.

Click Save Changes, even if you didn't make any changes, then the node will reboot.

This device can be configured to either permit or prohibit known encrypted traffic on its RF link. It is up to the user to decide which is appropriate based on how it will be used and the license under which it will be operated. These rules vary by country, frequency, and intended use. You are encouraged to read and understand these rules before going further.

This device is pre-configured with no restrictions as to the type of data being passed.

Follow these steps if <u>you wish to prohibit</u> known encrypted traffic on the RF link. These instructions will disappear, so copy them for your reference:

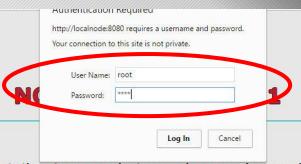
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- 2. After you Save Changes allow your node to reboot
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Ready to Setup AREDN

Complete the initial setup with our call sign and password







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Authentication for Setup

Enter User Name = root Password = hsmm





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Initial display – MUST enter certain information

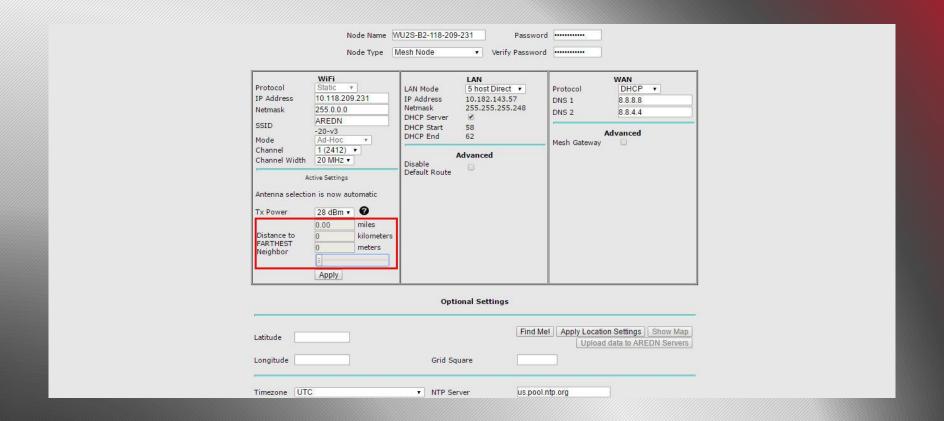




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MUST enter callsign and password





MUST enter distance parameter - Distance to farthest expected node





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Distance parameter is set





		Help S	ave Changes Re	set Value	s Default Value	Reboot	
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		Node Type	Mesh Node	*	Verify Password		
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	0.62	miles					
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FARTHEST Neighbor	1000	meters					

Optional Settings

Channel and Tx Power changed



WU2S-B2-118-209-231 is rebooting

The LAN subnet has changed. You will need to acquire a new DHCP lease and reset any name service caches you may be using.

Wait for the Status 4 LED to start blinking, then stop blinking.

When the Status 4 LED remains solid on you can get your new DHCP lease and reconnect with http://localnode.local.mesh:8080/

or http://WU2S-B2-118-209-231.local.mesh:8080/

Save and Reboot

As soon as you click Save, the Reboot starts automatically





WU2S-B2-118-209-231

Help Refresh Mesh Status

LAN address 10.182.143.57 / 29 fe80::26a4:3cff:fe77:d1e7 Link

OLSR Status

WiFi Scan Setup

Signal/Noise/Ratio -55 / -95 / 40 dB Charts

Select a theme ▼

WiFi address 10.118.209.231 / 8 fe80::26a4:3cff:fe76:d1e7 Link

firmware version 3.16.1.0 configuration mesh

WAN address none fe80::26a4:3cff:fe77:d1e7 Link

system time Sat Apr 30 2016 17:01:52 UTC

default gateway 10.22.247.228 WU2S-NSM2-33 uptime 0 min

load average 0.98, 0.28, 0.09

flash = 2512 KB free space /tmp = 14328 KB

memory = 4536 KB

Part of the AREDN™ Project. For more details please see here

Setup Completed

Node is fully operational



What Equipment to Buy?



