



# SHARC bytes

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## HAMCATION 2024

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Club

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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.

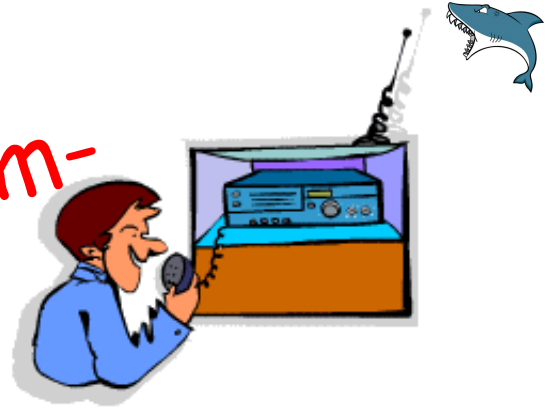
Visitors are always welcome!

Meetings begin at 7:00 PM.

Stop by early and say, "Hi!"

Ladies Lunch: Meeting at Cracker Barrel in the JC Penny shopping center on US 19. 1371 Commercial Way. Contact Carol, K04JSV for info and be ready to have fun and a great lunch

# March 2024 Ramblings President's Ram-



March 2024 Ramblings

Hello SHARC, I hope all of you are in good health and doing well. I only saw a few of you at Hamcation. I had a wonderful time hanging out with my son and my Elmer. We celebrated heartily when my son KE8ZPJ upgraded to General. The attitude of the trip changed to helping him pick up things he would need for his HF station and deciding what he could pack and take on the plane home and what I would need to ship to him. It was all great fun. He made his first POTA QSO in My RV at Hamcation and on the way home we stopped at Hilochee WMA K-6309 and Len KE8ZPJ and KEN N7KB did a dual POTA activation and I logged for them. I took them to the Airport early Sunday morning and sent them on their way home with plans laid for next year. The following week was the Brooksville Hamfest and Mother Nature did her best to ruin the fun, but there were plenty of hearty souls in attendance to make it enjoyable. I found a good deal on a UR5CDX model CT599MX paddle that is a personal bribe to get my code speed up. The other cool thing is that I won a door prize.

The last fox hunt was one of the best ever. We had a record number of Hunters and did two hunts. Look for more info elsewhere in this issue. The next hunt will be at Crews Lake Park on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

The next SHARC meeting is on March 21st at 7pm at the UF/IFAS Extension Office.

The program is not yet determined so if you have something you wish to share with the group just let me know. Also, every one is welcome to submit articles for the newsletter Just write it up and send it to Jerry KO4RDI.

73,  
Lenny  
WS8O  
SHARC PFL

Happy Birthday Happy Birthday Happy Birthday

## March Birthdays

"Happy Birthday!

from the gang at SHARC!"

Lillie Goodman KBOWAQ  
Wally Melching 4DTR  
Kate Manuelian KI4LCJ  
Kal Ribianszky KN4LKL  
James Geschwindner N1PZP  
Michael Hays W1SOX

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## Quote for the Month

The strongest part of any package is the perforated line where it's supposed to open.

# Spring Hill Amateur Radio Club

## KF4IXU

### An ARRL Affiliated Club - Northern Florida Section



# Mar 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Ladies BKFST *See Note	2
3 NCO Earl Brannon K4EEB	4 SHARK TEK CHEW 7:00 PM	5 SSTV 6:30 PM SHARC Net 7:30 p.m.	6 COFFEE @ HARDEES CORNER OF US 19 & CORTEZ 7:30 AM	7	8	9
10 NCO Greg Anderson K00R	11 SHARK TEK CHEW 7:00 PM	12 SSTV 6:30 PM SHARC Net 7:30 p.m.	13 COFFEE @ HARDEES CORNER OF US 19 & CORTEZ 7:30 AM	14 SHARC Members Meeting 7:00 p.m.	15	16
17 NCO Tim Fida WB0YSX	18 SHARK TEK CHEW 7:00 PM	19 SSTV 6:30 PM SHARC Net 7:30 p.m.	20 COFFEE @ HARDEES CORNER OF US 19 & CORTEZ 7:30 AM	21	22	23
24 NCO Kal Ribianszky KN4LKL	25 SHARK TEK CHEW 7:00 PM	26 SSTV 6:30 PM SHARC Net 7:30 p.m.	27 COFFEE @ HARDEES CORNER OF US 19 & CORTEZ 7:30 AM	28	29 GOOD FRIDAY	30
31 EASTER SUNDAY					*Cracker Barrel in the JC Penny shopping center on US 19. 1371 Commercial Way	



