

SHARC bytes

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February 2026 President's ramblings

Welcome members, to February 2026.

February 2026 is starting off with some very cold weather however, SHARC is hotter than ever. We had a very nice turn out for our Winter Field day event. Twenty Two visitors made over 100 contacts and we added 1 new member to SHARC. I wish to thank everyone who attended and add a special shout to those that worked very hard setting up the radios, antennas, and food prep. It is those that volunteer their time that make our events a success without them our club would fail.

I have spent the last 5 days in bed from a cold that I caught from our Winter Field day marathon weekend, but I am up and going again.

I would like to remind everyone of the upcoming Hamcation in Orlando February 13-15, followed by the Brooksville Hamfest on February 21. We will have a club table at the Brooksville Hamfest this year so if anyone has anything they would like to sale their will be space available. We are presently working on 2 events for the first quarter of this year with more information to follow as soon as we work out the details.

As some of you are aware that Bruce King has resigned his position as Vice President, The Board has filled the Vice President position with the temporary appointment of John Hoffman KR4GAX. In accordance with our By-laws, we will hold a special election during our club meeting in March 2026. For anyone wishing to be considered for the Vice President position, please prepare a short 3 minute speech informing the membership as to why you would like to be considered and I will set aside time in our upcoming February Meeting.

ANYONE wishing to put something on the February 19th Club Meeting Agenda, please send me an email with your request by February 12th. Once the agenda is set there will be no changes made.

I have plotted out our club meeting dates for the rest of the 2026 you will find the dates listed below. As you will notice there are 4 months this year that we will meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month instead of the 3rd Thursday of the Month. Our Host has already filled those months with their HOA meetings so we have made some adjustments.

February 19th, March 12th, April 16th, May 21st, June 11th, July 16th, August 20th, September 10th, October 15th, November 12th, & December 17th.

Have a Great month ahead. See you all at the meeting.
Earl Brannon K4EEB
President@springhillarc.org

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Spring Hill Amateur Radio 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!"

Dues Time at SHARC

SPRING HILL AMATUER 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:

SPRING HILL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.

PO BOX 6083

SPRING HILL, FL 34611-6083

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT,

From your board officers



Club Meeting February 19th @ 6:30pm



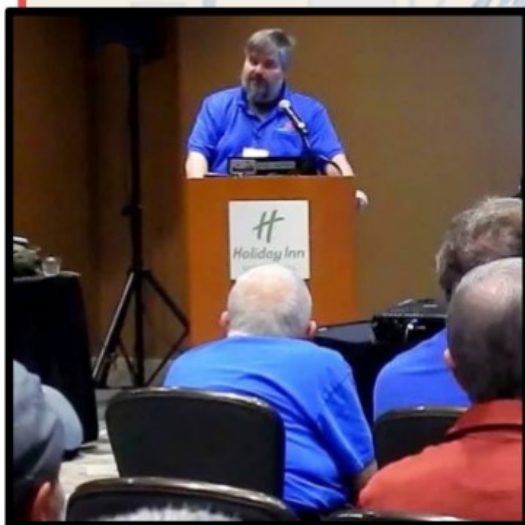
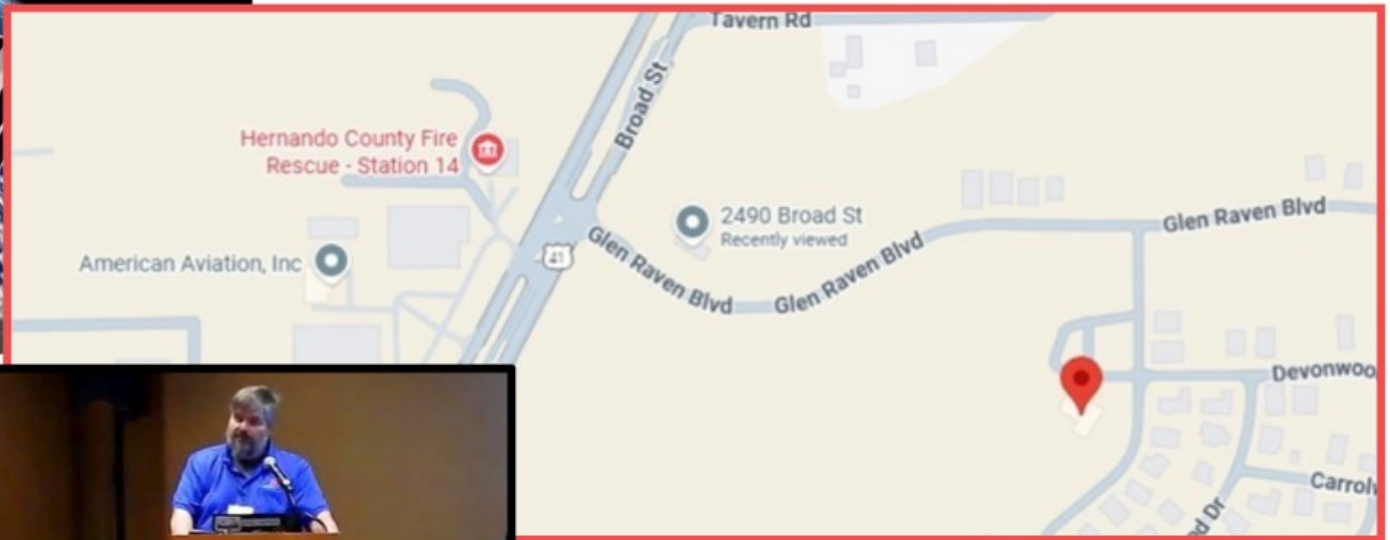
This is a gated community. Gates close at 7:00pm. You must be in the gate by 7. No admittance after that.



