

Lenny's last Ramble

Greeting SHARC,

I hope all of you are well and had, Happy Holidays as I did. This will be my last monthly article and congratulations to the new Officers. I am confident they will do a great job. I've been writing this column for seven years and I admit it has been a struggle lately to come up with a topic. I have promised Jerry, KO4RDI our esteemed Editor that I would write something from time to time for publication in the newsletter. I have enjoyed my service on the SHARC Board but am happy to move on back to the cheap seats for a while. I would one last time like to thank my teammates who sat at the front table with me for the past few years, Frank, WA2UFD, Kal, KN4LKL and Greg KOOR. I couldn't have done it without you guys, THANKS!

Now on to something like what I will be writing in the future. As some of you may know Hurricane Milton damaged a tower at Kate, KI4LCJ's house and left it leaning against the roof. Frank and I went out to have a look to see if we could get it on the ground and realized it was too big of a job for us. The following week at the Hardee's breakfast meet up I explained the problem to the fellas. We have a regular group of seven to ten of us every week, you should think about joining us some Wednesday around 8am. Anyhow, Larry W9SX, Wayne K4WEB, Sal, N2UOG and Al, sorry AL I can't remember your call sign and I went to Kate's the following Wednesday after breakfast and very swiftly, and safely got the tower off the roof and on the ground and disassembled. Kate was very grateful and treated us to some coffee and excellent baked goods. This was a fine example of club members helping each other and doing good. I'm proud to be part of a group like this.

73,
Lenny
WS80

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Spring Hill Amateur Radio



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SHARC Repeater Information

Repeaters are open to all licensed amateurs...membership not required but we sure would like you to join!

2 Meter: 146.805 MHz-600K no tone

70 CM: 443.800 MHz + 5M no tone

SSTV @ 6:30 PM Tuesday*

SHARCnet @ 7:30 PM Tuesday*

70 cm Ragchew Net - Mon. @ 7:00** PM**

SHARC Meetings Information

Regular monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month.

UF/IFAS Ext. Bldg.

16110 Aviation Loop-Next to P.O.

Please use side door.

Visitors are always welcome!

Meetings begin at 7:00 PM.

Stop by early and say, "Hi!"

Happy New Year



Message from our new President Earl Brannon K4EEB/WRUI413

Greetings SHARC,

I would like to introduce myself to those who do not already know me, I am your new President Earl Brannon K4EEB/WRUI413. I am 55 Years old, and I have been married to the same fabulous woman for over 32 years, 4 Adult Children and 9 Grandchildren. I have been a Ham radio operator for 4 years but have been a radio communications enthusiast for almost 40 years. I also have been part of SHARC for 4 Years. I also operate a GMRS repeater here in Springhill. I enjoy all parts of our hobby including HF, DMR, Yaesu Fusion, and much more.

I would like to say thank you to all our previous board members who have laid a solid foundation for the new board members to continue to make SHARC better each day. Without each one of you there would be no SHARC, and for that I am forever grateful.

I would like to congratulate our new board members and look forward to working with each of you to make SHARC the best. Our new board members are:

President-Earl Brannon K4EEB
Vice President- Bernie Bathauer WB9NDG
Treasurer- Wayne Boyd K4WEB
Secretary- Carol Socash KO4JSV
Director- Mike Hayes W1SOX

Some of you may already know that we have a whole new Board. It is my greatest hope that our new board will continue to lay the bricks on the solid foundation already built ahead of us.

I would like to take a moment and inform every one of my visions for SHARC in 2025. My primary focus will be on Membership. We are all aware that we are in an aging hobby that is in the desperate need of new enthusiasts and hobbyists to continue the viability of Amateur Radio. It is with this Vision in mind that I ask all of you for suggestions and ideas. Always remember that this is your club, I am just a small link in the chain, no one is more important than the whole. With that being said, I can imagine the first few months of 2025 will be a learning experience for all the new board members including myself. So, with that knowledge, I ask for your patience and understanding as we all move forward. The lines of communications will always be open for anyone at any time. It is only with a team effort, that SHARC will continue to grow and flourish.