# HAPPY EASTER



# SHARC FOX HUNT



We had two hunts on the day. Lenny was the fox in the first event. The transmitter was hidden in a Arbor off the main entrance road of Crews lake park. Lenny found a cross member that require a bit of snooping by the hunters to find it. The fox was found by myself and Mike Hates W1SOX. Mike was along learning about TOA antennas. Earl was right on the fox as well and did a great job with a new homebrew antenna.

The second hunt I was the fox and hid the transmitter 6 feet up in a palm tree near a meeting spot on the north side of the park. The height and other surrounding caused some difficulty with the hunters. Earl K4EEB was the winner followed up by Lenny WS80. Earl was on one side of the tree and Lenny on the other. They were shortly followed up by Wayne Boyd K4WEB then Jim KO4TDL . Jim is new to foxhunting and to the SHARC group. The hunt took a few of the hunters through some dense brush. Carol KO4SJV used the event to understand the hunting process when on foot.

The next event will be on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at Crews lake park. Larry W9SX will be the fox.

Larry Oaks W9SX



Jim Faylor  
KO4TDL

Wayne Boyd  
K4EEB

# Monday night tech and ragchew notes

By Larry Oaks W9SX

The Monday night tech chat had a total of 10 check ins.

1. N8VIU Craig, Discussed his visit to Hamcation and thanked Earl for the ride
2. KN4LKL Kal, Discussed his loop he is working on and hoping for improved performance with the larger loop. Also had some questions concerning settings Preamp ( IPO) and ATT on Yaesu FT 891
3. K4EEB Earl, Earl discussed a new purchased of an FTM 500 he made at Hamcation and thanked Larry for lunch on Sunday. Also mention upcoming Tuesday net and Fridays foxhunt. Made an announcement to the net concerning the HCARA Hamfest this Saturday.
4. KB4SYU Pat, Pat requested Earl check him into the net as he was out to dinner
5. N2UOG SAL Short time Discuss some use of his rotatable antenna. Glad to have it back in service
6. Ko0R Greg , Discussed his future improvements to his attic antenna and waiting on parts to arrive.
7. Ko4JSP Carol, Discussed her interest on the upcoming fox hunt.
8. WB2NIE Gene, Discussed his attic 20 meter antenna and activity on 10 meters. He is approaching 90 countries on 10.
9. K4DTR Wally, Wally is working on improving his vertical antenna tied to his pool cage. Looking forward to more on-air time. Spending a lot of time as caretaker for his wife.
10. W9SX Larry Net control, I discussed Hamcation.
  - a. Reviewed new equipment showed at the show
  - b. I mentioned who I saw at the show and that we had about 10 club members in attendance at the Hamcation.
  - c. Discussed the ARRL meeting. Their focus was on the cost increase and the decision over QST. They explained why they moved into the new pay model. They also reviewed the Bipartisan HOA bills being coming up in both the house and Senate. They hope to see some movement in this go around. A big press on pushing clubs to be more active in improving membership. Mentor new hams members to get them on air and active so we we don't loose them.
  - d. I discuss the possibility of a vintage SSB net weekly or monthly. More on this later as I am looking for interest. The goal is to get some of the older equipment active.
  - e. I made a call for topics for future nets.Discussed that Mike would be back as new control next week.

Larry  
W9SX

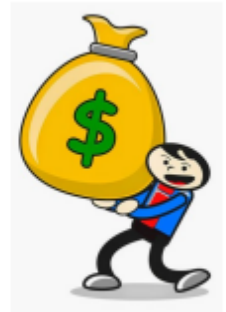
## We Need your Feedback

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](mailto: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.



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

President: Lenny Sechrist - [SechristLeonard@gmail.com](mailto:SechristLeonard@gmail.com)

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