Supported Platform Matrix

The supported platform matrix identifies the make and models of hardware which may be used with AREDN firmware in the various frequency bands. The equipment marked with a green background is fully supported and tested. Models with a red background are NOT supported nor are they compatible with AREDN firmware. The orange background indicates equipment that is likely to work well, but has not yet been thoroughly tested. Equipment with a yellow background is in the research stage and may or may not achieve fully-supported status depending on test results.

		Ba	nd	
Manufacturer/Model	900Mhz	2.4Ghz	3Ghz	5.8Ghz
Ubiquiti Networks (www.ubnt.co	om)			
AirGrid (XM revision/old)		M2		M5
AirGrid (XW)				AG-HP-5Gxx
AirRouter		M2		
AirRouter HP		M2		
Bullet		M2		M5

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Bullet Titanium		662		Mis					
NanoBeam (XW)				NBE-M5-16/19					
NanoBridge	M9	2G18	M3	5G22/5G25					
NanoStation Loco (XM)	N/IS	M/2		M5					
NanoStation Loco (XW)				M5					
NanoStation (XM)		W2	N/G	M5					
NanoStation (XW)				Mis					
PicoStation		M2							
PowerBeam (see note 3)		PBE-M2-400		PBE-M5-300/400					
PowerBeam				PBE-M5-620					

Supported Platform Matrix



PowerBeam (see note 3)	PBE-M2-400		PBE-M5-300/400
PowerBeam			PBE-M5-620
Rocket (XM)	M809 M2	Mě	M5
Rocket (XW)			M5
Rocket Titanium	M2		M5
Rocket Titanium (XW)			M5
TP-Link			
CPE	CPEXIA		CPE510
-			
GREEN = "GO"	AREDN Supported		
RED="STOP"	No Compatibility or Support		
ORANGE="CAUTION"	High Confidence of compatibility. Included in current relea	se, but not rigorously tested	
YELLOW="RESEARCHING"	Under research for future support consideration.		
GREY="N/A"	No such device		
**	In beta		

Supported Platform Matrix



Hams Are Frugal



Nanostation Loco

Weight: M2/M5 = 0.18 kg

M9 = 0.9 kg

Gain: M9/M2 = 8 dBi

M5 = 13 dBi

Current Price: M2 = \$46 - \$49

M5 = \$62 - \$67

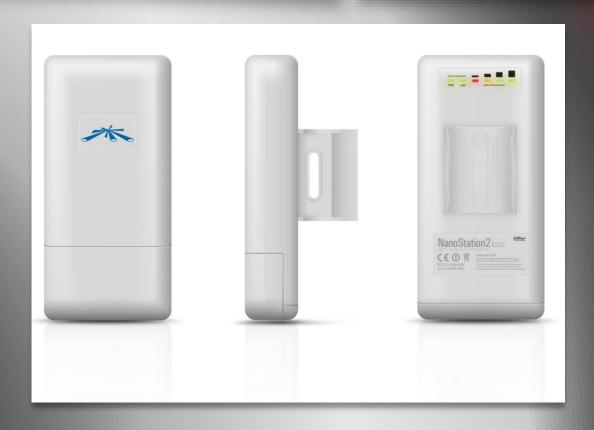
M9 = \$113 - \$129

Memory: M2 = 32 Mb

M5/M9 = 64 Mb

Power Output: M9 = 28 dBm

M2/M5 = 23 dBm



Nanostation M



Weight: M2/M5 = 0.40 kg

M3 = 0.50 kg

Gain: M2 = 10.4-11.2 dBi

M3 = 12.2-13.7 dBi

M5 = 14.6 - 16.1 dBi

Current Price: M2/M5 = \$89

M3 = \$129

Memory: M2/M3 = 32 Mb

M5 = 64 Mb

Power Output: M2 = 28 dBm

M3 = 25 dBm

M5 = 27 dBm







Rocket M



Weight: M2/M3/M5/M9 =

0.50 kg

Gain: Depends on antenna

Current Price: M2 = \$82 - \$89

M3/M9= \$179

M5 = \$89

Memory: M2/M3/M5/M9

64 Mb

(*datasheet 128 Mb M2/M5)