NEW
LOCATION



2750 Kingswood Cir,
Brooksville, FL 34604



Special Guest Presenter
KO4MA Drew, President
of AMSAT-NA. He will be
talking about ham radio
and satellites.



<http://springhillarc.org>



*** CQ FLORIDA HAMS ***

Dear Fellow FL Hams,
Hello again and thanks to so many of you for your participation in the 2025 Florida QSO Party (FQP).

[The 2026 Florida QSO Party will be held April 25 & 26.](#) We sure hope you'll join us by activating your FL HF stations – home, club, school, mobile and expedition all welcomed. Let's make all 67 counties RADIO-ACTIVE!

CALL TO ACTION!!!

Florida Stations of all types – please go to the FQP website and register your fixed, mobile and expedition operations; just click on the “Counties” link and then the Activation Forms to get started – thanks!

Direct Links:

Saturday Registration Form: <https://floridaqsoparty.org/counties/saturday-route/>

Sunday Registration Form: <https://floridaqsoparty.org/counties/sunday-route/>

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU REVIEW YOUR ENTRY FOR ACCURACY BEFORE SUBMITTING

Please check out the rules and further details at our **Web Site:** <http://www.floridaqsoparty.org/>

The Florida QSO Party

Object: Everyone works Florida, Florida works Everyone

Activate and work ALL Florida counties

Have as much FUN as possible!

When: April 25 & 26, 2026

Two ten hour operating periods, with a ten hour break:

Saturday, April 25 1600Z (Noon EDT) – April 26 0159Z (9:59 PM EDT)

Sunday, April 26 1200Z (8 AM EDT) - 2159Z (5:59 PM EDT)

20 Hours total

Exchange: RST and County (Florida stations)

RST and QTH (State, Province or Country for non-FL)

Where: 10, 15, 20 and 40 Meters

SUGGESTED OPERATING FREQUENCIES:

CW: 7.025-7.055, 14.025-14.055, 21.025-21.055, 28.025-28.055 MHz

Phone: 7.185-7.285, 14.225-14.325, 21.300-21.400, 28.400-28.500 MHz

Contacts outside these frequency ranges are still valid; see rules for details.

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MOBILE WINDOW:

We expect that several Mobile stations will be on and most can be found here:

CW: 7.025-7.035, 14.040-14.050, 21.040-21.050, 28.040-28.050 MHz

If you are not a FL mobile, *please* refrain from calling CQ in these windows.

Categories:

Single Op, Multi Op, Multi-Multi, Mobile, Expedition, Technician and School.

Three power levels: QRP, Low, and High Power.

Modes: Use CW, SSB or both.

Prizes:

Printable color Certificates for top participants

Plaques for top finishing entrants.

Web Site: <http://www.floridaqsoparty.org/>

Detailed rules, mobile routes, past results, plaques, county abbreviations and maps and much more!

