



# SHARC bytes

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## Hamcation 2024

Published for members and friends of the...



Spring Hill  
Amateur Radio  
Club



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This year the Orlando Hamcation returns February 9th, 10th, & 11th. It should turn out to be a very exciting annual event.

Hamcation continues to be the premier event for all HAMS, attracting a wide range of vendors showing a stunning array of products.

The event also hosts a long list of programs for hams with diversified interests. The event opens on Friday the 9th at 9 AM and continues through Sunday. Lots of hourly and major prizes await some lucky attendees.

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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!"



**Valentine's Day is Feb.14th. Don't forget your sweetie!**

# February 2024 Ramblings President's Ramblings



Greetings SHARC, I hope all of you are doing well. The first Fox Hunt was a success. Read more about it elsewhere in this issue of SHARC Bytes. The next hunt will be on February, 16 at 10am at Crews Lake Park, so come on out and play. The January meeting was well attended. In fact, I think it was the largest group since Covid. The February meeting is on February 15 at 7pm at UF/IFAS. I'm still looking for a program for the meeting so if you're interested and have something to share please let me know.

The leadership team is currently undertaking an inventory of all club property. We have contacted everyone we know that has club items in their possession. If I missed you and you currently are in possession of any club property, please shoot me an E-mail so I can check it off the list.

Now for some fun stuff. As we all know Hamcation 2024 is rapidly approaching and I hope to see some of you there. I will be going Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup> and setting up in the RV lot and staying till Saturday afternoon/evening. My Elmer Ken N7KB is once again flying in from Phoenix to attend Hamcation with me. The coolest part for me is that this year my recently licensed son Len KE8ZPJ is also flying in from Cleveland to be there. Ken, Len and myself have had many great adventures over the years so I expect Hamcation to be a real hoot this year. We will all be carrying HT's monitoring 147.51, so if you want to meet up give me a call. As if that wasn't enough fun the Brooksville HamFest is on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 8am at Sand Hill Scout Reservation.

Well, that's all I have for this month, stay well and I look forward to seeing you soon at one of the events listed above.

73,  
Lenny

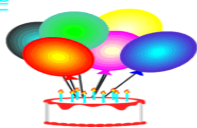
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## February Birthdays

"Happy Birthday!  
from the gang at SHARC!"  
Kenneth Becker KJ4MKD  
James Geschwindner N1PZP  
Michael Hays W1SOX

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## Quote for the Month

Vacume Tubes don't need proqraming,  
just a little bias.


# Spring Hill Amateur Radio Club

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### An ARRL Affiliated Club - Northern Florida Section



# Feb 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 <b>Ladies BKFAST</b> <b>*SEE NOTE</b> <b>TEK CHEW</b>	3
4 <b>NCO Greg Anderson KO0R</b>	5 <b>OPEN FORUM NIGHT</b> 7:00 PM	6 <b>SSTV</b> 6:30 PM <b>SHARC Net</b> 7:30 p.m.	7 COFFEE @ HARDEES CORNER OF US 19 & CORTEZ 7:30 AM	8	9 <b>SHARK TEK CHEW</b> 7:00 PM	10
11 <b>NCO Tim Fida WB0YSX</b>	12 <b>OPEN FORUM NIGHT</b> 7:00 PM	13 <b>SSTV</b> 6:30 PM <b>SHARC Net</b> 7:30 p.m.	14 COFFEE @ HARDEES CORNER OF US 19 & CORTEZ 7:30 AM	15 <b>SHARC Members Meeting</b> 7:00 p.m. 	16 <b>FOX HUNT CREWS LAKE</b> <b>PARK 10:00 AM</b> <b>SHARK TEK CHEW</b>	17
18 <b>NCO Kal Ribianszky KN4LKL</b>	19 <b>OPEN FORUM NIGHT</b> 7:00 PM	20 <b>SSTV</b> 6:30 PM <b>SHARC Net</b> 7:30 p.m.	21 COFFEE @ HARDEES CORNER OF US 19 & CORTEZ 7:30 AM	22	23 <b>SHARK TEK CHEW</b> 7:00 PM	24
25 <b>NCO Hill</b>	26 <b>OPEN FORUM NIGHT</b> 7:00 PM	27 <b>SSTV</b> 6:30 PM <b>SHARC Net</b> 7:30 p.m.	28 COFFEE @ HARDEES CORNER OF US 19 & CORTEZ 7:30 AM	29 <b>Lunch @ 12:00 pm</b> <b>Smokin' Oak Wood-Fired Pizza</b> <b>It's on 50 near Beall's</b>		

**Reminder: Orlando Hamcation is back!**  
**February 9th, 10th & 11th**

Make plans to be there as it will most likely have the highest attendance of any Hamcation.





# SHARC FOX HUNT

January 19<sup>th</sup> Fox Hunt Report  
DE WS80

The first Fox Hunt of 2024 took place on January 19<sup>th</sup> at Crews Lake Park in Pasco County at 10am. Attending were Lenny WS80 as the Fox and instructor, Larry W9SX as primary Instructor. Wayne K4WEB, Earl K4EEB and Mike W1SOX were the hunters. The Hunt was won by Wayne K3WEB with Earl K4EEB a close second and Mike W1SOX right bend Earl

The hunt lasted about an hour and everyone involved had a good time. There was a good amount of instruction and fun. At the conclusion of the hunt Larry did some one-on-one instruction with all three hunters. Everyone agreed that we should continue the hunts and discussed a possible change of day and time. Until that discussion happens the next hunt will be on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am at Crews Lake Park with Lenny WS80 as the Fox.

Also discussed was the possibility of going to a local eatery for some food and conversation after the hunt. All are invited to attend and Larry and I will again be available for instruction as well as having equipment for new hunters to use.



**Mike Hayes  
W10SX**

**Wayne Boyd  
K4WEB**

**Earl Brannon,  
W4EEB**

**Larry Oaks  
W9ASX**





**Wayne Boyd K4WAB  
Finds The Fox**



**Mike Hayes  
1SOX**

**Lenny Sechrist  
W8SO**

**Wayne Boyd  
K4WEB**

**Earl Brannon  
K4EEB**

**Discussing tactics after the hunt**



## We Need your Feedback

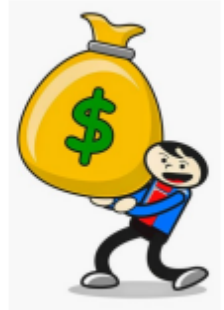
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73's  
Jerry KO4RDI

### 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.



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We're on the  
web:  
[Springhillarc.com](http://Springhillarc.com)

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

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

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