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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE LAKE MONROE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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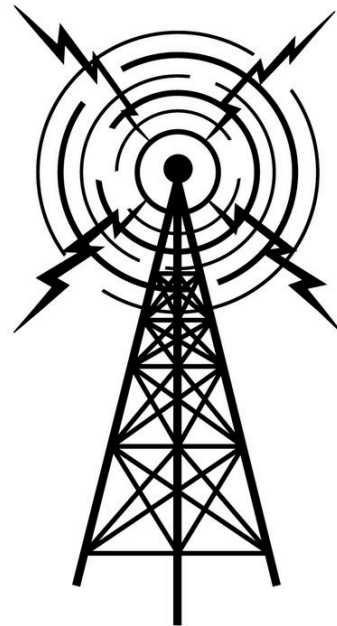
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The People of LMARS

Members, please send in a photo and a short bio. We would like to learn about you. We are looking for a small glimpse of your background, perhaps even some fun facts, and interests within amateur radio. When did you get started, what do you like, what do you hope to learn or achieve. It helps us to learn about you and it helps us put a name to a face.

Send your pic and details to Clarence at:

rogersco3@gmail.com



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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...

JOE MARSH, KQ4AID

Hope everyone is doing great.

Before I get started rambling I would like to thank Joe Cioff KQ4FDM, for the great job he is doing as the club's Chaplain. In my time with the club we have never had one and he has gone above and beyond. He is calling on folks, visiting folks, giving rides to some of the club members. He is fabulous... If you have anything you would like to discuss with Joe in confidence please reach out to him. The next time you see him, please thank him for the great job he is doing.

Now the rambling... LOL... **MEETING START TIME CHANGE.**

We surveyed several times via email and meetings, and the consensus was a 7.00pm meeting start would work for us and seemed preferred. I mentioned at the April meeting we would probably look at starting the new schedule in June. We received the approval from the board on 4/5/2025 so we will start at the May meeting. The 5/1 meeting will start at 7.00pm. The format will run the same so if you're late you may miss a few announcements. For a few months I will have a few printed copies of announcements if they are desired for those who are running late.

Frank Tagliani KS4EZW and myself did a presentation on the upcoming hurricane season and deploying during a hurricane. If a deployment is called, we could use your help. You would be doing a great service for your community and you would be

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TREASURER'S CHEST

MARY WOOD, KB4AOR

Business Expenses		Business Income	
Donuts for Meeting	\$30.17	50-50 Raffle	\$31.00
Food and Dining	\$142.38	Coffee	\$28.75
Square Deal	\$9.96	Dues	\$685.00
Trailer Expense	\$126.86		
Total Expenses:	\$309.37	Total Income:	\$744.75

OVERALL CHANGE \$438.38

Bank Balance \$10235.33
 General Fund \$8657.84
 Equipment Replacement Fund \$937.49
 Scholarship Fund \$440.00
 Rookie Prizes \$200.00



Call to Order

President, Joe Marsh, KQ4AID called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, then led club members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Membership and Visitors

New Members

Brian Fronek KQ4KRA

Wayne "Kritter" Petrovich KQ4INM

Ted Mach N4FBY

Wade Muse - Studying for technician license

Bob Schlussler N4BLD motioned to accept the new members.

KD4SR Joe Seconded. Motion carried.

Visitors

Dan, son of Ed Nasko KJ4FXU

Upgrades

None

Old Business

Send a picture of yourself, small biography, and what you want to achieve with Ham radio to Clarence Rogers III for publication in the newsletter. This is a great opportunity for members to get to know each other. Clarence's email is: rogersco3@gmail.com.

Open Business

None

New Business

The meeting time will change from 7:30 PM to 7:00 PM, probably in May or June. We will let you know, pending Board of Directors approval.

Announcements

The owner of Z88.3 is visiting the Marshal Islands and is working FT8 after midnight. Look for V73KW in the cluster.

Awards

None

Events

- Seminole County ARES. Frank Tagliani. Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at the EOC on 150 Eslinger Way at 7:30 PM. NETs are on Mondays at 8 PM

on the 147.090 repeater. Project Day on April 12th at the Seminole County EOC from 9AM – 12PM. If you need help programming a radio or some other issue, join them.