Logs:

Logs in Cabrillo format can be uploaded (**preferred**) at: <https://fqp.contesting.com/fqpsubmitlog.php>

or emailed to logs@floridaqsoparty.org; Paper logs via US mail to: Florida QSO Party, c/o Dan Street, K1TO, 9933 289th St E., Myakka City, FL 34251

Any questions or feedback? Please feel free to reply to my email:

cqdenx4n@gmail.com

We highly encourage you to sign up to the **FQP email Group** fqp@groups.io. Anyone wishing to subscribe to the FQP email reflector may go to this link to sign up: <https://groups.io/g/FQP>

Please forward this announcement to your club members and to other FL clubs.

THANK YOU in advance for making the 2026 FQP another terrific event!

73,

Chris, NX4N, on behalf of:

Chris, W4WF and Dan, K1TO – President and Past President

Florida Contest Group, proud sponsors of the FQP since 1998

Chris Bloxsom AA4CB@arrl.net

P.O. Box 2199 St. Leo, FL 33574

AmateurWire VoIP #1706 or HamsOverIP VoIP #102941

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Club <https://oarc.org/>

Orlando Amateur Radio

Zephyrhills Area Amateur Radio Club <http://zaarc.org>
Club <http://gulfcoastarc.org>

Gulf Coast Amateur Radio

Spring Hill Amateur Radio Club <http://springhillarc.org>
League <http://arrl.org>

American Radio Relay

Dayton Amateur Radio Association <http://w8bi.org>

Tampa Bay Hamfest

FGARC <http://tampabayhamfest.com> **Traveler's Rest Amateur Radio**

Club **Hog County Amateur Radio Association** <http://k4hog.us>

Skywarn Spotter PAS-595a

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tor WCF Section

ARRL Public Information Coordina-

4th Annual HamCation® POTA Meet-Up

Please Join Us

Everyone Welcome!

Hosted by TØADS

Thursday, February 12th, 2026

9:00 AM– 4:00 PM

**Wekiwa Springs State Park, 1800 N Wekiwa Springs Rd,
Apopka, FL 32712 -- Live Oak Pavilion**



- View & operate various equipment (or bring your own).
- Door Prizes
- Meet YouTube Creators
- ***Beginners Welcome!***
- Snacks/Lunch
- Learn about Parks On The Air
- Activate the park (US-1927)

Note: *New Park Rules require you to make your individual day use reservation in advance of attending. Fee per vehicle: \$4 Single Occupant \$6 Multiple Occupant*

Go to: <https://www.floridastateparks.org/learn/day-use-entry-reservation-information>

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12th Annual TECHCON – 2026

TECHCON – The ARRL West Central Florida Section Technical Conference

FRIDAY EVENING SOCIAL

DATE: Friday February 27, 2026 TIME: 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. PLACE: To Be Announced

Map to be posted as soon as venue is established.

This is simply a social dinner for anyone who wants to show up and talk technology. Family and friends are also invited to come as well.

TECHCON MAIN SESSION

WHERE AND WHEN

IN PERSON:

DATE: Saturday February 28, 2026

**TIME: Welcome and Check In (Coffee and Doughnuts) – 8:00 A.M.,
Conference Opening – 8:45 A.M., and Presentations begin – 9:00 A.M.**

**PLACE: Hillsborough County Public Safety Operations Complex – Emergency Operations
Center. – 9450 E. Columbus Dr., Tampa, FL 33619.**



SEBRING HAMFEST

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026
8 AM - 1 PM**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
111 LAKE JOSEPHINE DRIVE
SEBRING, FL**

(JUST OFF RT 27 @ BLINKING LIGHT)

ADMISSION: \$5.00 Per Person
(Includes Free Outside Tailgate Space)
INSIDE TABLES: \$10.00 Each

DOOR PRIZES - COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS

WWW.Highlandsamateurradio.com

FOR ADDITIONAL INFO OR TO RESERVE AN
INSIDE TABLE IN ADVANCE
CONTACT: RICK - KF4Y - RBG695@hotmail.com



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February 13 - 14, 9AM to 5PM | February 15, 9AM to 1PM

Talk-in K1AA on 146.760 (-600 / PL 103.5)

Backup Talk-In on 443.050 (+5.00 / PL 103.5)

DSTAR: K1XC 146.820 -600



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It's Dues Time at SHARC!

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.

Dues are still \$20 and should be turned in at the November meeting but not later than December 31st.

Thank you for your continued support
Board Members

- Your

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 newsletter@springhillarc.org or call me at 727-857-6204.

73's
Jerry
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