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Welcome to The Waveform

A newsletter for the SpringHill Amateur Radio Club

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A Message from the President

Hello SHARC Members,

Welcome to October, both the weather is changing and All Hallows' Eve is this month. As most of you should now be aware this months (Oct) meeting has been changed to the 2nd Thursday of this month. Which is Thursday, Oct 8th @ 6 pm. I hope to see everyone there. I will just be returning from my 1st cruise on the morning of Oct 8th, so I will be full of energy.

Now that we have passed the Hot days of summer, SHARC will be ramping up the Club activities as the cool weather will allows us to be outside. Please keep your eyes on our Facebook Group (KF4XIU), our Groups I/O email reflector, and our Website at www.springhillarc.org for upcoming information, events and times.

I would like to remind everyone that we are looking for volunteers for the Annual Tunnels to Towers (T2T) event happening in Brooksville on Saturday November 21, 2026 from 7 am till around 11 AM. SHARC will be along the route providing any communications as needed. This is a great event and a great opportunity for SHARC to stand out in our community. Please Contact Andrew Johns KA3DNC by email at t2t@springhillarc.org for more information and to volunteer.

I would like to remind everyone that our yearly club elections are upon us. The following positions are up for elections; Vice-President, Treasure, 2 director positions. IF you would like to run for any of the positions available please attend Novembers Club meeting and have a 2 minute informative speech ready to tell the members why we should vote for you. Your involvement will make SHARC better.

Let's have a great last quarter of 2026 by being involved. Remember this is your club and I am here for you, our members. As your President I am humbled and honored to have your trust. Let's do this, full throttle until the end of 2026.

73
Earl Brannon
SHARC President

How to become a member of the SpringHill Amateur Radio Club.

It is really Easy.

1-You can print out the membership application on the next page.

Come to our next meeting and see us or

Mail in the completed membership form with a check to:
SpringHill Amateur Radio Club
P O Box 6083
SpringHill, Fl 34611

2- Online via our website www.springhillarc.org.

Once you have filled out the application click the Submit button.

Next, you can pay the club dues on our Paypal page.

You can choose to pay online using your credit-Debit card or Paypal.

And do not forget to subscribe to our Email reflector on Groups.io

Spring Hill Amateur Radio Club
P.O. Box 6083, Spring Hill, FL 34611 / An ARRL Affiliated Club

Date ____/____/ ____

Membership Form

☐ Renewal Membership -or- ☐ New Membership ☐ Individual Membership -or- ☐ Family Membership

Are you a member of the ARRL: ☐ Yes ☐ No License Class: ☐ Amateur Extra ☐ Advanced ☐ General ☐ Technician ☐ Technician Plus ☐ Novice

Call Sign is: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: __ ___ Zip: __ __ __ __ __ __

Address/telephone/e-mail: Check **NO** if you do **NOT** want the item printed on the club roster. The default is **YES**, the item will be printed on the roster.

Mailing Address	Telephone	e-mail address
☐Yes ☐No	☐Yes ☐No	☐Yes ☐No

Telephone #: (__ __ __) __ __ __ - __ __ __ __
(for newsletter and other club correspondence):

Enter your E-Mail Address _____

Married: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Spouse Name (or significant other): _____
and spouse's License Class & Call if Family Membership in club...

Spouse License Class: _____ Spouse Call Sign: _____

Your Birthday (month only): _____ Spouse Birthday (month only): _____ Wedding Anniversary (month only): _____

Special Interests or Hobbies: _____

Other comments or questions: _____

_____

SHARC Dues are $20.00 and are due by December 31 to maintain your membership in the club. Make checks payable to SHARC, and include your payment TOGETHER with this completed form. ☺

Revised Oct 2021

Six meter SSB at 7:45

October

2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Major Holidays and Observances

- **October 1: International Coffee Day, World Vegetarian Day**
- **October 4: World Animal Day, National Taco Day**
- **October 10: World Mental Health Day**
- **October 12: Indigenous Peoples' Day / Columbus Day (US Federal Holiday)**
- **October 16: World Food Day, National Boss's Day**
- **October 17: Sweetest Day**
- **October 31: Halloween**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Club Meeting
October 8th @ 6:00pm

---> 2750 Kingswood Circle
----> Brooksville Fl 34604
This is a gated community. Gates close at 7:00pm. You must be in the gate by 7. No addmittance after that.

