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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE LAKE MONROE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

March 21, 2024

Metro Cup Regatta

A big thanks to all who joined us. The radio communications for the Regatta were organized by Orange County Ares and the event was held on March 2, 2024. It was a great event to practice your skills or, just shadow and learn. I would encourage you to join us next year. It's a fun and simple event.

and download the special event certificate. The certificate can be downloaded here:

<https://www.b4h.net/certificates/>

If you did not make it this year I hope you make it out next year.

Again, thanks to all who participated.

W4F, A Special Event Station Commemorating Florida's Statehood

To all who came out and helped, and participated in W4F, THANKS. Rich and Stan thanks for organizing the setup of the event. Thanks to Dennis and Jim for trailer towing. Jeff and Debrah for getting the sandwiches and things, and coming forward to help me with upcoming events. And... GREAT, BIG THANKS to those who came out and helped with the setup, your help is greatly appreciated. I myself was not there for the setup due to a class but I did make it there for a couple of hours at the end and got to operate for a few minutes and helped with teardown.

We had two stations and operated CW and voice. We shared Florida's Statehood with those we made contact with. All the logs have been uploaded and for those who came out or who may have made contact with the W4F event, the special event certificate is now up and available. Just go to the site below, enter your call sign,

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MEMBERSHIP

Dues are \$25.00 per year for Licensed Amateurs and \$5.00 for Associates. Family dues are \$30.00. Memberships are due on January 1.

Please submit your material to the editor by email.

THE PREZ SAYS...

RICH FISCHER, WA3SXX

Thanks to all who came out for our Special Event Station W4F. We set up our new trailer at the Winter Springs Police station for a day of HF operating on March 9th. Seventy-one contacts were logged, and no doubt all Hams we worked learned the date Florida became the 27th state 179 years ago. Our event went well, and thanks to the Pettitt's for providing lunch.

During April we may turn out for a public outreach at the Tuscaawilla HOA Family Fun Day on April 2nd, with availability of a sufficient setup team. For sure, we'll get together on the last weekend of April for the annual Florida QSO Party on April 27 & 28th at Torcaso Park- my favorite event.

Be reminded that LMARS dues are due at our next General meeting on April 4th. Those in arrears of dues after that meeting will come into inactive status, losing voting rights and the monthly newsletter. I will look forward to seeing all at the April 4th meeting at the Winter Springs Senior Center.

73 de Rich, WA3SXX

TREASURER'S CHEST

MARY WOOD, KB4AOR

Business Expenses		Business Income	
Donuts/Coffee	\$27.98	50-50 Raffle	\$37.00
Registration	\$33.00	Coffee	\$19.00
Storage	\$114.00	Dues	\$265.00
Zoom	\$159.90	Ham Radio Sales	\$2156.00
Total Expenses:	\$334.88	Total Income:	\$2477.00

OVERALL CHANGE \$2142.12

Bank Balance	\$13048.63
General Fund	\$10201.39
Equipment Replacement Fund	\$1937.47
Reserve/Repeater Fund	\$50.53
Scholarship Fund	\$440.00
Rookie Contest	\$0.00
Grant Money Remaining	\$419.24



MEETING MINUTES

ZACK ZACHARIAS, K2ZAK

Call to Order

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

A moment of silence was held for silent key Bob Heil, K9EID. The company he founded manufactures headsets, microphones, and accessories for the HAM Radio community.

Membership and Visitors

Erik Coplin, KQ4NYU

Clarence Rogers, AC90R

Sam Ranjitkar, KQ4NOW

Joe Cooffi KQ4FDM moved to accept the new members into the club.

The motion was seconded by Deborah Pettitt N4BT.

There was unanimous acceptance by the club members.

Visitors

JP

Ron Thomas KQ4OTD

Ken Countess

Randy Hopkins

Bruce Olin W4FBB – Applied for membership.

Rochelle Olin KQ4OSP – Applied for membership.

New Business

- Dues are due.
- The Board of Directors will start working on bylaw revision to permit multiple Vice Presidents so the workload can be spread over multiple people.
- 146.805 repeater relocation is being planned.