- Hams in the Park. April 19th at Central Winds Park. 8 AM – 1 PM., and May 24th into to POTA event at Little Big Econ.
- Rag chew and Learning Net: Sunday nights at 8 PM on the 147.285 repeater, PL tone 107.2 Hz.
- Ham Radio License Testing April 15th at Seminole County Sheriff's office at 9:15 AM. Typically testing occurs on the third Saturday of the month.
- Florida QSO Party April 26th at Torcaso Park/Winter Springs Police Station
- Technician class and testing OARC: May 31st and June 1st at the Orange County EOC. Technician testing will occur on Sunday.
- Field Day June 28th and 29th at Central Winds Park. OARC will join LMARS.
- Florida QSO Party. Will be held the weekend of April 26th and 27th. We will be operating voice and CW. More details later.
- Winter Springs Celebration of Freedom Tuesday July 4th 5-9:30PM
- JOTA October 18th.
- Winter Springs Christmas Parade December 6th.

Upcoming LMARS Meetings and Programs

- May 1st, 2025, at 7:30 PM. DMR. Arrive early and socialize.
- June 5th, 2025, at 7:30 PM. Field Day. Arrive early and socialize.
- July 10th NOT July 3rd. TBD
- August 7th meeting. Radio Go Box challenge and Power Go Box.

Evening Presentation: Frank Tagliani and Joe Marsh gave an "operating during a Hurricane and hurricane prep" presentation.

Closure of Meeting

President Joe Marsh adjourned the meeting at 9:03 PM.

Prez Says, continued...

keeping yourself and family safer than staying at home. If you have questions or concerns please reach out to either me or Frank. If you want to practice, let us know. We will work out something. You can learn more about Seminole County ARES at the website: <https://seminoleares.org>

We have a special Hams in the Park in May that will be a POTA in the Park. Great time to learn about POTA, make some contacts, and try something new. See details below.

Get your Go-Boxes ready for the August meeting... details are below.

Please send Clarence your pic and small bio. Details later in the newsletter.

When we have the Florida QSO Party in late April we will need help with setup and tear-down. Please come help us. Details are below.

We have a CW class starting thanks to Dave W4CI. Details are below.

And lastly... Start getting ready for Field Day. It will be here before you know it.

Hope to see you at the events and the meetings.

As always if you need something please reach out.

Joe KQ4AID

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LMARS TESTING REPORT

Monthly, the Lake Monroe Amateur Radio Society (LMARS) hosts an Amateur Radio License test session at the Seminole County Sheriff's Office in Sanford, FL. The LMARS Testing Team would like to congratulate the following people who earned new or upgrades to their amateur radio licenses during the recent session.

EXTRA CLASS

GENERAL CLASS

TECHNICIAN CLASS

Listen for these new hams to "get on the air" once their license is in the database. Be sure to welcome them to this fun and exciting hobby.

The Volunteer Examiners for this session included: Aaron Morrison (AE4KO), Robert Cumming (W2BZY), Den Ardinger (KT3S), Randy Richardson (W4RSR), Rodney Cavin (W4VBK), Michael Kooiman (WY1E), Olon Henderson (AJ4HP), JC McCormick (NT4K)

Details by: Aaron Morrison, AE4KO and Robert Mott, KF4DGJ

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

<p>Florida QSO Party:</p> <p>April 26, 2025</p>	<p>Field Day</p> <p>June 28 - 29, 2025</p>	<p>WS Celebration Freedom Event:</p> <p>July 4, 2025</p>
<p>JOTA:</p> <p>October 18, 2025</p>	<p>WS Hometown Harvest:</p> <p>October 25, 2025 4:30pm - 8:30pm</p>	<p>WS Christmas Parade:</p> <p>December 6, 2025</p>