THIS MONTH'S PRESENTAION
SPECIAL GUESTS
John Knott N4JTK & Michael Cauley W4ORL
HamCation Chairman
They will be on ZooM talking about the upcoming 2027 Orlando Hamcation

ZOOM ROOM
MEETING ID
817 9918 1241
PASSCODE
068592

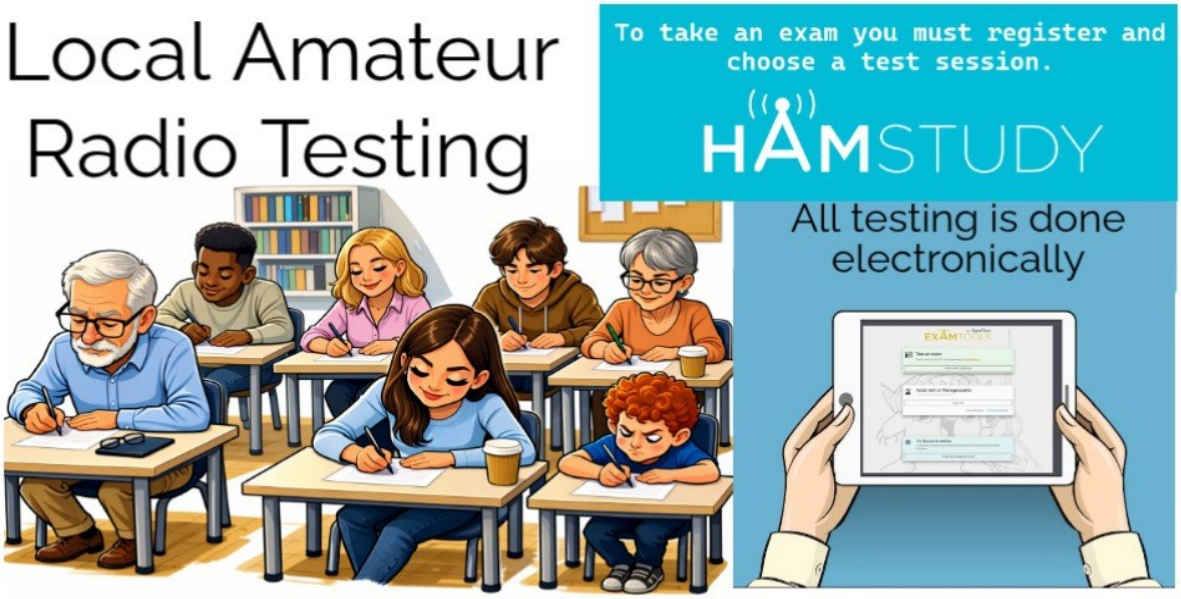
G1B10 (C) [97.203(c)]

What is the power limit for beacon stations?

A. 10 watts PEP output B. 20 watts PEP output

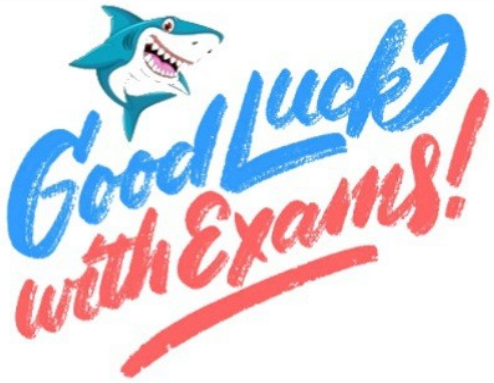
C. 100 watts PEP output D. 200 watts PEP output

Local Amateur Radio Testing



VEC: Laurel VEC
Sponsor: Gulf Coast ARC
Date: 2nd Saturday of the month
Time: 10:00 AM
Contact: Carl Ekblad AJ4JA
(727) 798-7042
Email: AJ4JA@icloud.com
VEC: LAUREL VEC
Location: Millennium Academy
10005 Ridge Rd
New Port Richey FL 34654-5130
Website: www.gulfcoastarc.org

