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April 2004

THIS MONTH'S MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD April 5, 2004 at The Fellowship Hall of the Westminster Presbyterian Church on S. Florida Avenue between Riggins Street and Mosswood, Lakeland FL. at 7:00 PM, Talk in on 146.685, PL 127.3

The Prez Sez.

April

Well here we go for another month of LARC activity. Don't forget to volunteer for the March of Dimes Walk, Saturday, April 24th. You can still sign up at the April Membership Meeting.

We have also scheduled an impromptu picnic on Sunday 4/4 at Lake Parker Park. Should be fun.

I don't usually editorialize but, I feel it may be time to do so. I have heard lots of whispers about the Field Day activities voted on and scheduled to be held at the County's Shelter Net Control Point in Bartow. I have heard some people say "I won't attend if it's held there" or "Why didn't we hold it in the old location?" Well – we voted on the location at the March meeting. If there was to be discussion on the issue, why wasn't it brought up at the meeting prior to the vote? That was certainly the time and place to do it.

I have also heard some grumbling from some PCCP members about using the K4LKL call sign for the event. Why not WC4PEM? Well – again it was LARC that provided the initiative to organize the event at the SNCP, It is LARC who will provide the majority of operators. It is LARC who will provide most of the food, and it is LARC that will do the logging and prepare the package to submit to the ARRL. Anyone in PCCP could have taken the initiative to organize this event in PCCP's name. Fact is – no one in

PCCP or other clubs took the initiative – LARC did. If LARC provides the majority manpower and the majority effort then LARC is going to get the credit and it WILL be run under K4LKL.

I would say this to members who don't want to attend because of the location. Had we used the old park this year, there would be NO comfy motor home for the CW operators and EVERYONE would be operating out of the shelter in the park. This year we have the opportunity to operate from an air conditioned site with plenty of antenna room, as a class "F" entry supported by the County EOC. There is plenty of operator room with both kitchen and bathroom facilities. I feel the membership made a good decision in their vote. I hope all of you who don't have other vacation plans will join us for the fun of Field Day 2004.

A vote of thanks to Fred (W2XN) and Martha Gochen for organizing the luncheon at the Cypress Lakes Club House on Wed. 3/24. The food & fellowship were great. Thanks.!

73 de Carl, N3TJ

From the Secretary:

A reminder to all members: We have about 20 members who have not renewed their memberships for 2004. Those people will not be receiving this issue of the Backscatter and after thirty more days of grace will be removed from the active membership rolls. When renewing your membership, please be sure to update your member contact information. During the remainder of the year, members can update contact information whenever changes occur by emailing KF4TXO at kf4txo@arrl.net, or N3TJ at cjohns56@tampabay.rr.com or sending a postcard to Lakeland ARC; Attn:

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Rebecca KF4TXO, Secretary

EVENTS

April

Well we have at least one public service event in April. That would be the March of Dimes Walk. The walk will start at 8:00 AM Saturday, April 24th at the First Presbyterian Church on Lake Hollingsworth and will go around Lake Morton. We will need 7-10 volunteers to help with communications. We will also need a couple of vans or other vehicles to act as "sweep" vehicles in case there are problems needing immediate intervention. I'm letting you all know early so that you can do some planning. This is one event where we need lots of people to volunteer and *Everyone* needs to show up. There will be more details in the April Backscatter.

We do, however, have a picnic scheduled for Sunday 4/4/04, from 12:00 to about 3:00 at Lake Parker Park.. Same as the last one. The club will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs & buns. Attendees should bring a dish to pass, munchies and soft drinks. We will have some portable rigs set up for some operating fun. Most everyone should be finished with Palm Sunday Church by noon. Just a reminder.. Daylight Savings Time starts on Sunday 4/4.

73, N3TJ, Carl Acting Events Coordinator

April Program

At this writing we are unsure of the April program. Still attempting to get a presentation on the Screwdriver Antenna.

De Bob, N4DOA

Education Department Report

April

Nothing has changed since my last column except the life keeps getting in the way of having fun. It looks like the plans for a March/April class has gone by the way-side due

to personal commitments. Just not enough Saturdays in a week-end!

A word to those holding textbooks for General Class: You must take the written test before June 30 if you plan on studying the current question pool. The new question pool becomes effective on July 1, 2004, and the tests will reflect new questions and material. Get the written out of the way now, if you can. The code test (which may or may not be required sometime in the future) can be taken up to 364 days later, if required.

More solid news next month, I hope.

