February 21, 2022

HamCation Visitors “reDiscover Radio” At The Event

After being postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic, visitors to Orlando HamCation 2022 and the ARRL National Convention got to "reDiscover Radio" February 10 - 13. This marked the 75th HamCation, which typically attracts more than 20,000 visitors. In addition to the chance to meet old friends in person and hit the flea market, Orlando HamCation and ARRL offered a broad range of forums, presentations, and social events.

Kicking off the ARRL National Convention's four training tracks was Contest University (CTU), which made its HamCation debut just ahead of the show, on February 10. CTU presenters discussed various facets of competitive ham radio, addressing such topics as SSB audio, mobile QSO party contesting, attracting and retaining young operators into the radiosport fold, and World Radiosport Team Championship 2023 in Italy.

The Emergency Communications Academy training track offered a panel of nationally recognized experts and trainers who covered current protocols, techniques, and responsibilities for the amateur radio volunteer service public safety entities. The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) topped the list of discussion topics; message handling during emergencies, using Winlink, and emergency power.

"The diversity of presenters' backgrounds was a key to the patently successful day-long session. Just about every facet of knowledge and experience was represented," said Track Leader Rick Palm, K1CE. More than 120 attended.

Popular YouTuber Josh Nass, K16NAZ, guided the Hands-On Handbook training track, which covered such topics as the Parks on the Air (POTA) program, amateur satellites, basic amateur radio programming, and remote operating.

Topics featured in the Technology Academy training track included SWR, compliance with the new FCC RF exposure rules, digital communications technology, digital television, and Solar Cycle 25 and space weather.

"2022 is going to be another big year," ARRL CEO David Minster, NA2AA, told those attending the National Convention Luncheon on February 10. "We've been positioning ourselves on EmComm, Radiosport, increased outreach with youth as well as the vision

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HamCation was a big success again. Elbow room only during Saturday and quite a large turnout Friday, too. A Big Thank You to LMARS members volunteering through the week. I was there, too, and it was terrific seeing so many volunteers help OARC to bring to Orlando another huge event, even though they could have used more volunteers.

Equipment from Greg Black’s estate donated to LMARS sold below our planned prices at HamCation. A Big Thanks to Greg’s family for these donations.

Our activities are actually getting started. Our first ever Antenna Build-Athon at Torcaso Park is planned for Saturday, February 26. Pre-registration with our secretary is required by members to construct one of three styles of antennas: VHF J-Pole, Hawaiian Radio Club end fed wire or my multiband dipole. A pdf document on the end fed wire is at their website: http://www.earchi.org/proj_homebrew.html to see. Ann’s Radio Bootcamp program will be part of the Antenna Build-Athon. You will construct an antenna to keep. Having your dues current for 2022 and registering for the construction is a prerequisite.

Please pay your dues!

Coming up in March is our second hosting of the W4F Special Event station for the week of March 12th through the 19th, commemorating Florida’s Statehood beginning March 3, 1845. More details will follow on signing up to become a W4F.
Called to order:

President Richard Fischer, WA3SXX, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements:

Dues

Dues are due. Please get your dues to the Treasurer.

Amateur Radio Testing

The new testing method using the tablets is now up and running. Testing is currently free and test results are submitted electronically.

Program

The Chairman, Michael Cauley, W4ORL, and Vice Chairman, John Knott, N4JTK, of HamCation presented a program on the history and future of HamCation.

Estate Sale

Will send out an email detailing the equipment for sale. LMARS members will get a first pass at a reduced price. Anything that members don’t purchase will be sold at HamCation.

LMARS Meeting officially closes at 8:35 PM

HRO Winter Springs

The showroom is open, grand opening sale is slated for February 7 through February 10.

LMARS Ham Radio Bootcamp

For the month of February, the Ham Radio Bootcamp will be held in person on Feb 26 at Torcaso Park. At the park we will be holding an antenna build-a-thon. LMARS members wishing to participate will have the option to build one of three different antennas: roll-up

Special Event Station

LMARS will be conducting a special even station, W4F, on March 12-19 commemorating the anniversary of Florida becoming a State.

HamCation

HamCation is still looking for volunteers. Anyone considering volunteering for a shift can volunteer through the website at hamcation.com. Volunteer working a minimum of four hours will receive free admission to the event. Any working eight hours will also be provided a meal.
station operator. The operation is mostly from home but I would like to bring out the trailer during a Saturday to give opportunity for operating using our big club antennas for maximum effect.

Also on March 12 is another Fox Hunt. Our Secretary Stephen, W4IIR will hide with his 2-meter radio as the ‘Fox’ and the rest of ‘Hounds’ will try to find him via radio direction finding. Details will be forthcoming.

