



Lakeland Amateur Radio Club
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NEWSLETTER OF THE LAKELAND FL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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<u>Weekly Radio NET</u>		
Thursday Evening	7:30 PM LOCAL TIME	146.685 (PL 127.3)
Net Controller Thursday	April 05 2007	Kevin Smith KI4EFN
Net Controller Thursday	April 12 2007	Mike Oliver KI4OFU
Net Controller Thursday	April 19 2007	Dan Gagnon WZ1P
Net Controller Thursday	April 26 2007	Jose Arroyo KI4SDX

LARC Monthly Meetings

Come to a meeting!

Meetings & Events are a great way to meet new Ham friends and a great way to see the face behind the voice.

Club Meeting Place	
	Westminster Presbyterian Church 730 S. Florida Avenue Lakeland, FL
When	
"Talk In's" on 146.685 PL 127.3	Meetings are held on the First Monday Evening of every month. Meetings begin at 7:00 PM



THE PREZ SEZ: George Mann KJ4UW



On Behalf of the Lakeland Amateur Radio Club, we would like to give a Big Thanks to Warren Elly W1GUD for a Great Presentation on how some information in the news is kept from the general public.

Don't miss the May Meeting; LARC will be having a special Guest Speaker. Dave Anderson KG4YZY. A Presentation on APRS and Weather.

Also a reminder of the March of Dimes Walk American Saturday April 28th. The Event starts at 8:00am.

Ernie Haynes KG4YNI will be setting up a portable station in the parking lot at the walk. Volunteers for this event are still needed. If you would like to volunteer for this event please contact Pat O'Neil KI4CDY for sign up.

New Members Joined:

0

Upgrades

Jose Arroyo KI4SDX Extra
Jon Byrd KI4MTQ General

Happy Birthday



Jo Wynn (YL) of Jim Van Fleet KG4BBF
Ernest Haynes KG4YNI
Martha Humston KD4EVI
Charles Leach N1BUD



April 4
April 5
April 10
April 22

ARRL Exam Session:

12-May-2007
Sponsor: AES ORLANDO
Time: 9:00 AM
(Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: JAMES I STOUT
(407) 894-3238
Email: AA9LW@ARRL.NET
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: AMATEUR ELECTRONIC SUPPLY
261 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE
ORLANDO, FL 32802



LAKELAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS TEAM & SKYWARN SPOTTER MEMBERS

NAME	CALL SIGN	 Member	 SKYWARN
George Gafford	KI4NBE	Member	POL-316A
Vikki Gafford	KI4OUH	Member	POL-315A
Steve Schultz	N7HUQ	Member	
Ernie Haynes	KG4YNI	Member	POL-296A
Mike Oliver	KI4OFU	Member	POL-322
Marvin Johnson	KI4CDZ	Member	
Jon Byrd	KI4MTQ	Member	
Larry Walker	KI4DNO		POL-218A
Richard Sharp	KQ4KX		POL-127A
Kevin Smith	KI4EFN	Member	
Phil Dentler	K4BHE		HIL-092
Jack Falkenhof	K4BYF		POL-054
Gill Murray	KC5TEN		POL 131A
Larry Walker	KI4DNO		POL-218A

If you're a LAKELAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS TEAM member/ SKYWARN SPOTTER and would like to be added to the list please send an email to the editor at ki4nbe@yahoo.com



EVENTS:

Building HF Antenna's for the upcoming 2007 ARRL Field Day Event!

**Having a great day out at the Qth of Ernie Haynes KG4YNI.
The weather was mild and everyone was giving 100% building Delta Loops for 20
and 40 meters.**



Ernie Haynes	KG4YNI
Brandon Hoyt	KG4GVL
Landon McBride	KI4QVZ
Vikki Gafford	KI4OUH
George Gafford	KI4NBE



For around \$25.00-\$30.00 and really simple to make! What a great deal!



Rolling up the 20/40 meter Delta Loop Antennas for the 2007 ARRL Field Day.



Ernie Haynes	KG4YNI
George Gafford	KI4NBE
Brandon Hoyt	KG4GVL
Mike Oliver	KI4OFU



LARC once again took part in the MS 150 Bike Ride held on Saturday April 21st and Sunday April 22nd.

This year the ride was from Cypress Gardens in Winter Haven and cycling all the way to Sea World in Orlando. And on Sunday, they'll pedal all the way back.

LARC helped with Radio Communications and Radio Traffic.

Jim KC5QWG & Gill KC5TEN Murray did a great job as Net Controllers.



Lakeland Amateur Radio Club was very proud to talk part in another year of March of Dimes Walk America.



Pat O'Neil "Rip" Van Winkle Joe Pirkle
KI4CDY AA4HT AD4IH



Pat Pirkle
AI4OP

**It sure was Great seeing Joe and Pat again with the gang.
Pat even did the walk, "YOU GO GIRL!"**



And here comes the walkers!



Walkers stopping off at checkpoints.



**Vikki Gafford
KI4OUH (far left)**
Manning the Geico Insurance Checkpoint.



**Trudy Oliver KI4OFV
KI4OFV (right)**
Manning one of the intersections.



**George Mann
KJ4UW**



**Marvin Johnson
KI4CDZ**

and
Also manning one of the intersections.



**Mike Oliver
KI4OFU** and **Ernie Haynes
KG4YNI**
Manning Net Control



“THE GANG”

**KI4OFU
KI4NBE
KI4CDZ
KI4CDY
AA4HT**

**KI4OFV
KI4OUH
KI4MTQ
KG4YNI
KJ4UW**



Feature Oinker (Ham) of the Month



Hi My Name is Verna “Vikki” Gafford my call sign is KI4OUH “OUcH”

How did I become a Ham?