Pwr Output: M2/M9 28 dBm

M3 = 25 dBm

M5 = 27 dBm



AirGrid - Single Polarity



AirGrid - 2 Antenna Sizes

Weight: M2/M5 = 1.65 kg

M2/M5 = 2.75 kg

Gain: M2/M5 = 16/23 dBi

M2/M5 = 20/27 dBi

Current Price:M2 = \$46 - \$49

M5 = \$62 - \$67

Memory: M2/M5 = 32 Mb

Power Output: M2 = 28 dBm

M5 = 25 dBm



Bullet – Single Polarity



Bullet – Single Polarity

Weight: M2/M5 = 0.18 kg

Gain: M5/M5 = Depends on antenna selection

Current Price: M2/M5= \$79

Memory: M2/M5 = 32 Mb

Power Output:

M2 = 28dBm

M5 = 25 dBm



AirRouter – Indoor Use



Two Models - AR and AR-HP

Weight: AR/HP = .22/.32 kg

LAN Ports = 4

WAN Port = 1

Current Price:

AR = \$32 - \$39

AR-HP = \$62

Memory: 32 Mb

Power Output:

AR = 19dBm

AR-HP = 28 dBm



TP-Link CPE210/510



Weight: Unknown – about the same as a Nanostation

Gain: CPE210 = 9 dBi

CPE510 = 13 dBi

Current Price: CPE210 = \$58

CPE510 = \$64

Memory: 210/510 = 64 Mb

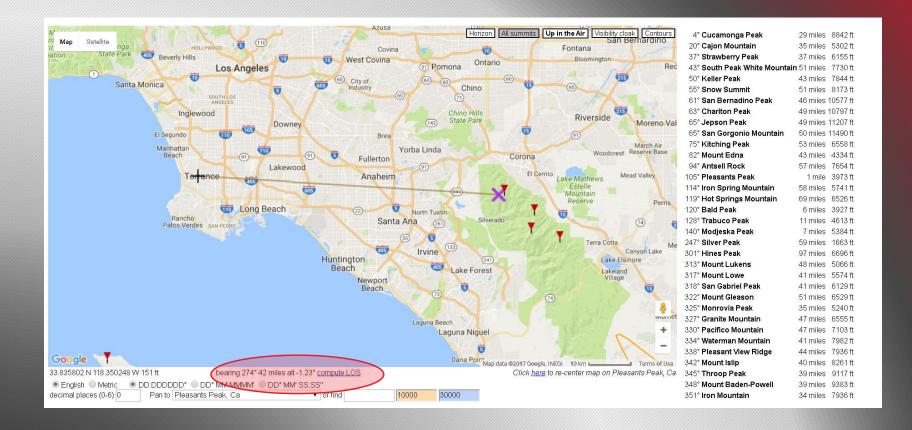
Power Output: 210 = 27 dBm

510 = 23 dBm



RF Path Planning



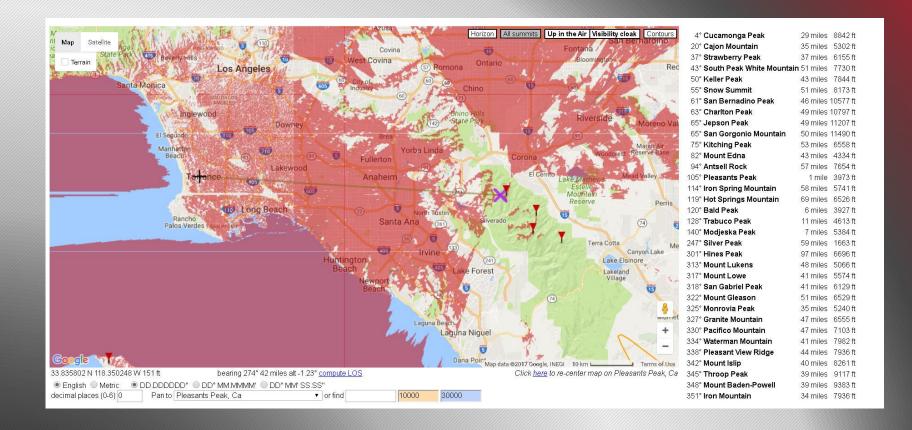


HeyWhatsThat Line of Sight

http://www.heywhatsthat.com/

Pleasants Peak to Marriott, Torrance, CA 42 miles

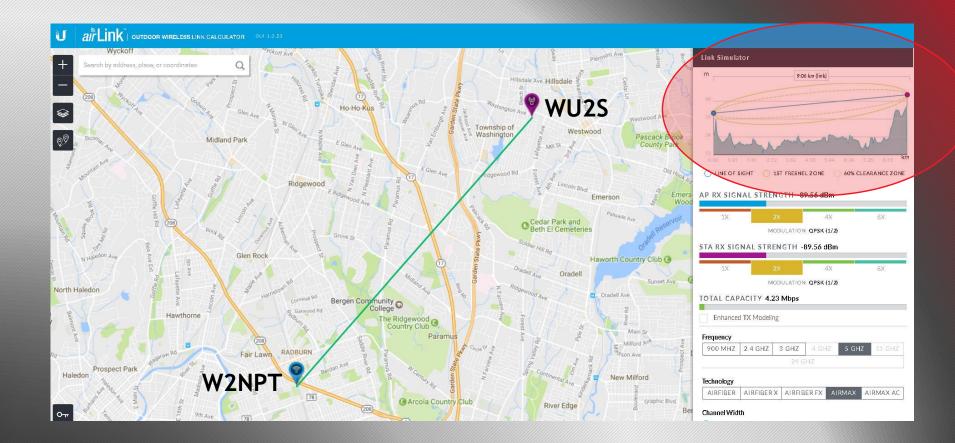




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Pleasants Peak Visibility Overlay