I am planning on an in-person General Meeting March 3rd at the Winter Springs Senior Center on Edgemon Drive in Winter Springs at 7:30 PM.

Let’s take that opportunity to remember the needy within our community. Let’s bring non-perishable goods to donate during our meeting. Last time we shared our generosity, managers at the Winter Springs Elementary school pantry were on the brink of tears being so glad to assist needy parents of students attending there with those food items LMARS contributed.

And of course, remember to pay your dues. Dues are now due for 2022. $25 for regular individual membership, $30 for a family membership and $5 for an Associate membership. You can renew your dues at the meeting or follow methods defined on our web site: https://lmars.org/membership

One more thing: we need a chairperson for ARRL Field Day during the last full weekend of June. Our Big event is approaching to be held at Central Winds Park in Winter Springs. This individual will handle coordination with our caterer, Tim Cranis, sees that we have water & snacks, coordinates with Band Captains, any RV visitor parking, collects log files from Band Captains, then submits the aggregate Field Day log file to ARRL, plus a few other responsibilities. This is not an overwhelming job but gives a break to Jim, Rich Wilson and Dave Morris who have done this a long time. This is a terrific way to support LMARS. This service is of utmost importance to our Field Day effort. How about giving this a try? Our experienced past Chairmen will help you to handle that which is involved. Thanks so much to past Field Day Chairpersons.

Lastly, from Greg’s estate I have the owner’s manual for a Kenwood TH-D7A and an HT for its owner. I will bring these to our in-person General Meeting March 3rd. These radios were purchased by our members ahead of HamCation.

See you then. Stay well and stay safe.

73 de Rich, WA3SXX

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**HamCation, continued…**

Minster said opinions vary on how amateur radio should move forward. "It's healthy to debate ideas, when done the right way," he said. "At Headquarters, we look through the lens every single day of, 'Is this good for ARRL and is this good for ham radio?' It's hard! Especially if it isn't your idea or the way you think things should go. But when we get there, we need to hold hands and make things happen for our members and our hobby. Be willing to sacrifice your personal and political aspirations by putting ARRL and ham radio first and at the forefront."

Visit the official convention photo album for more highlights.

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From The ARRL Letter
LMARS purchased an IC-7300 from Ham Radio Outlet. It was, interestingly, shipped in a reused carton from Sysco Food Products.
LAKE MONROE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**PLEASE PRINT**

Today’s Date:  
First Name:  

Last Name:  

Address:  

City, State, Zip:  

Call Sign:  

Class:  

Email:  

Fax:  

Home Phone:  

Cell Phone:  

ARRL Membership: YES NO  

Print this page, fill out the form, and mail it to LMARS. Make check payable to LMARS.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE $25.00 PER YEAR FOR AN INDIVIDUAL AND $30.00 PER YEAR FOR A FAMILY. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP IS $5.00 EACH. NEW MEMBER DUES PAID ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1 WILL CARRY OVER UNTIL DECEMBER 31 OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR. ALL DUES/RENEWALS ARE DUE ON JANUARY 1.**

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c/o MARY WOOD KB4AOR, 7747 DANU DRIVE, ORLANDO FL 32822

FEBRUARY 2022  
WWW.LMARS.ORG
AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE TESTING

LMARS Testing
LMARS conducts monthly amateur radio exams for all elements every month (except December) on the third Saturday at the Seminole County Sheriff’s Office off of 17-92 on 100 Eslinger Way (previously Bush Blvd.) in Sanford, across from Flea World. Be there at 9:15AM. For more information and registration contact Bob Cumming W2BZY at 407-333-0690 or w2bzy@cfl.rr.com.

LARA Testing
This session has been cancelled until further notice.

OARC Testing
COVID-19 affects amateur radio testing. Until further notice, contact Bob Cumming at 407-333-0690 or w2bzy@cfl.rr.com for OARC testing information.

FCC Ham Radio License Exams—Sponsored By 4 Corners Radio Club, Davenport, FL
This session has been cancelled until further notice.

FCC Ham Radio License Exams—Orlando, Florida
Sponsored by Chapter #45, Quarter Century Wireless Assoc. Inc.
This session has been cancelled until further notice.

THE LMARS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS HELD EVERY FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT THE WINTER SPRINGS CIVIC CENTER AT 400 N. EDGEMON AVE. IN WINTER SPRINGS. THE MEETING STARTS AT

Seminole VHF Traffic Net
Official Net of the National Traffic System
147.285 MHz
Lake Monroe Amateur Radio Society
Every Night at 7:15PM
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