Sponsor: East Pasco ARS
Date: 2nd Wednesday of the month
Time: 3:00 PM
Contact: Duane Archibald N4WDH
(813) 991-7160
Email: testing@eparsonline.org
VEC: Laurel VEC
MY FAVORITE
Location: American Legion
37745 Church Ave
Dade City FL 33525-4128
Website: https://k4ex.org/



Sponsor: Hernando County ARA
Date: 2nd Thursday of the month
Time: 6:00 PM
Contact: Jim Kvochick K8JK
Email:k8jk@outlook.com
VEC: Laurel VEC
Location:Hernando County
Emergency Operations Center
18900 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville, FL
34601
Website:www.hcara.org/index.htm

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SPRINGHILLARC.ORG

NEW! ITEM SHARC NAME BADGES

Many of the membership asked about Club name tags. Here is it.
The Official SpringHill Amateur Radio Club name tag.
You can order them directly from 'The SignMan' and with many options for fastners. link to order form:
www.tinyurl.com/springhillarc

KQ4JSN
Bruce Clark
SPRING HILL, FLORIDA

FOLLOW US ON Facebook
FOLLOW US ON YouTube

Do not forget to pick a fastner

The SignMan
of Baton Rouge

Custom Signs & Name Badges

Like a country's flag, a club badge is more than just a logo. It is unifying symbol that is instantly recognizable. Something members can get behind, display proudly, and feel loyalty to.

The Florida Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Council
presents:
The 51st Annual

TAMPA BAY HAMFEST

and Electronics Show

ARRL West Central Florida Convention
Second Largest Hamfest in Florida

Strawberry Festival Grounds
Parking behind 301 N Berryfest Pl.
Plant City, Fl 33563

December 11th-12th, 2026

Friday 1pm to 6pm -- Saturday 8am to 3pm

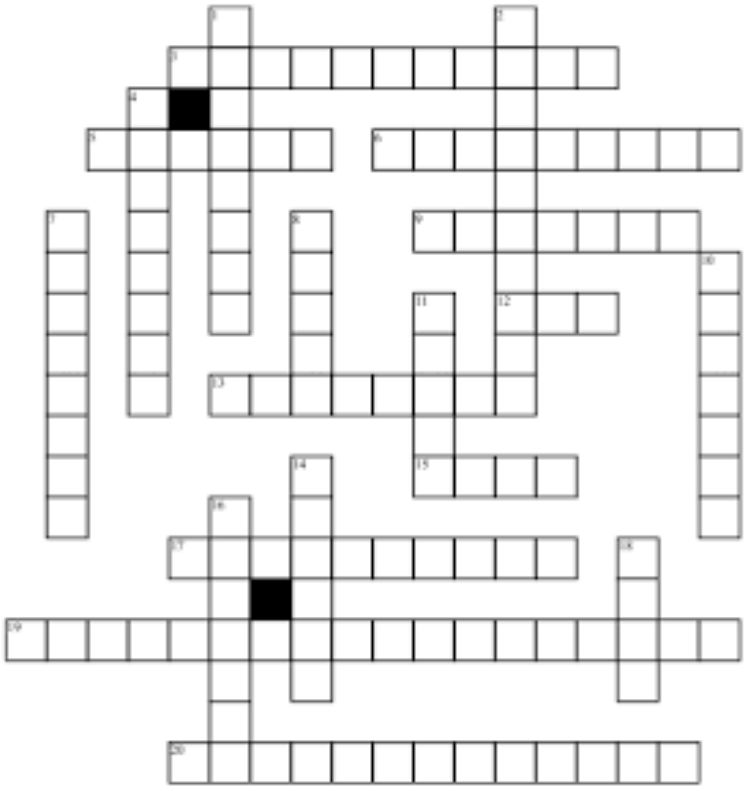
Talk-in repeater - 147.165 (+.600) PL 136.5
For up-to-date information visit
www.TampaBayHamfest.org

ARRL-VEC Exams Saturday only -
The East Pasco Amateur Radio Society VE Team will be providing in person exams for Technician, General and Amateur Extra class. Testing is 10:00-11:30 please arrive on time. 15 minutes prior is better so that the VE's can get you checked in properly.
Pre-registration IS REQUIRED using the online link below.
https://hamstudy.org/sessions/EPARS