Announcements

Joe Marsh KQ4AID:

- Hamcation was the biggest ever. Over 25000 tickets were sold.
- A CD with 30 years of LMARs was given to the club.

Zack was tasked to review the contents.

- Help is needed with Program and Event planning.

Ken Lyons KN4MDJ: Can be contacted at KN4MDJ.com

- Tempered glass needed to help demonstrate Ohms's law.

Awards:

- Stan Wood WA4NFY recognized Lou McFadin W5DID for his work on the AMSAT Satellite.
- Stan presented Lou with an item that was on the Space Station.
- Dave Jordan mentioned that Lou received a special award for his contribution HAM Radio in space at the 40th year celebration at Center for Space Exploration.

Open Business: None

Events

- **Licensing Test:** Saturday March 16th at Seminole County Sheriff's office.
- **HAMS in the Park:** Next one is on April 6th, 2024.
- **Florida Becoming a State Special Event W4F:** March 9th Celebrating Florida becoming a state.
- **OARC Tour de Cure:** March 24th. Help needed.
- **Florida QSO Party:** April 27th. Details will come later.

Program

Frank Tagliani: DMR (Digital Mobile Radio) was explained.

Closure of Meeting

President Rich Fischer (WA3SXX) adjourned the meeting at 9:03 PM.

HAM NEWS

Tour De Cure: March 24, 2024

Still time if you receive this before the March 24, 2024 Tour de Cure, there is still a need for help. The radio communications for this event are organized by the Orange County ARES group and it is an easy event to work. I participated last year and shadowed and it was a good time. The Tour de Cure is a fundraising and cycling event hosted by the American Diabetes Association (ADA). If you can help you can get the... [Full details on the LMARS website](#)

Florida State Parks On The Air & Hams In The Park: April 6, 2024

OPEN TO ALL -- Lake Louisa State Park

We are combining HAMs in the Park and the Florida State Parks on the Air event for our next event on April 6, 2024. The plan is to be at Lake Louisa State Park at the Dixie Lake Dock Pavilion. If anything changes I will let you know.

We will operate as POTA, but feel free to operate as we normally do. If you are new to POTA that is OK. If you don't have a POTA account please sign up before the event. If you need help or have questions about POTA please let me know right away, we will get you registered and give you a quick lesson on it. My number is 407-454-1520, call, send a text, or shoot me an email.

If you have gear, bring it. Radios, antennas, Go-Kits, Satellite gear, whatever you have. If you have a pop up canopy, bring it. This will allow us to spread apart and not interfere with each other. If you're new and don't have gear, or if you do not have much experience that is OK. We will share our equipment and our knowledge with you. It's all about learning and having Fun.

[You can find full Details on the LMARS website](#)

Hope to see you there.

Joe Marsh

KQ4AID

Florida QSO Party: April 27-28, 2024

This event is open to all.

For those not familiar, the Florida QSO Party is a 20 hour contest that allows radio amateurs from outside and inside of Florida to contact as many Florida stations as possible in the state's 67 counties. The contest is designed to be fun, and participants can earn a "Sweep" award by working all 67 counties.

We participate in the contest to give others the contacts and practice our skills.

The pace of the event is set by you, the operator. It can be fast or slow. This is a great chance to make a first contact, practice and improve your contesting skills, or just make simple contacts. During the event we operate under the club call of N4EH.

Those who join us can stay for a little, or the whole time. There's plenty of time for everyone to get on the air, and we will be there to help if you need it. It will be a good time!

[You can find full Details on the LMARS website](#)

From Our March Meeting

A BIG thanks to Frank T, KD4EZW, he did a great presentation on DMR. There were many questions and we could have gone on longer but we had to cut the questions short due to time constraints. Once again thanks, Frank.

We had a large crowd in March. Check out this great group of people. Thanks to all who made it to the meeting.



LAKE MONROE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT

Today's Date:

Last Name:

First Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Call Sign:

Class:

Email:

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Home Phone:

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ARRL Membership: YES NO

Revised 10/21/2017

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.

New:

Individual Associate Family

Total: \$

Renewal:

Individual Associate Family

Total: \$

Preferred Name Tag(s) (no charge):

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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.

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 7:30PM. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. VISIT US ONLINE AT WWW.LMARS.ORG



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