73 es 88 de Joe, AD4IH

For further information contact me at ad4ih@arrl.net .*Joe Pirkle, AD4IH*

April Birthdays



April 05	Ernest Haynes III	KG4YNI
April 10	Winona Humston	KD4EVI
April 15	Ringo Breton	KG4DUF
April 28	Jim Card	W9GLR
April 29	Marion Herd	N5AMX

If your birthday is in this month and is not listed, contact the Editor at cjohns56@tampabay.rr.com to update the birthday roster.

Attention All Hams – ARRL News

FCC Invites Comments on Amateur Radio Restructuring Plans (Mar 24, 2004) -- The FCC is seeking comment on three plans--including ARRL's call for a new beginner's license and code-free HF access--that would reshape the Amateur Service

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licensing structure. Each *Petition for Rule Making* responds to actions taken at World Radio communication Conference 2003 (WRC-03) last summer that made changes to Article 25 of the international *Radio Regulations*. While differing substantially in some other aspects, the three restructuring petitions call for modifications at Amateur Radio's entry level and for a three-tiered license system. One petition goes beyond licensing structure to recommend additional changes to amateur testing and HF digital privileges. A fourth petition put on public notice today focuses solely on the Morse requirement. Designated as RM-10867 through RM-10870, all four petitions are available via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System. Comments are due by April 24.

Bogus ARRL.net messages circulating via e-mail (Mar 24, 2004) -- Several members have notified ARRL that they have received e-mail messages alleging to be from the [ARRL E-Mail Forwarding Service](#), "The ARRL.net team" or some variation. The messages, which often carry a subject line along the lines of "Warning about your e-mail account," indicate that the recipient's ARRL E-Mail Forwarding Service <call sign>@arrrl.net address will be closed within three days because of an alleged violation of acceptable practices. These messages are false and did not come from The ARRL Forwarding Service. They are the result of one of the variants on a number of viruses now permeating the Internet. A file usually is attached to these messages. As always, **do not open** any attachments that you cannot identify. Opening the file could result in your computer being infected by a virus. This is only one of the several virus-laden messages currently propagating across the Internet. The ARRL advises its members to be cautious in opening any message and/or attachment, even if it appears to be from someone you know. All of these viruses use e-mail addresses from the address book of an infected computer to falsify the "From:" address in the header to make it appear that the message is from someone the recipient knows.

ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration (Mar 24, 2004) -- Registration for the ARRL Radio Frequency Interference (EC-006) Antenna Design and Construction (EC-009) and Technician Class for Ham Radio Licensing (EC-010) courses remains open through Sunday, March 28. Classes begin Tuesday April 6. Students taking Radio Frequency Interference (EC-006) will learn how to identify and take steps to cure various kinds of interference. Antenna Design and Construction (EC-009) covers basic antenna theory and practical

construction techniques. With the assistance of a mentor students in the Technician Licensing course will learn everything they need to learn to pass the FCC Technician license class test. To learn more, visit the [ARRL Certification and Continuing Education](#) Web page. For more information, contact Certification and Continuing Education Program Department, cce@arrrl.org.

FLORIDA HAMFESTS

March

Coral Gables – Apr. 17 –Contact Bill Moore – (305) 264-4465

Gainesville – Apr 24-25; Set up Friday 4-8PM; Public Sat. 8 AM to 4 PM, Sunday 8 AM to 2 PM. Gainesville ARS. Alachua County Fairgrounds 3400 NE 39th Ave. (SR-222). Admission \$5.00 for both days. Contact Ray Forrester W4YTC 4010 NW35th St. Gainesville, FL 32605: w4ytc@arrrl.net and www.gars.net/hamfest

Tampa – Apr. 17. setup 7 AM; 8 AM to 1 PM. Tampa ARC. TARC Operations Center 7801 N 22nd St., Admission \$2.00. I-4 to US 92 (Hillsborough Ave) Exit, go right at 22nd St. to end of road. Talk in 147.105. Contact Biff Crane K4LAW, 13515 Greenleaf Dr., Tampa, FL. 33613. (813) 265-4812. k4law@arrrl.net or www.hamclub.org

Wednesday Luncheons

Join us for lunch at the South Florida Ave. Golden Corral at 11:00 and at Lings on 98 North on the last Wednesday of the month.

Editor's Note:

I have omitted the usual club, VE & repeater frequency information in this issue. We print this info every month and it takes a page and a half. I now plan to print this info every six months. If you need it you can get it on the web site or from one of the old issues. This helps us contain the costs of newsletter production. We will be producing a current membership list. It should be available at the April meeting.

73 – *de Carl N3TJ*



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