Constantly “Nudged” by Warren Elly W1GUD.

Also I was a Cber before turning Ham, so I had a bit of radio under the belt but nothing like ham.

My Husband and I ran a Telescopic Mast Business out of our home from 1995-2005, where we sold them at Ham Fests all over Florida.

The Name was call Starface and Dixie Telescopic Masts (after our CB Handles) and watching all the other hams having so much fun I started thinking, “what am I missing out here?”

But I never took the nudge to get my ham license till April 18th 2006 because I was listening to all the cb folks telling me ham isn’t any fun, It’s very strict!!

Boy!! Are they all WRONG! I’m having the time of my life and making new friends.

I am now a General Class Ham after upgrading on February 23rd after FCC dropped Morse code exam.

I’m now the LARC Secretary.

Wish I had become a ham years ago because those who say ham isn’t any fun never were hams to begin with.

Married or Single?

Married to a guy I’m madly in love with, you might even know him.

George Gafford KI4NBE

Children?

I have two sons from a previous marriage, they are:

Jonathan Richards 28

Otis Richards 25 also a ham KI4SUP

One Stepson

George Gafford Jr.

Two Grandsons

Justin Richards 7

David Richards 5



How did you meet your spouse?

I met my husband George back in February 1988 when I moved back to Florida to get away from my ex-husband.

I got on my dad's cb radio looking to see if I could reach any of my old cb friends when I came across George.

We talked for two weeks over the radio before we exchanged phone numbers.

Then on February 14th (Yes on Valentine day) we met eye to eye for the first time. It was love at first sight for me and we been together 19 years now.

Place of Birth?

Winter Haven, Florida

Other Hobbies?

Birds, I have three of them, a Parakeet, Sun Conure Parrot and a double yellow headed Amazon Parrot that talks and I'm teaching him to say CQ CQ CQ.

I Love my Plants, any and all kinds.

Collecting tins of all kinds.

My Equipment & me:



The one that constantly "Nudged" me, Warren Elly W1GUD and myself, Vikki Gafford KI4OUH



HT: Icom IC-T2A 2 meter



My Equipment continue:



Mobile Radio:

Kenwood TM-271A 2 meter

Mobile Antenna:



Wilson 2m 5/8 wave

Base Station:



Alinco DR-140

Base Antenna:



Dream Station:

Diamond X-50 144/440



Icom 7000



Minutes of General Meeting April 2, 2007

Lakeland Amateur Radio Club

In Attendance 39

Members Present: 30

Guest Present: 9

New Member/s Joined: 0

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.
by President, George Mann (KJ4UW)

The Secretary Vikki Gafford (KI4OUH) gave no reports of the General Meeting on February 5th.

The Treasurer (Marvin Johnson KI4CDZ) was not present to give his report (Report sent by email and added to this report.)

Reports of the Committees:

None

Old Business:

Pat O'Neil KI4CDY made a reminder of the March of Dimes walk on April 28th, 2007
Volunteers can contact Pat O'Neil KI4CDY.

New Business:

Phil Dentler K4BHE restarted the 50/50 drawings to raise money for Field Day.
The drawing collected fifty dollars (\$50.00)

George Mann KJ4UW told the club about the Hurricane Expo, being held on June 2nd, 2007.

The Expo will be held at the Citrus Dome in Winter Haven Florida.

Volunteers can contact George Gafford KI4NBE and/or Vikki Gafford KI4OUH

Guest Speaker:

George Mann KJ4UW LARC President introduced Warren Elly W1GUD.

Warren Elly is a News Reporter for WTVT Fox 13 in Tampa, Florida.

He has been an Amateur Radio Operator since 1966.

Warren Elly showed a couple of videos of stories he has covered and spoke about how some information in the news is kept from the general public.

Warren Elly also stated he will help promote fundraising and field day.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted:

Vikki Gafford KI4OUH

LARC Secretary



LARC Staff and Contact Information

LARC Officers

Elected officials voted in by club members to serve a one-year term of office.

Position	Contact	Callsign
President	George Mann	KJ4UW
Vice President	Carl Johnson	N3TJ
Secretary	Vikki Gafford	KI4OUH
Treasurer	Marvin Johnson	KI4CDZ
Board of Director	Kevin Smith	KI4EFN
Board of Director	Michael Oliver	KI4OFU
Board of Director	Phil Dentler	K4BHE
Board of Director	George Gafford Sr.	KI4NBE
Board of Director	Richard Sharp	KQ4KX

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Committee	Contact	Callsign
Education	Open	
Events	Patrick O'Neil	KI4CDY
Field Day 2007	Ernie Haynes	KG4YNI
	Fred Delaney	K1DU
	Mike Oliver	KI4OFU
	Kevin Smith	KI4EFN
	George Mann	KJ4UW
	Carl Johnson	N3TJ
Hospitality	George Gafford	KI4NBE
Membership	Open	
Radio Nets	Kevin Smith	KI4EFN
Webmaster	Carl Johnson	N3TJ
	Mike Oliver	KI4OFU
Programs	Ernie Haynes	KG4YNI
Publicity	George Mann	KJ4UW
Fund Raising	Open	
Repeater Trustee	Richard Sharp	KQ4KX
Sympathy	Bert Onachila	KG2G



Contact us here.

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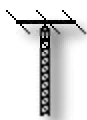
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Have an Interesting Ham Story you would like to share with others?
 Would you care to share your Ham Shack Photos with other Ham's and become

our **Feature Oinker (Ham) of the Month?**

Have it Publish here in the Backscatter Newsletter.

Just contact the Editor via email at the above addy with your story.



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Till Next Month



The Editor: de George Gafford Sr. – KI4NBE