WEEKLY VHF/UHF NETS

WHEN	FREQUENCY	INFORMATION
Daily @ 19:15	147.285 +.600 (107.2)	Seminole VHF Traffic Net (SVTN): [First Monday of the month (147.555 Simplex) & first Thursday of the month only under emergency conditions.]
Monday @ 20:00	147.090 +.600 (103.5)	Seminole County ARES Net [First Monday of the month (146.460 Simplex)]
Tuesday @ 19:00	28.333 USB	Orlando 10-Meter Net
Tuesday @ 19:30	147.195 +.600 (103.5)	Quarter Century Wireless Association
Tuesday @ 20:00	146.760 -.600 (103.5)	Wayne Nelson Trader's Net
Wednesday @ 20:00	147.120 XXX (XXX)	Tech Net—Weekly Q&A for technical questions
Wednesday @ 19:15	147.760 XXX (XXX)	Orlando CERT Net
Thursday @ 19:00	443.050 +5 (103.5)	Orange County ARES Net
MON-WED-FRI @ 19:00	147.255 +.600 (103.5)	Lake Amateur Radio Association (LARA) [Third Monday of the month (147.420 simplex)]
Sunday @ 20:00	147.285 +.600 (107.2)	LMARS Ragchew and Learning Net. Starts October 20, 2024 We have had a request to run a net for ragchew and learning. If you're new and not sure what to do, join us. Want to test a new setup? Want to ragchew, share with the group what you're doing and how things are going? Need help setting up your radio for the net? Call me. Joe 407-454-1520.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

We are always looking for program presenters and we want to know what you would like to learn or hear about. If you are willing to do a presentation on a Ham related topic please let us know. Presentations in the 30-40 minute range are perfect. If you have something you would like to learn about or see please let us know.

Reach out to Joe Marsh, KQ4AID.

ihmarshfla@gmail.com

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March 6: POTA Fun

Our March presentation was by Mike Acevedo, W1SRR and it was a great one. Mike spoke about his POTA experience and included when he recently operated DX via the National Park in the Dry Tortugas. It was a great presentation and a big thanks to Mike.

April 3: Hurricane Prep & Operating During a Hurricane

Frank Tagliani KD4EZW and Joe Marsh KQ4AID discussed hurricane preparedness and operations. Frank's presentation focused on home preparation from a homeowner's perspective, outlining necessary steps and essential supplies. He also explained the importance of evacuating to a shelter when storm conditions become dangerous. Joe covered the logistics of staffing a shelter during a hurricane, detailing the required radio equipment and personal items volunteers should bring.

May 1: DMR

Bob Schlusser N4BLD will be doing a presentation on DMR. Bob is active in DMR and has a great understanding. It will be a great presentation.

June 5: Field Day Fun

Rich Wilson WR4RW will talk about Field Day which is

June 28 and 29. It will be a great time.

July 10: Operating POTA & Ham Radio in Other Countries

Jeremy Bouse KQ4AFY. Details to follow.

August 7: Yearly Go-Box Challenge

We will start having a yearly Go-Box Challenge. It is a chance for you to share with the group what you use in the field and for us to see what others have and use as Go-Box gear. It needs to be field deployable. We will set the gear up on tables but we will not fully deploy the antenna systems. We can show a representation of the antenna system. But you need to have used your gear in the field and need to have made contact with other stations through it.

We will have two categories and there will be special certificates for 1ST and 2ND place finishers. The participants will receive votes by all the attendees and the winners will be decided by the number of votes. Categories are as follows:

- Go-Box... This includes your radio, power, and antenna system. It can be gear you tote in a backpack or something you put together in a container of some sort.
- Power Systems: This is any special power system you have put together to operate portable in the field. As with the Go-Boxes, it can be gear you tote in a backpack or something you put together in a container of some sort.

<https://www.lmars.org/annual-events/go-box-challenge>

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September 4: Yearly Club Auction

September will bring our yearly club auction. Because of this, we will not have a September Program. Start planning now and save your pennies, you never know what may be there.

If you have something to unload, bring it in. We will be there and start setting up around 6.00, so there is plenty of time for everyone to roam around the tables. The club is asking if you can make a 15% donation from your sales to help offset yearly expenses. The following link will provide a template. Feel free to use it if you like.

[Download Template](#)

October 2: Board of Director Nominations & Ask the Elmers

In October we will hold nominations for Officers and Board of Director members. Current members who may be rotating off can renominate themselves for their current position or a new one. Others wishing to join the board can get their name added to the election ballot. It is with your help and that of the Officers and Board Members that we are able to keep the club successful, active, and growing. Please come and support the club during nominations.

With the remaining time we will do another 'Ask the Elmer' session. Have a question about ham radio? Come ask it. Need help with something? Let us know what you need, and let's get it taken care of. Have a funny ham radio joke? Share it with the group. Did you get some new gear and have a question? Then let us know. If you don't want to ask your question in public, then write it down and we will collect them.