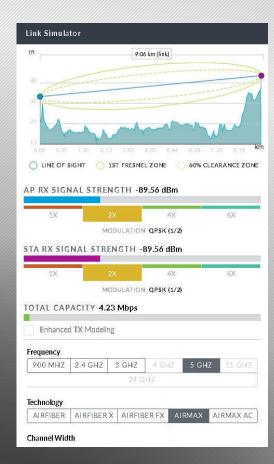


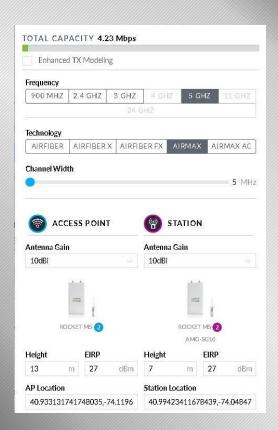


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WU2S to W2NPT 9.06 km





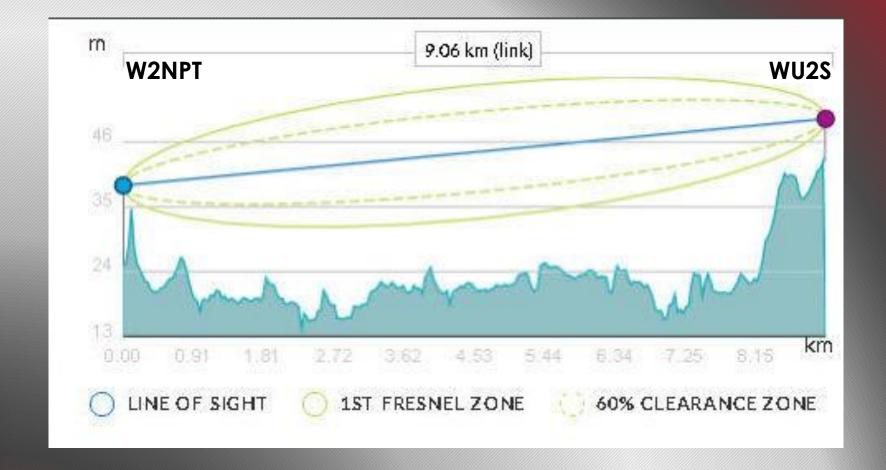




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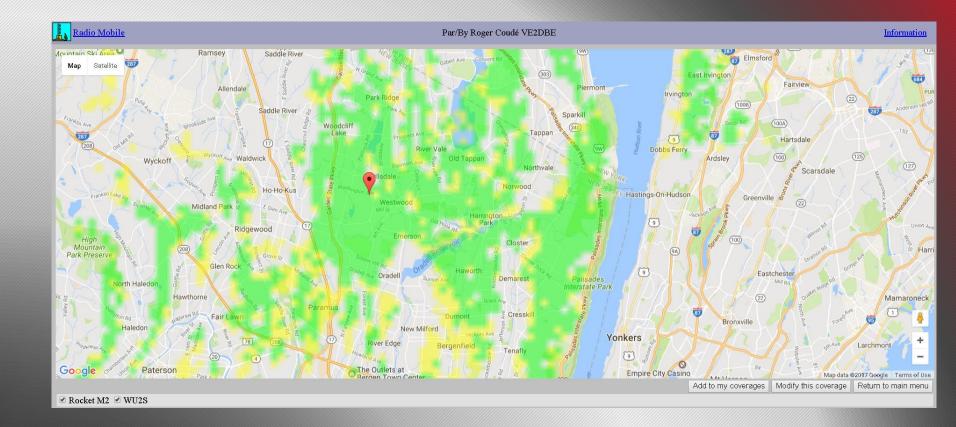