In closing, I want to thank everyone for the honor and trust you have shown by electing a completely new board. May you all have a great 2025, may we all have a great 2025 and may SHARC have a great 2025.

73, Earl Brannon K4EEB/WRUI413

Welcome to the December SHARC ice cream social



Good Company



Entertainment from Hans



Kate adds some Sprinkles



Sal & Marie



Ice Cream Conversations

**Pictures by Carol Socash
KO4JSV
Stay tuned for more SHARC
fun & adventures!**

December Fox Hunt



The December fox hunt was on the 20th. Earl K4EEB was the fox and hid two transmitters. First Fox was in a tree deep in the woods. Larry W9SX, found it first, followed by Lenny WS80, followed by the team of Dan Stixrud WQ7T and Al Depoutot. Jerry KO4RDI was busy taking pictures.

The second Fox was also in a tree, but near the Central Pasco & Gulf Railroad that runs through the park, hoping the rails would create a reflection. This time Lenny put on a hustle to get there first, just edging Larry to second. Team Dan & Al were next.

All in attendance seemed to have a good time. Lenny WS80, Larry W9SX, Jerry KO4RDI, Dan Stixrud WQ7T, and Al Depoutot were in attendance.

We all look forward to adding more hunters to our events during the summer and encourage all that have interest or just want to take a walk in the woods to come join us. We will help with equipment and instruction to get you going.

Larry W9SX



SPRING HILL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



HELLO TO THE MEMBERSHIP

IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN WHEN THE YEARLY
DUES NEED TO BE TURNED IN.

THE CLUB USES THESE FUNDS FOR THE OPERATING
EXPENSES THAT ARE INCURRED THROUGHOUT THE
YEAR.

DUES ARE STILL \$20.00 AND REQUESTED TO BE MAILED
OR TURNED AT THE CLUB MEETING BY DEC 31

MAILING ADDRESS IS:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT,

From your board officers

Southwest Florida Regional Hamfest

2025 Southwest Florida Regional Hamfest, ARRL Southern Florida Section Convention

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

01/10/2025

Start Date: 01/10/2025

End Date: 01/11/2025

Location: Florida Southwestern State College

Florida Southwestern State College 8090 College Parkway Building "U"

Fort Myers, FL 33901

Website: <http://swflhamfest.com>

Sponsor: Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Type: ARRL Convention