November 6: Board of Director Elections & Simple Wire Antennas

Each year we hold our elections for Officers and Board of Director members in November. It is with your help and that of the Officers and Board Members that we are able to keep the club successful, active, and growing. Please

come and support the club by voting and/or becoming a part of the Board. Without you and the Board we would not exist.

With the remaining time we will do a short presentation on Simple wire Antennas. This will include dipoles, End Fed Half Wave, Random Wire, and More.

December 4: Our Yearly Christmas Party

We will not have a December Program due to the Christmas Party. The party will be at the WS Civic Center, the building next to our meeting hall. Clubs Meeting Hall. Please join us. We always have Great food, Great times, and Great company. During the party we have club recognitions and final results of the club Rookie Challenge and Contest. Save the date and I hope you join us. Specific details will be available as we get closer.

REMINDER:

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MAY HAVE EXPIRED

As a reminder, membership expires on January 1 of each year and the grace period is up to April 1. If yours has expired, you should receive a reminder email from me, Mary Wood.

Please renew your membership with me by or before April 1. After April, we'll move you to the inactive tab. That means that you won't get email reminders, you won't have voting privileges, and so on.

Renewal is easy. At the General Meeting you can bring cash, check, or pay electronically. Or, you can pay electronically through the website. <https://www.lmars.org/membership>

If for some reason you do not wish to renew your membership, would you please consider sending me an email to share why you won't be renewing. The club wants to do our very best to fulfill the needs of each of our members, including you, so your input is very valuable to making the club a great experience for all.

Thank you so much for your time and we look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Sincerely,

Mary Wood

Treasurer and Membership Director

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Would You Like to Learn CW?

A few of you have approached me, Dave W4CI, about holding a CW class. The answer is yes, I will host it and help you learn CW easily.

The current plan is to hold it on Zoom for 20–30 minutes each week around 8:00 p.m. The start date is to be determined once we can see what works best for others.

The goal is to cover five to six letters per week, and maybe one number and/or punctuation mark. This way, it's easy to keep focus and not overwhelming. It is meant to be fun and low stress.

If you're interested, send me your email address, and I will add you to the list and keep you updated on the details.

If you need anything, please reach out.

Dave Hillebrandt, W4CI
dave24music@gmail.com

UPDATED: Technician Level Training Class Hosted By OARC

Orange County ARES is hosting a Technician Level Training Class at the OC EOC. If you know anyone who may be interested, please invite them to attend. The class will be held on May 31st and June 1st, starting at 8:00 AM on both days. The end time will vary each day but is expected to be by 5:00 PM. Following the class on Sunday, our Volunteer Examiners will be available to administer the Technician Exam.

There is no cost for the class itself, aside from purchasing the study guide. When you register for the class, you will receive all the necessary information, including what materials you need and the exact location.

Registration is here:
<https://forms.gle/y1wHmEzWMZ7wGZ956>

LMARS Fox Hunt : March 29

Our Fox Hunt on March 29th kicked off from Sally's Diner in Casselberry, and it was a fantastic event! We had a great turnout, with several people joining us, including some folks from outside the club. Everyone who participated commented on how much fun they had.

A big thank you to Jeff KO4MMZ and Deborah N4BT for organizing and leading the event – we appreciate all that you do!

Congratulations to our winners, John-Paul Craig KZ4JW and Nick Foster K4UBB! They both used their homemade Tape Measure Yagi antennas, which included an attenuator. They mentioned that the attenuator was key to their success. It looks like a workshop on building a simple attenuator might be in order before the next Fox Hunt!

The final destination of the hunt was Lake Sybelia Park, a very nice park on the lake where we even saw some water skiers – it looked like fun! (Oh, to be in shape again!) After the hunt, we all enjoyed pizza, brownies, and some great fellowship.

Our participants included: Deborah Pettitt N4BT; Dennis Veselka KI4KNC; Erik Coplin KQ4NYU; Jeff Pettitt KO4MMZ; Joe Marsh KQ4AID; John-Paul Craig KZ4JW; Nick Foster K4UBB; Randall Hobden KQ4PZE; Ray Walker KO4JTA; Stan Wood WA4NFY; Stephen DeRosa KQ4RUB; Woj Kossowski KE4MSM; Travis Rodriguez KQ4VQC; George Presley K4RSV; and Mark Schiller KR4BFV. Thank you to everyone who came out!