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Radio Mobile

http://www.cplus.org/rmw/rmonline.html

WU2S 2GHz Coverage

By Roger Coudé VE2DBE



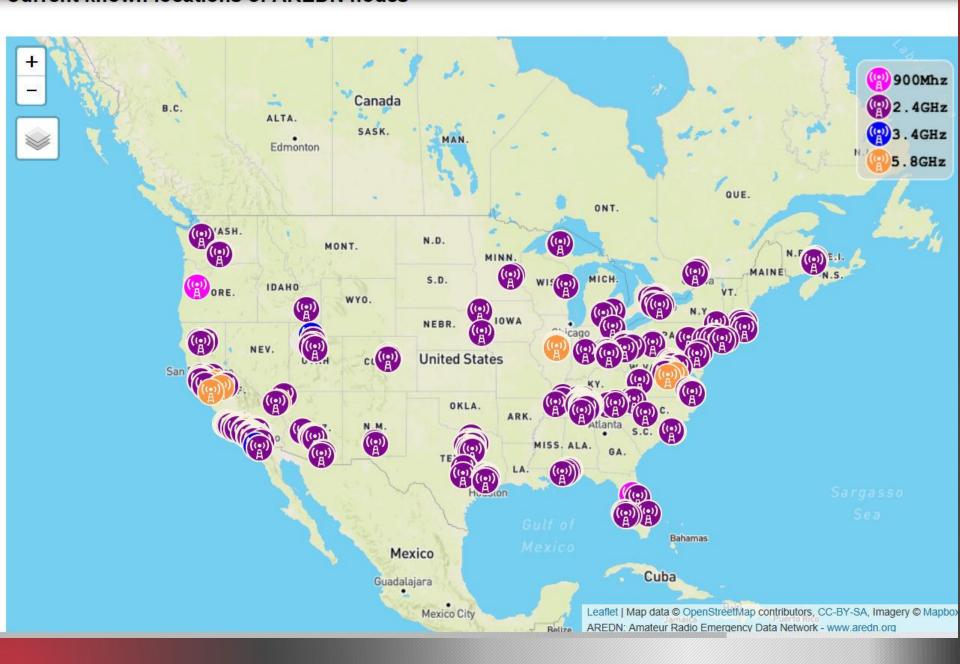
