



SHARC bytes

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President's Ramblings

Published for members and friends of the...

Greetings SHARC,



Spring Hill
Amateur Radio
Club

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Not much to ramble on about this month. The July fox hunt occurred on the 19th with Larry W9SX as the fox. The hunters were myself WS80, Earl K4EEB and Carol KO4JSV. Larry did a great job and put on a two-transmitter hunt. The first one was located fairly quickly I found it with Earl second and Carol third. We were all in very close proximity to the transmitter and I was the first one to get down on the ground to look under the bench. The second transmitter was a little trickier hidden between two conduits coming out of an electrical box mounted on the side of the rest room. Earl found it first and Carol and I found it a minute or two later at about the same time. We all had a good time and hung out in the Parking lot chatting for a while. The next hunt will be on August 16th at Crews Lake Park at 10 am with Earl as the Fox.

The August meeting will be on the 15th at 7pm at the usual location. We are currently in need of an Elmer's 15 for the meeting so if you have something you would like to share just let me know.

INSIDE:

- **PLEASE PROVIDE FEEDBACK!**
- **DUES REMINDER**

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.

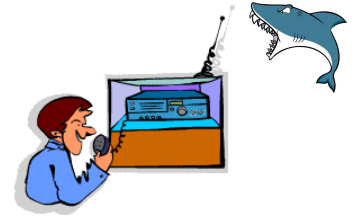
Please use side door.

Visitors are always welcome!

Meetings begin at 7:00 PM.

Stop by early and say, "Hi!"

TARK FEST Sat August 24



Bruce H. Clark (KQ4JSN) became a silent Key on July 19th, 2024 at 12:27 a.m., after a brief battle with cancer.

Born on August 14th, 1948 in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Bruce was a distinguished veteran of the United States Armed Forces, having served in both the Army as a MP and the Air Force as an Electronics Tech.

He retired from the Air Force with over 21 years of active duty service. Bruce also retired after 20 years from the USPS as a mail carrier. Outside of his passion for Amateur radio, GMRS radio, and CB radio,

Bruce was also a Nationally ranked Billiards player competing in Local and National tournaments. Bruce was laid to rest beside his wife of 51 years at the Palm Beach National Chapel in Lake Worth, Florida on July 25th, 2024.

Larry's Trivia Quiz

1. What movie was the call letters W9GFO used?
2. What TV show used this call sign KA0XTT?
3. What major Newscaster had this call sign. KB2GSD
4. What member of the rock band the Eagles is a ham and what's his call letters?
5. What is You tube channel W2HJ.

Answers on page 4



From the Wayback Machine

What's a Florida Ham to do in the summer when lightning is flying and we have to disconnect our antenna systems for safety?

W1AW

There is a good news alternative. We can use our radio time to hone our skills. For example, if you have wanted to learn, or to improve your CW skill, the ARRL W1AW code practice transmissions are available in real time via ECHOLINK.

Install ECHOLINK on your computer, set up your ECHOLINK account, check the W1AW practice code schedule and you are ready to rock and roll.

W1AWBDCT

On your computer use the ECHOLINK software to join the "W1AWBDCT" Conference. At the designated times the dits and dahs will flow from your computer's speakers/headset. The ARRL also sends its daily bulletins via digital modes using the ECHOLINK Conference each day at 2200z (1800 local.)

PSK31

This provides an opportunity to hone digital skills, e.g. PSK31. Of course you have to set FLDIGI, or similar programs, to capture the sounds going to your speakers. This is any easy configuration using the sound card setting in the digital programs.

An alternative would be to log onto the ARRL.ORG website and use the prerecorded mp3 recordings of code practice sessions, choosing the file at the WPM speed with which you are comfortable.

CWCOM

There is another alternative which provides the opportunity to engage in a live CW QSO over the internet. The program is called CWCOM. The is a free download from http://www.mrx.com.au/d_cwcom.htm. This web page not only includes the software download, but also helpful information to get you started. The trickiest part is attaching you key or paddle to the computer, but the site explains how to accomplish that task. Also, I found that with WINDOWS 10 I have to run the program as Administrator for it to work properly, as it was written for Windows 7. The hams on CWCOM are extremely helpful in configuring the software and SLOWING (QRS) to accommodate a newbie like me. It is not nearly as intimidating as sending CW over the airwaves.