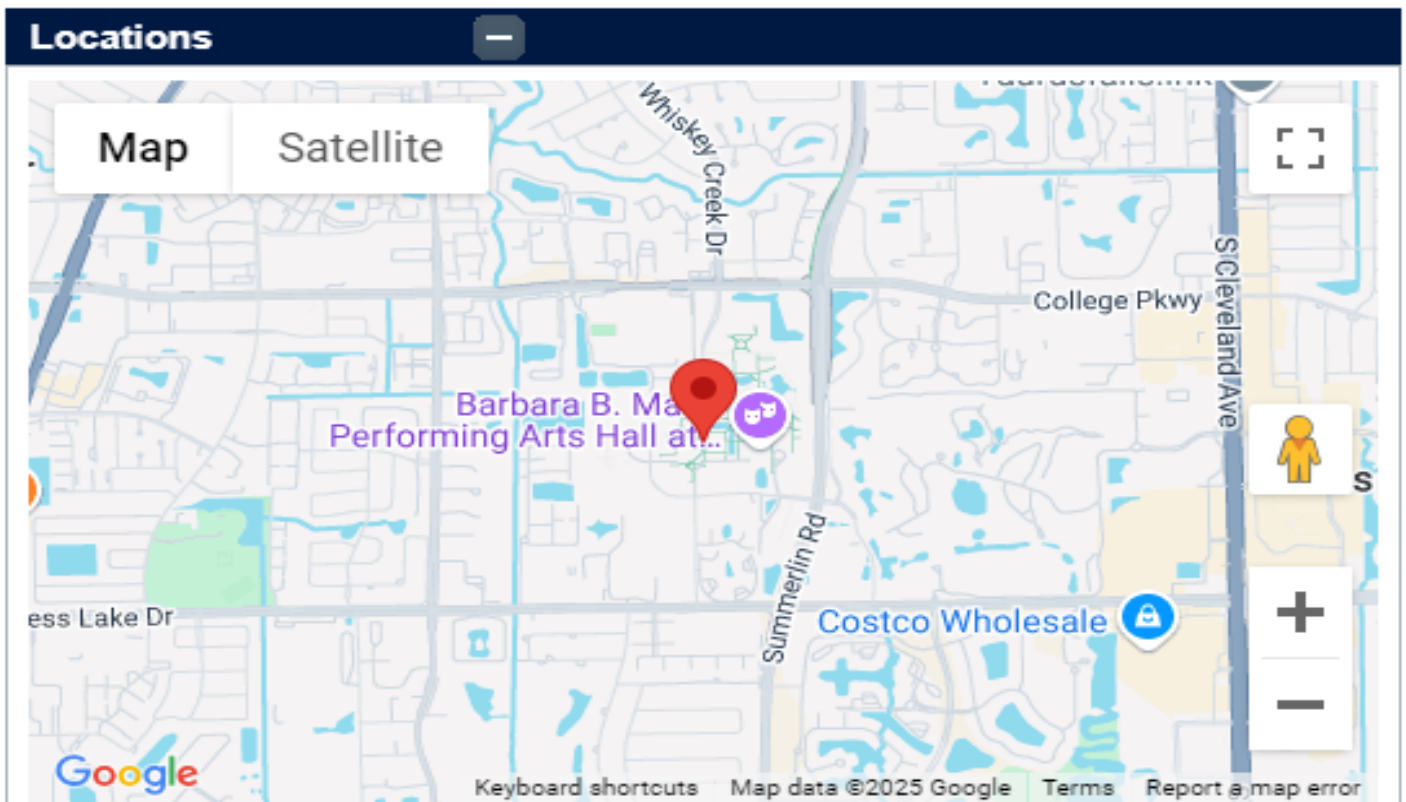
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Tampa Amateur Radio Club