Current Locations of Known AREDN Nodes

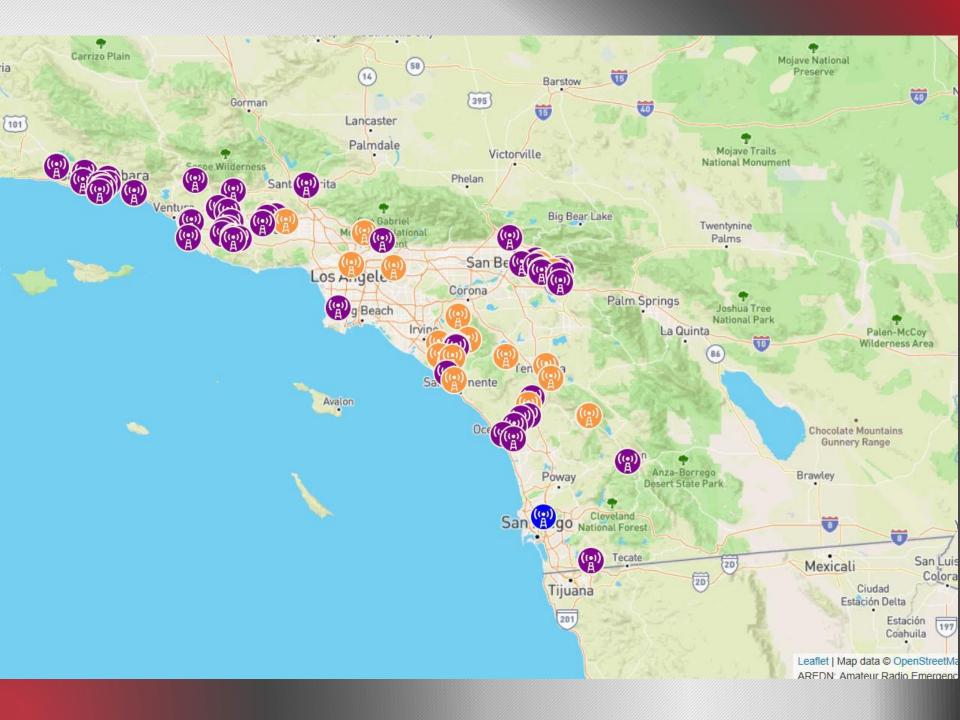


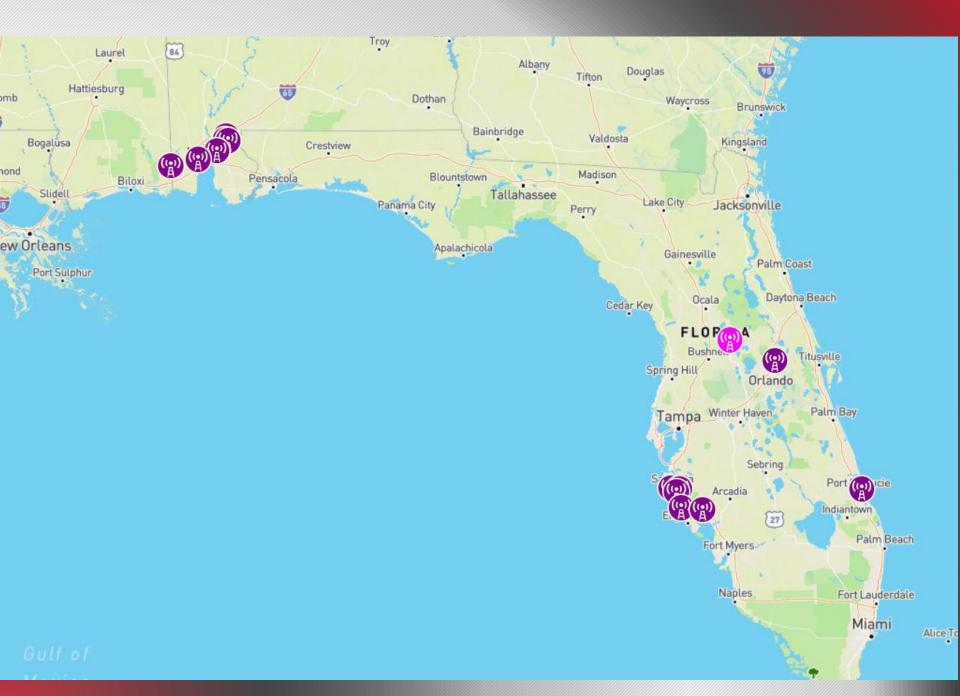


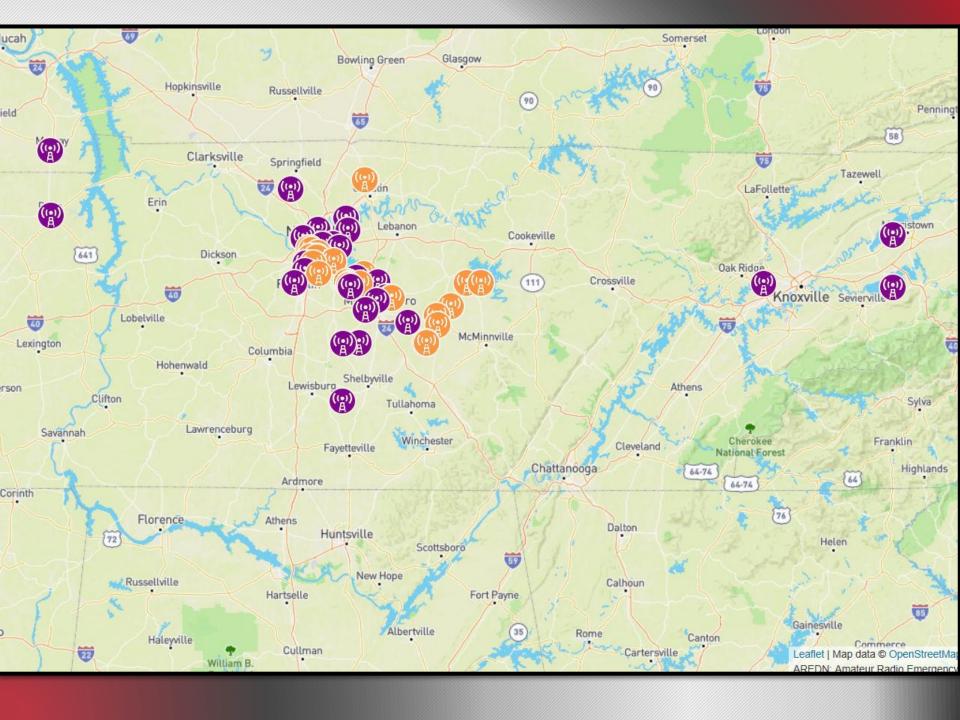