Have a good time honing your skills, even in the heat of the Florida Summer. Also, do not forget the 100 QSO SHARC repeater contest. Join me in working toward your certificate! 73 I will be clear for now and will see you down the log, in the next chapter of this blog and/or at a meeting.

Doug NZ2W

Trivia Answers:

The Movie Contact

Last man standing

Walter Cronkite, KB2GSD

Joe Walsh, WB6ACU

The WHY channel

TAMPA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

100 years of Serving local "Hams" and Public Service



August TARCfest

Saturday—August 24, 2024

8:00 am—1:00 pm

Summer Edition

Admission is \$ 5.00 per person; Children 12 & under **FREE**

*Tailgating is **FREE** with paid admission*

Indoor tables at \$ 15.00 in advance

Great food & drinks from TARC Grill

W5YI VE Testing Sessions following the Event

Tampa Amateur Radio Club; 7801 N. 22nd Street; Tampa, FL 33610

From I-4 Take the Hillsborough Avenue (US 92) exit west to 22nd Street and turn North on 22nd Street, TARC is located at on the right at the end of 22nd Street.


From I-275 take the Sligh Avenue exit east to 22nd Street and turn North on 22nd Street, TARC is located at on the right at the end of 22nd Street.

From I-75 take I-4 west to Hillsborough Avenue (US 92) exit west to 22nd Street and turn North on 22nd Street, TARC is located at on the right at the end of 22nd Street.

August 2024

Spring Hill Amateur Radio Club KF4IXU An ARRL Affiliated Club - Northern Florida Section



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Natl Girlfriend Day	2 LADIES Breakfast *See Note	3 Natl Water- melon Day
4 NCO Tim Fida WB0YSX	5 SHARK TEK CHEW 7:00 PM	6 SSTV 6:30 PM SHARC Net 7:30 p.m.	7 COFFEE @ HARDEES CORNER OF US 19 & CORTEZ 7:30 AM	8	9 Book Lovers Day	10
11 NCO Kal Ribanszky NK4LKL	12 SHARK TEK CHEW 7:00 PM	13 SSTV 6:30 PM SHARC Net 7:30 p.m.	14 COFFEE @ HARDEES CORNER OF US 19 & CORTEZ 7:30 AM	15 SHARC Members Meeting 7:00 p.m. 	16 Fox Hunt Crews Lake Park 10:00 AM	17
18 NCO Sal Clascione N2UOG	19 SHARK TEK CHEW 7:00 PM	20 SSTV 6:30 PM SHARC Net 7:30 p.m.	21 COFFEE @ HARDEES CORNER OF US 19 & CORTEZ 7:30 AM	22 Natl Tooth Fairy Day	23	24 TARK FEST Tampa Amateur Radio Club
25 NCO Earl Brannon K4EEB	26 SHARK TEK CHEW 7:00 PM	27 SSTV 6:30 PM SHARC Net 7:30 p.m.	28 COFFEE @ HARDEES CORNER OF US 19 & CORTEZ 7:30 AM	29	30 Natl Beach Day	31

**Ladies Breakfast Friday August 2, 8:30 AM
at The Breakfast Club of Seven Hills
located in the Publix Shopping Center
Mariner and County Line Rd.**

We Need your Feedback

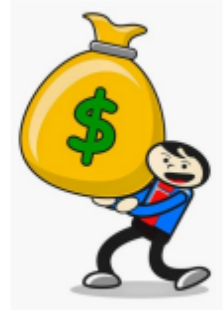
Hi, I'm Jerry Sweet, the new editor for the SHARC newsletter. We need your ideas, information, and articles to help our newsletter grow. Please send them to JSweet26@TampaBay.rr.com or call me at 727-857-6204

73's
Jerry KO4RDI

It's Dues Time at SHARC!

You may mail dues to:
Spring Hill Amateur Radio
Club, Inc. P.O. Box 6083
Spring Hill, FL 34611-6083

Hello to all members. It's that time of year when annual dues need to be turned in. Your club uses these funds to help defray operating expenses that are incurred throughout the year.



Spring Hill Amateur Radio Club



SHARC would love to hear from you! Please refer to the following contact information:

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YL Breakfast: Carol Socash - Socash@bellsouth.net

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We're on the
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Springhillarc.com

Visit our website for much more information and details of club activities and community involvement.

Send Snail Mail to:

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