Admission at the gate	$13	Under 12 accompanying a paid admission	FREE
Advanced ticket purchase	$10	Public service/military in uniform	FREE
Student with ID	$ 5	-only available at the gate during hamfest	
Indoor tables - 8 ft	$20	No vehicles of any kind in building	
Booth-10x10 ft w/ 2 tables	$60		
Electric	$10		
Tailgate space	$10		
Camping	$20	See website for details	
Club Table-for activities	$ 0	No selling allowed	
Club Tables	$15	Each for selling	

Everyone entering the parking/Tailgate/inside area MUST have a ticket visible
WAS, DXCC, IARU, VUCC Card Checking available
Forums and programs are updates regularly on website

Life Skills Crossword Puzzle



Across

3. _____ to make sure that you are ready for the day

5. Don't _____ anything that you may need later

6. Use _____ on your IPad

9. _____ is the best policy

12. _____ to do you best

13. Come to class _____

15. Keep your _____

17. Something you use to wake up on time

19. Something you use to remember to do homework

20. Don't _____ just do it right away

Down

1. Making sure _____ is done when it is due.

2. Put your stuff in a _____ spot so you don't forget it

4. Write things down to _____ them

7. Make sure your _____ for the day

8. Don't _____ your time doing something unnecessary

10. Use _____ to keep your stuff organized

11. _____ things out you don't need

14. Put things away Immediately so you don't _____ them

16. Use a _____ To help you

18. Keep your _____ clean

HERNANDO COUNTY SKYWARN

FACEBOOK PAGE

NWS Tampa Bay SKYWARN Spotter Training

Your NWS encourages anyone with an interest in public service to join the SKYWARN® program. Volunteers include police and fire personnel, dispatchers, EMS workers, public utility workers and other concerned private citizens. Individuals affiliated with hospitals, schools, churches and nursing homes or who have a responsibility for protecting others are encouraged to become a spotter.

Agenda

- Basics of thunderstorm development
- Fundamentals of storm structure
- Identifying potential severe weather features
- Information to report
- How to report information
- Basic severe weather safety

More information can be found at https://weather.gov/tampabay

Any Questions please email skywarn@springhillarc.org

SKYWARN is a National Weather Service (NWS) program consisting of trained volunteer spotters—including civilians and public safety officials—who provide real-time, "ground truth" reports of severe weather, such as tornadoes, large hail, and high winds, helping to verify radar data and improve warning accuracy.

Click **Spotter** image above then create a free account.

Take their SKYWARN Spotter online training and pass quiz to become a member

Click on "Member Networks" in left hand menu, then join "Tampa Bay, FL (NWS/TBW)" by clicking the red X to make it a green checkmark

If you would like to be a NWS Tampa Bay Spotter, send an Email to sr-tbw.webmaster@noaa.gov after you've joined our member network and we will send you information on how to get your Certificate.

Click **MetEd** image above then create a free account

Start training then check box in MetEd to notify local National Weather Service of your training.

As a backup, Email your certificate(s) to sr-tbw.webmaster@noaa.gov

We receive a list of those who have taken the training on the 1st and 15th of every month.

NWS Tampa Bay requires SKYWARN Spotters to meet the following three requirements:

1-Live in or near west central or southwest Florida to receive an ID from NWS Tampa Bay. Counties include Levy, Citrus, Hernando, Sumter, Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough, Polk, Manatee, Sarasota, Hardee, DeSoto, Highlands, Charlotte, and Lee. If you live elsewhere, please contact your local NWS office for more information

2-Be at least 18-years-old. Those under 18 years of age are encouraged to take the training but can not receive a certificate.

3-Take a SKYWARN training every 3 years to remain active in the program

Once trained, Spotters will receive a link to download the handouts

Amateur Radio: Email questions, comments, and suggestions to our webmaster at sr-tbw.webmaster@noaa.gov for more information on networks and frequencies in our area

Inter-Club Fellowship: Spontaneous POTA Meetup Sparks Learning at Werner-Boyce

By AA4CB Chris Bloxsom
ARRL Affiliated Club Coordinator and Public Information Coordinator for WCF Section

It was an absolutely fantastic day at Werner-Boyce Salt Springs State Park for our recent, impromptu amateur radio meetup! The weather cooperated beautifully, setting the perfect backdrop for a day dedicated entirely to fellowship, mentoring, and portable operations.