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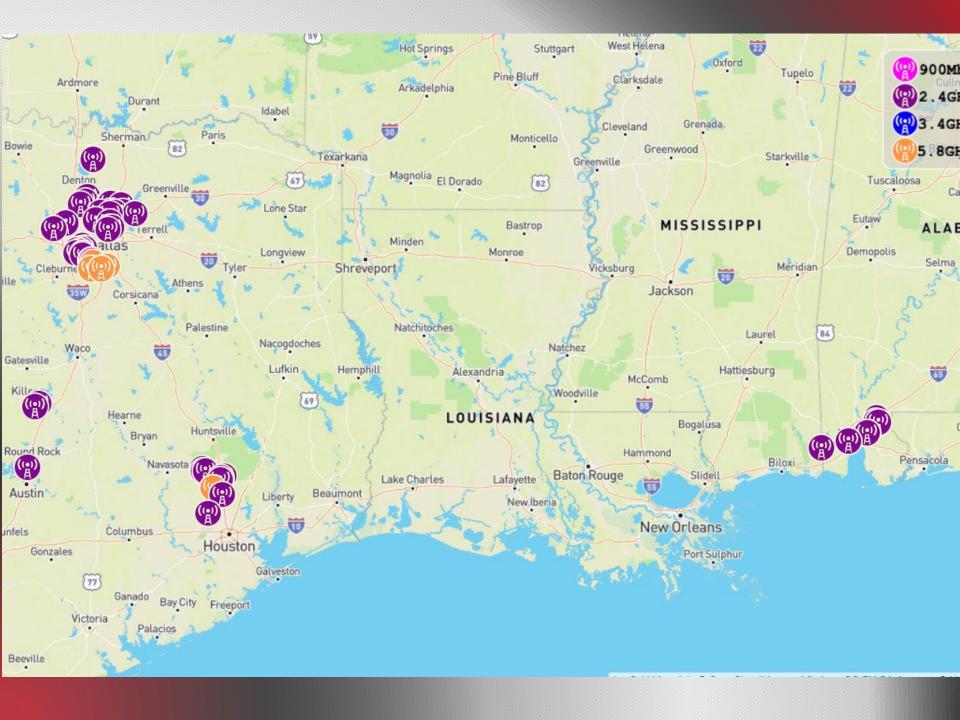
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The AREDN Advantage