I hope even more of you can join us next year.

73,

Joe Marsh
KQ4AID



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UPDATE: W4F Special Event Station: Florida Becomes a State

Our W4F Special Event Station, held on March 8th to celebrate Florida Statehood, was a resounding success!

As you know, the SSB voice teams operated from the Winter Springs Ham Radio Outlet (HRO). They utilized the new 200W ICOM 7760 radio and HRO's multiband vertical antenna, which worked out well and made for a good time.

In recognition of their kindness and support, we presented HRO with a Certificate of Appreciation. (See the image.)

Once again, thank you to Henry and the entire team at HRO for everything you did – it is greatly appreciated! The image shows myself, Henry (the store manager), and Robert, one of Henry's excellent team members.

Joe Marsh KQ4AID
Event Lead



Hams in the Park: April 19

Our next Hams in the Park event will take place on Saturday, April 19th at Central Winds Park. You can find the exact location and GPS coordinates on the LMARS website. The official time is 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM, but feel free to come and go as your schedule allows.

This event is open to everyone, whether you're a beginner or an experienced ham, licensed or not. If you have your license and your own equipment, please bring it along and try to make some contacts from the park. If not, we still encourage you to come out and see how others set up for portable operations, or simply to enjoy the company and conversation.

For beginners and prospective hams, this is a fantastic opportunity to ask questions and gather information to help you progress in your radio journey.

Our May Hams in the Park will be a special "Intro to POTA" (Parks on the Air) event. We will visit a POTA park and work with all participants to help them complete their first park activation. Full details about this special event can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

We're looking forward to seeing you there! You can find complete details about Hams in the Park.

[Click here for details.](#)

If you have a suggestion for a future Hams in the Park location, please let us know.

73,
John-Paul Craig, KZ4JW & Stephen DeRosa, KQ4RUB
Hams in the Park Leads

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Florida QSO Party: April 26-27

My favorite event of the year, the Florida QSO Party, is just around the corner in late April. Sponsored by the Florida Contest Group, this is our chance to put our state on the air and enjoy the thrill of out-of-state Hams calling in to work our stations.

We'll be setting up the trailers and operating SSB Phone and CW stations exclusively on the 40M, 20M, 15, and 10-meter bands. With the bands in good shape, this event promises to be full of activity!

Our operating location will be Torcaso Park and the Winter Springs PD in Winter Springs – they're conveniently located right next to each other. We'll begin a partial setup on Friday, April 25th, and complete the setup on Saturday, April 26th. We'll also be operating on Sunday, April 27th. The Florida QSO Party action kicks off at noon on Saturday and runs until 9:59 PM, then resumes on Sunday morning from 8:00 AM to 5:59 PM. We'll likely start tearing down around 3:00 to 4:00 PM on Sunday.

If you'd like to sign up for a specific operating time, you can do so through the LMARS Florida QSO Party web page.

[Click here for more details or to register](#)

I'll be ordering pizza late Saturday afternoon or early evening to keep everyone fueled up.

This is an informal event where we'll share operating turns by mode. This is a great opportunity for newer Hams to have experienced operators nearby for assistance, offering a supportive presence and making our new members and OPs feel right at home.

Help with both setting up and taking down would be greatly appreciated! We'll be doing a partial setup on Friday afternoon, April 25th, and finishing the setup on Saturday morning around 9:00 AM. Please come lend a hand – many hands make light work! Tear-down will be on Sunday, April 27th, around 3:00 or 4:00 PM, and we'll

need all hands on deck for that.

Come join us for some LMARS QSO Party fun!

See you there,

*73 de Rich Fischer, WA3SXX
Florida QSO Party Lead*

POTA in the Park - Hams in the Park: May 24

We will have our first ever POTA in the Park on May 24. This will be a friendly and fun club event where we can guide interested members in a POTA activation.

When: May 24, 2025

Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm (Setup at 8:30)

Where: Little Big Econ Trailhead, 951 Barr St, Oviedo, FL 32765

POTA Parks #: US-4630, US-4559

Maps link:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/wLnXSa6ncjGEaVm18>

Contact Info: John-Paul Craig (KZ4JW), jpbhc@pm.me, 407-852-8142

We kindly request that anyone planning to attend please register in advance. There are also a few prerequisites for participation, including having a logging program installed and a POTA account set up. We also ask that you bring a couple of items with you.