TarcFest

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

01/18/2025

Start Date: 01/18/2025

End Date: 01/18/2025

Location: Tarc Club House

7801 N. 22nd St.

Tampa, FL 33601

Website: <http://www.hamclub.org>

Sponsor: Tampa Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

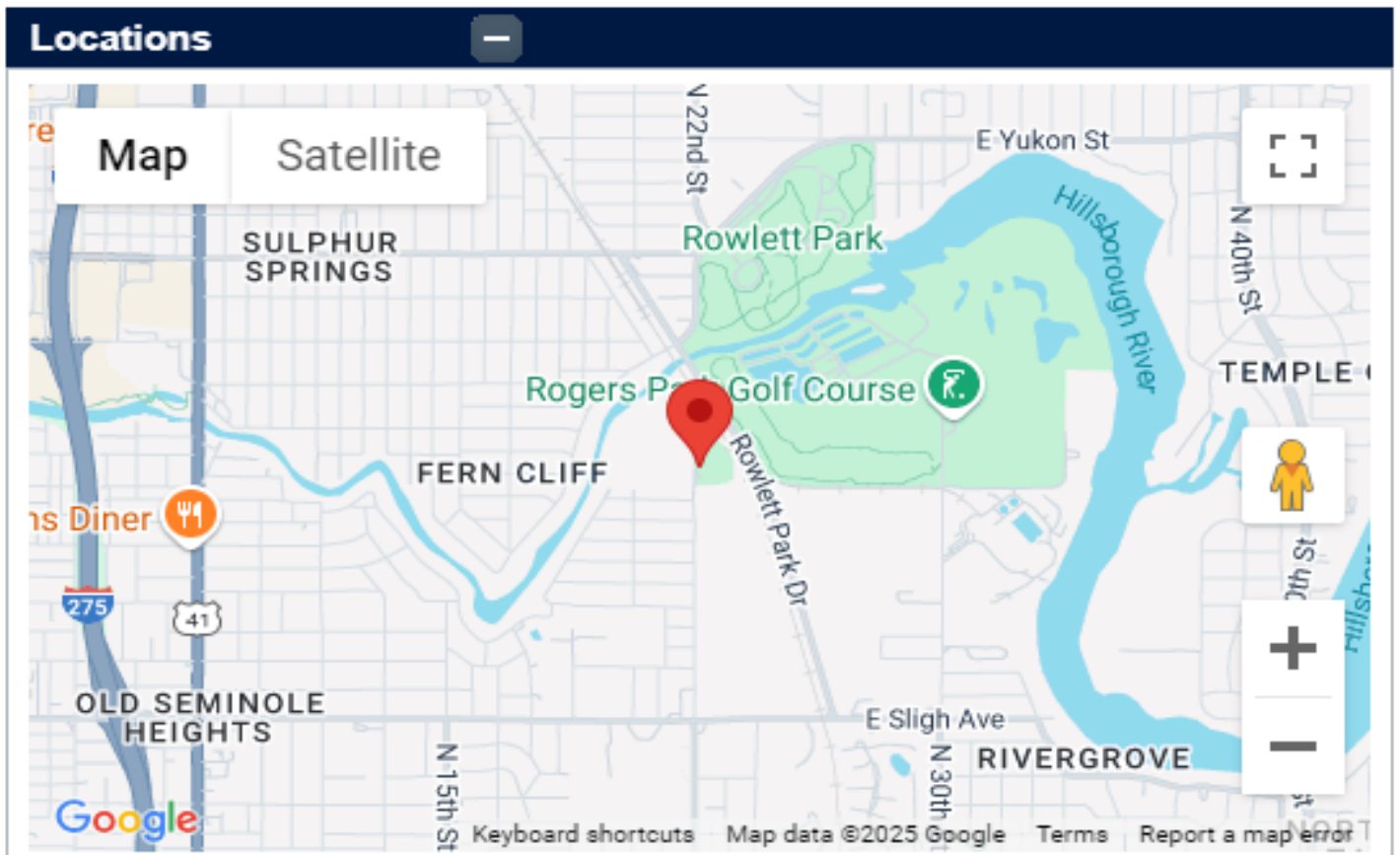
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Spring Hill Amateur Radio Club



December 2024

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An ARRL Affiliated Club - Northern Florida Section

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Jan 1 COFFEE @ HARDEES CORNER OF US 19 & CORTEZ 7:30 AM	3	3 LADIES Lunch <i>*See Note</i>	4 Spaghetti Day
5 NCO Sal Clascione N2UOG	6 SHARK TEK CHEW 7:00 PM	7 SSTV 6:30 PM SHARC Net 7:30 p.m.	8 COFFEE @ HARDEES CORNER OF US 19 & CORTEZ 7:30 AM	9 LEO Apprecian Day	10	11 Milk Day
12 NCO Earl Brannon K4EEB	13 SHARK TEK CHEW 7:00 PM	14 SSTV 6:30 PM SHARC Net 7:30 p.m.	15 COFFEE @ HARDEES CORNER OF US 19 & CORTEZ 7:30 AM	16 SHARC Members Meeting 7:00 p.m. 	17 Fox Hunt Crews Lake Park 10:00 AM	18 Winnie The Pooh Day
19 NCO Greg Anderson KOOR	20 SHARK TEK CHEW 7:00 PM	21 SSTV 6:30 PM SHARC Net 7:30 p.m.	22 COFFEE @ HARDEES CORNER OF US 19 & CORTEZ 7:30 AM	23 Pie Day	24 Peanut Butter Day	25
26 NCO Tim Fida WB0YSX	27 SHARK TEK CHEW 7:00 PM	28 SSTV 6:30 PM SHARC Net 7:30 p.m.	29 COFFEE @ HARDEES CORNER OF US 19 & CORTEZ 7:30 AM	30 Croissant Day	31 Hot Chocolate Day	

The ladies will meet January 3, 12:30 PM for lunch at Cheddars Scratch Kitchen on Hwy 50 west

We Need your Feedback

Hi, I'm Jerry Sweet, editor for the SHARC newsletter.
We need your ideas, information, and articles to help our newsletter grow.
Please send them to JSweet26@TampaBay.rr.com or call me at
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73's
Jerry KO4RDI

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