Project Objectives



- Stand up nodes with minimal expertise and effort
- Configure the mesh network automatically
- Use low-cost, reliable commercial equipment
- Refine the software for ease of use, reliability and manageability





Delivering quality, high-speed, data communications for Emcomm via Amateur Radio

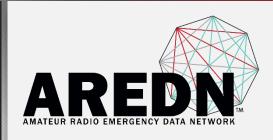
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- Stand up a working mesh node with minimal expertise and effort
- Configure the mesh network automatically so that advanced network knowledge is not needed
- Use low-cost, reliable commercial equipment
- Define standards for internetwork integration
- Support those in the process of designing and implementing EmComm networks
- Refine the software to make implementation easier, more reliable, and more manageable

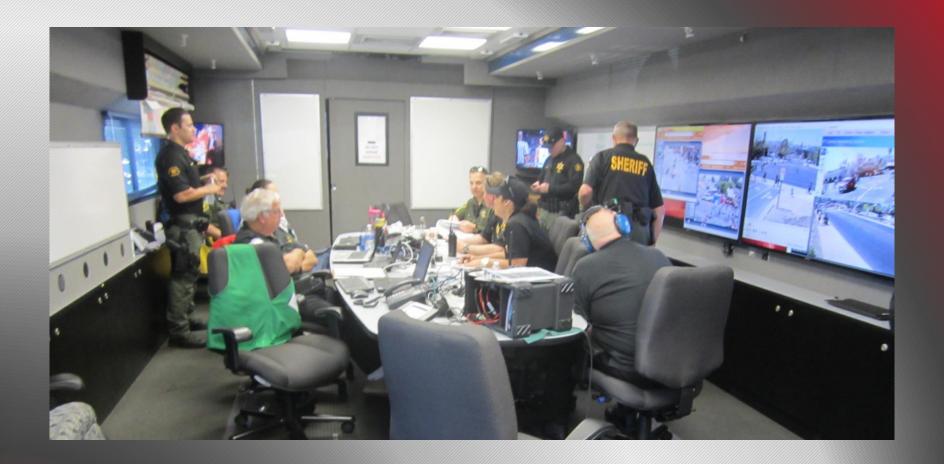


Features & Benefits



- Exclusive Part 97 Channels
- Over-the-Air firmware upgrades
- Maximum data rate of 130 Mbps
- Low investment entry
- Rapid deployment and implementation
- Multiple antenna choices
- Interfaces easily with other Internet capable devices





At the Center of Emergency PrepAREDNess



Thank You from the AREDN Project Team

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