FULL details are available on the website: [Click here](#)

Here's the basic plan for the event:

I will be providing my IC-7300 and antenna as one station capable of making contacts on the 10m to 40m bands. If anyone else would like to bring their own equipment (maximum of 2 additional stations to limit potential interference), we could run a second and possibly a third station. For this particular event, I'd prefer that additional setups begin after we've

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completed the introductory sessions.

Following the introductions, we'll break into small groups of 2-3 people. Each group will work together to achieve 10-15 contacts per station (10 contacts are the minimum required for an official POTA "activation"). We will prioritize helping those who are new to POTA in completing their activations first.

Next, we will conduct a demonstration of how to log in to the POTA website and submit logs as a group.

I will bring my laptop for this demonstration. However, I encourage all participants to have a POTA account and a logging program (such as HAMRS, HAM2k Polo, World Radio League, etc.) configured on their devices beforehand. But don't worry if you haven't – we can address it during the session if needed.

Once everyone has their required contacts, we can decide as a group how to proceed. We can either transition into an informal Hams in the Park session or continue working together to increase our contact numbers, etc.

If you are interested in attending, please register. FULL details are available on the website: [Click here](#)

Program Lead: John-Paul Craig (KZ4JW)
jpbhc@pm.me
407-852-8142

Field Day: June 28 - 29

FIELD DAY 2025 — “Radio Connects” is the theme for our Field Day this year. This year we are going to have a larger Field Day than in the past couple of years, as will be inviting OARC to join us in the fun. Whether you are a seasoned Field Day “veteran” or someone new to the club, there is something for everyone at LMARS Field Day.



Field Day is part picnic, camp out, emergency practice, and most of all, FUN! For a lot of LMARS members, Field Day is the highlight of the year and the club's premier operating event. Have you ever put together a beam antenna and raised it up on a tower? Have you ever operated CW, or FT8, or satellites? You can do all these things and more at Field Day. It's a great chance to learn what a new mode is all about, or operate on a different band than you use at home. If you have never operated HF, you can do so at Field Day and you don't have to have a higher class license. Anyone can operate our stations on any band, and we will show you how. There's even a Get On The Air station for folks who haven't operated recently or who aren't licensed at all.

Whether you plan to operate radios, or help with setup of antennas, or just want to socialize, Field Day is the event for you. And, you will not go home hungry.

This year, as in past years, we will have 5 stations: 20 meters voice, 40 meters voice, CW all bands, digital, and a CW station operated by our talented blind hams.

So please save the weekend of June 28 - June 29. The event will be at Central Winds Park in Winter Springs. There will be more information as we get closer to Field Day, so see you there!

[LMARS Field Day Page](#)

73 de Rich Wilson, WR4RW
Field Day Chairman

If you have any questions about any of the events, or have a request, please reach out to me, Joe Marsh, KQ4AID, jhmarshfla@gmail.com, 407-454-1520

HAM RADIO EVENTS

LMARS Rookie Challenge & Contest: May 1 - October 31, 2024

Calling all New Hams! The LMARS Rookie Challenge and Contest is Here!

This fun event is specifically designed for new operators to gain exposure and experience in a wide range of Ham radio activities. This includes operating on HF and exploring other exciting aspects like Public Service, Contesting, antenna building, and more – all in the spirit of a fun "Hamming" adventure! And finally, you'll have the chance to earn some serious "bragging rights" for your achievements and win some great prizes!

Eligibility:

This challenge is open exclusively to LMARS members in good standing, both at the time of registration and throughout the challenge period. Membership dues must be current and fully paid at the start of the rookie's participation.

It's open to Technician, General, and Extra Class licensees who received their license on or after January 1st, 2022.

Some of the prizes include:

- Well-deserved bragging rights for your accomplishments!
- Official Certificates of Achievement.
- A brand new Yaesu FT-4XR handheld radio!
- And more!

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

You can find all the detailed information on the website: [Click here](#)

Joe Marsh KQ4AID

THE PEOPLE OF LMARS

Each month, LMARS highlights members of the club.