Today's gathering was not about focusing on a standard, high-volume park activation. Instead, our true mission was spreading knowledge about Parks on the Air (POTA) to those who are curious or just getting started with portable operations.

The event turned out to be an incredible showcase of regional teamwork and community spirit. We were thrilled to welcome a wonderful turnout of operators, featuring members from the SpringHill Amateur Radio Club (SHARC), the East Pasco Amateur Radio Society (EPARS), and of course, plenty of familiar faces from our own Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club (GCARC). Having three distinct local clubs come together spontaneously truly highlights the deep camaraderie within our local ham radio community.

The absolute highlight of the day was mentoring newcomers to the airwaves. Thanks to the shared expertise of everyone present, we successfully guided a few people through achieving their very first POTA activation! Seeing the excitement of an operator making those crucial first contacts from the field is exactly what this hobby is all about.

K4EEB Earl Brannon President of SHARC

To ensure our new activators walked away with a complete understanding of the process, we introduced them to the modern HAM2K logging software package. Experienced operators walked them through the interface step-by-step, showing them how to log contacts efficiently in real-time and upload their logs directly to the official POTA platform.

AA4CB Chris Bloxsom V.P of EPARS

By all accounts, it was a highly successful and rewarding outing that left everyone energized. Building on this amazing momentum, we are officially planning to collaborate with both EPARS and SHARC on future POTA events. This is just the beginning of a great regional partnership. Thank you to every single person who came out, set up gear, shared their knowledge, and made the day so memorable!

Left WD8MVU Tim, KD2UDU Wayne, KK4DYF Frank, and WA2MMY Bonnie-Jo

Right KF4IZH Bruce Attenberry

(Bonus points for club badge and shirt)

POTA Attendees:

KR4HXH Pedro	K4EEB Earl
AA4CB Chris	WA2MMY Bonnie
KR4IOU Tunis	W0MES Michael
N2NVP Barry	K5KAZ Chuck
WD8MVU TimK	KD2UDU Wayne
KK4DYF Frank	KF4IZH Bruce
KR4KRW Jon	AJ4JA Al

(Photos courtesy of K4KAZ and AA4CB)

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146.805 443.800
POTA AT WEEKI WACHEE SPRINGS STATE PARK
(KF4IXU CALLSIGN)
DATE: Saturday, October 24th, 2026
TIME: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
LOCATION: Weeki Wachee Springs State Park
6131 Commercial Way,
Spring Hill, FL 34606
POTA #US-3666

SPRINGHILL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (SHARC)

CLUB DINNER!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH | 5:30 PM

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RSVPs: dinner@springhillarc.org by Nov 3rd

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37745 Church Ave, Dade City, FL 33525

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Find that perfect addition for your shack.

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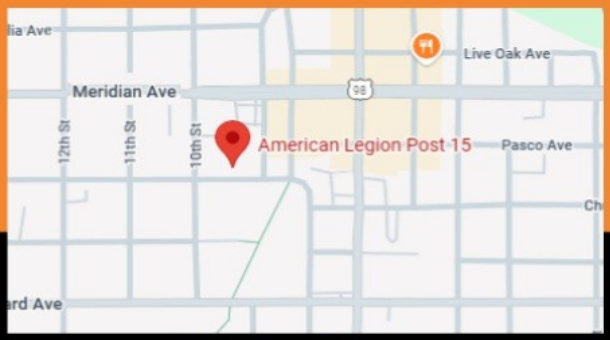
Technician,General & Extra Exams
Testing Fee: $15 Time: 9:00-10:30 am
You Must Register for exam online
https://hamstudy.org/sessions/EPARS/

DOOR PRIZES

Selling Spaces
OutDoor tailgate Additional $5
Indoor w/Table Additional $10



For more information:
www.k4ex.org

Contact us:
hamfest@eparsonline.org