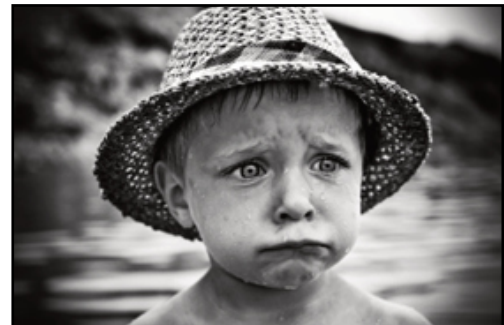
Fred Piering, WD9HNU



I was first licensed in 1967 as WN4JKQ while in the Navy, stationed in Charleston, South Carolina. After returning home to Philo, IL, I tried again as WN9IOF. After being transferred to Ft. Wayne, IN, in 1973 I received the call WD9HNU, which I have held now for more than 50 years. Along with Amateur Radio, I developed a second hobby which was to design receivers, display circuitry and antennae to receive and display the NOAA polar orbiting satellites, Russian Meteor and the US geostationary GOES satellites. As of this day, I still have active satellite systems in operation.

I have worked as an Electrical Engineer from 1968 with Magnavox Company, moving to the Orlando area in 1988 to work for Dayron, Inc. and finally starting my own technical consulting business in 2004 and subsequently dissolved the business in December of 2023. So, I am "officially" retired, more or less.

My primary interest in Amateur Radio is to design, build and test all kinds of circuits, from receivers to test equipment and antennae. I also like to follow the ISS and ARISS activities. At age 80, I have little to no interest in Contests or DX. I am a Life Member of IEEE, Life Member of AMS, Life Member of NDIA, member of LMARS, AMSAT, QCWA, and ARRL (Extra Class License). I welcome the opportunity to provide technical assistance to the extent I can to those amateurs that do not have an electrical background.



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Charles Case, KC1XA



I was born in Massachusetts and grew up in New England and New York State. I am an Air Force veteran and was trained in radar maintenance where I got my initial electronics training. I am married with 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. I retired in 2013. I worked as a missionary for 34 years overseas training Christians in Linguistics and Language Learning techniques for unwritten languages. I have been in 22 countries. I have a BA from the States and have studied at Massey University in New Zealand for some post graduate work in 2nd language teaching as well as attending other schools.

I have been a full-time care giver for my wife for the last 12 years through cancer, heart problems, back problems and miscellaneous other problems.

I was first licensed in 1972 as a novice (WN1QLE). I never got on the air with that call. In 1973 I went overseas to Australia for work and studied with the Wireless Institute of Australia to be licensed there. I was transferred to New Zealand in the beginning of 1974 and took the New Zealand Amateur radio test and was given the call sign ZL2VV. Most of my operating was done there during the next 5 years. I came back to the States and took the General Class license and was given the call sign N0AYC. In 1980 I went back to Australia and held the call sign VK2DNG, where I operated off and on for 26 years. Sometime during the 1980s, I upgraded to my current call sign of KC1XA (Advanced) and have held this call since then. I returned to the States in 2007 and have lived in Sanford ever since but was not active until the last couple of years. LMARS has been a great help to me in getting back "on the air". I enjoy mainly 2 meters, 10 meters and 20 meters on phone. I live in a retirement community which has HOA restrictions for antennas, so I have a 10 meter dipole and a 20 meter end fed dipole in the attic space. I also have a 2 meter hand held. I enjoy rag chewing and hope to get into FT8 if I can figure it out.

I am glad to be a part of LMARS and wish that I could be more involved but am limited with my home situation.

Ken Countess, KN2D



I'm Ken, KN2D - a ham for over 50 years. My previous callsigns were WN2MSF and WA2MSF. My Dad was a ham, licensed in 1957 as K2VYD. My son now has his callsign, too! My wife is a ham, as well.

I love HF contesting and DX-ing (over 170 countries worked) and returned to the air after about 20 years of being inactive - now equipped with a Yaesu FT-710 and a G5RV antenna and a triband dipole. I love CW and can also be found on SSB and FT8. I have a lot to learn about DMR. I am also a VE (Volunteer Examiner) and a member of QCWA.

Professionally, over 25+ years, I held executive positions at Motorola, Marriott and Caremark and was a senior partner at a 35-person marketing agency.

Today, I'm an award-winning marketer, public speaker and coach/trainer and an internationally recognized, accredited expert on Email Marketing and Social Media Marketing. I coach businesses how to make more money with email marketing. I'm Constant Contact's top worldwide partner/trainer, a certified email marketing expert, and am a frequent speaker at trade shows, workshops, and online.

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In the ham world, I've been a speaker at HamCation, teaching attendees how to grow their ham club and how to keep members engaged in their club. You can find a studio replay of my 2025 presentation at <http://www.KENISEMAIL.com/hamcation>

Besides ham radio, recreational time is spent gardening and playing poker.

Married for over 35 years, I have 3 grown sons and 2 grandkids – and I love spending time with family.

Connect with me via email at ken.kn2d@gmail.com

Ray Walker, KO4JTA



Background:

- **Birthplace:** Coventry, England. Born in the last millennium.
- **Education:** Attended Bancroft's Public School, then an apprenticeship with the Marconi Company, and later studied at the University of Kent at Canterbury.
- **Career:** Electronics Engineer with experience at Marconi Space and Defense, Sperry Univac, Saudi Arabian Airlines, Tandem Computers, and more. Lived in various locations including the UK, Saudi Arabia, Hong Kong, Singapore, California, Sydney, and Texas. Last full-time job was Director of Wireless Data solutions at Compaq.

Current work status:

Retired:

- I hold a Realtor License.
- Working with local companies in support of their IT and web infrastructure, and resolving business problems as and when they occur.
- Offer a Lifestyle evaluation service. Interactive review of your lifestyle and offering suggestions for change for those interested in living healthy and avoiding common society pitfalls, such as drinking and showering in unfiltered utility water, etc
- Offer an annual oil change service. (for those driving less than 15,000 miles each year.)
- Sharing health options, based on research.

Interests and Accomplishments:

- **Sailing:** An avid sailor since age 8; held a world speed record for sailing around Hong Kong Island in the 1980s.
- **Motor Sports:** Enthusiast and participant in car rallying with a Lotus Cortina, and a member of a pit-crew with a Super Vee, open-wheel club racing.
- **Psychic Abilities:** Studying remote viewing and US government programs such as Stargate, and the Gateway process.

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- Community Involvement: Active in global wellness group Connected Consciousness and social group IAM 50 Million. Co-host and participant in (PG-13) family-friendly improv comedy, quarterly.

- Also Enjoy cycling and Skiing.

Amateur Radio Interests:

- Focus Areas: Understanding antenna technologies and establishing direct communications with family using GMRS, Lora, Meshtastic, EdgeX, MatchX, and Gotenna.

- Techniques: Phased arrays, End fed antennas, Vertical antennas in a limited HOA environment, and research into “negative-green” technology.

- Future Goals: Building a direct connection with brother-in-law in Letchworth, UK, and direct local family communications, using family friendly equipment.

- Current equipment: Kenwood hand held, TH-D74, Xiegu G90 (for sale), ICOM-7300, AH-4 and MFJ: 993B, antenna tuners.

Health and Cancer Research:

- Cancer Experience: Started 27 years ago when father died of prostate cancer, and a personal experience with malignant melanoma about 10 years ago, these events sustain a deep interest in studying and advocating for alternative healthcare approaches.

- Research: Worked extensively with his brother to investigate the suppression of cancer cures by the pharmaceutical industry, focusing on treatments that have been overlooked in favor of profit-driven conventional medicine.

- Advocacy: Supports RFK (Robert F. Kennedy Jr.) in his efforts to raise awareness about the flaws in conventional medicine and promote alternative treatments.

- Approach: Believes in overcoming the brainwashing from conventional medicine and embracing holistic methods to treat cancer and other illnesses. Overcoming cancer is the easier part, overcoming brainwashing is the hard part.

- Technologies: Exploring the intersection between electronic frequencies and human health, including the use of Pulsed Electro Magnetic Fields and Tesla coils, as used by NASA, and effective in treating diabetes patients, that your doctor won't tell you about.

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ARRL Membership: YES NO

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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 1792 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

LARA conducts testing on the 3rd Saturday of each month, except for December. December testing is conducted on the 2nd Saturday. All testing begins promptly at 8 AM. Details are here: <https://k4fc.org/registering-for-a-test>

OARC Testing

Once each month OARC offers a ham radio license test session. The session is on the first Wednesday of each month, and is located at The Beardall Senior Center at 800 S. Delaney Ave Orlando, Florida 32801 in the Multi-Purpose Room. The test session begins promptly at 5:30PM, so please arrive early. Details are here: <https://oarc.org/events-ve-testing>



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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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