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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE LAKE MONROE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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A Message From AL7HG

Dear fellow hams,

AL7HG of Crystal River, Fla., age 80, writes to let you know he suffered a stroke and is selling the custom four-bedroom, three bath house he and his wife (WB4RUN) built on a five-acre lot with no HOA and ham-friendly features. The stroke on June 1, 2023 totally disabled my right side and I am in a wheelchair after extensive therapy.

This email is to ask you to pass around the info that although my wife and I have been hams since 1970, we are selling our house and moving to Durham, North Carolina, where we will consider trading our house for one there within a 15 minute commute to the triangle, where my son WA4RUN hopes to find a job.

This is a four bedroom, three bath house with a full attached apartment with living room, kitchen, and bedroom with bath in back and an exterior door renting on Air BB for \$125+ a night. Income is \$60,000 per year. The house is on five acres but 20 surrounding acres are available as 10-acre plots.

We plan to place a for sale ad on <https://swap.qth.com> in a week or two, and list with a realtor in a month or two. You can contact AL7HG at any time at (352) 321-0364 and make an appointment to come by. This number forwards to my wife, after six rings if I am unavailable.

-Dave Kaiser

Upcoming Events

HAMs in the Park, February 24

Metro Cup Regatta, March 2

Special Event Station, March 9

Tour De Cure, March 24

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MEMBERSHIP

Dues are \$25.00 per year for Licensed Amateurs and \$5.00 for Associates. Family dues are \$30.00. Memberships are due on January 1.

Please submit your material to the editor by email.

THE PREZ SAYS...

RICH FISCHER, WA3SXX

A big Thank You goes out to LMARS members volunteering for OARC's HamCation. John and Mike with OARC need many of us Hams in Orlando and surrounding counties to help bring into fruition this wonderful event. For those pledging their work hours to LMARS, know that your work earlier this month helps our Club finance things which we do.

Next up, Joe Marsh, KQ4AID is planning a day to gather at Torcaso Park to place Florida on the air while operating special event station W4F to commemorate Florida statehood, which began March 3rd, 1845. We will operate SSB phone, and maybe digital and CW, too. Watch for announcements from Joe for more details.

I told our members at the last meeting that I will present to the City of Winter Springs our signed document, at their request, of a memorandum of understanding of performance of one entity to the other. In short, this outlines what we do for the city in exchange for use of city parks and facilities. This is their offering to us the use of the hall at the Winter Springs Senior Center and parks in exchange for our support at their events. In particular, July 4th Celebration of Freedom, Hometown Harvest, and the Christmas Festival of Lights, which includes staging the City's Christmas Parade. The Management at the City thinks highly of LMARS and is gracious in their generosity toward our Club.

We all know how to do these jobs and their importance continues, as this is now

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TREASURER'S CHEST

MARY WOOD, KB4AOR

Business Expenses		Business Income	
Food and Dining	\$16.05	50-50 Raffle	\$40.00
Storage	\$114.00	Coffee	\$28.00
		Dues	\$389.00
		Ham Radio Sales	\$2136.00
Total Expenses:	\$130.05	Total Income:	\$2593.00

OVERALL CHANGE \$2462.95

Bank Balance	\$13070.49
General Fund	\$10223.25
Equipment Replacement Fund	\$1937.47
Reserve/Repeater Fund	\$50.53
Scholarship Fund	\$440.00
Rookie Contest	\$0.00
Grant Money Remaining	\$419.24



Upcoming Events

HAMS in the Park: February 24, 2024

OPEN TO ALL -- Blue Jacket Park, Orlando

LMARS and OARC have teamed up to organize monthly local park gatherings of Amateur Radio Operators we call "HAMS in the Park." Each month, we'll pick a different local park to operate from and enjoy fun, fellowship, and learning! While this gathering is not specifically a Parks on the Air (POTA) event, if we pick a POTA park, we'll set up POTA operations and teach you how to be a POTA activator! The event will be held on either the 3rd or 4th Saturday of each month, adjusted for holidays and club events. Full Details on the LMARS website.

Metro Cup Regatta : March 2, 2024

It is that time of year again ... The annual METRO CUP REGATTA will take place on March 2, 2024 at 7:00 am. The Metro Cup will be on Lake Howell at the Winter Park High School facility. Full details on the LMARS website.

W4F, A SPECIAL EVENT STATION COMMEMORATING FLORIDA'S STATEHOOD : MARCH 9, 2024

Come Have Fun With Us! LMARS will be hosting a Special Event Station Celebrating Florida Statehood.

As Florida commemorates its statehood anniversary, March 3, 1845, LMARS, Lake Monroe Amateur Radio Society will come together to celebrate this significant milestone. The event will host 2 stations and operate CW and voice. If you have never made a HF contact, this is for you! If you want to practice and improve, this is for you! We will be operating and sharing Florida's Statehood with those we communicate with. There will also be a special certificate available for all those we log contact with. Full details on the LMARS website.

TOUR DE CURE : MARCH 24, 2024

Orange County ARES will be supporting the annual Tour de Cure on March 24, 2024. Licensed members of LMARS are invited and encouraged to help with the event. The Tour de Cure is a fundraising event and cycling event hosted by the American Diabetes Association (ADA). It is the largest diabetes cycling event in the country, with over 50,000 participants in almost 80 cities across the country. Full details on the LMARS website.

LMARS Website: <https://lmars.org>

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spelled out in our MOU. So, let us keep up the great work we do in the season of their needs as we pitch in to help the city. In return, we are very lucky to have use of the facilities we enjoy.

Do not forget that dues for 2024 are now due. You can pay your dues at the table when you arrive at the Senior Center or mail in your check at the address mentioned in our website: <https://lmars.org>.

Will see you March 7th 7:30 PM at the Winter Springs Senior Center.

73 de Rich, WA3SXX

Removal Of Private Lane Use Restrictions On Amateur Radio

On January 30, 2024, US Senators Roger Wicker (MS) and Richard Blumenthal (CT) introduced [S.3690](#), the Senate companion bill to H.R.4006, [introduced last June](#). Both bills reflect the Congressional campaign efforts by [ARRL](#) to eliminate homeowner association land use restrictions that prohibit, restrict, or impair the ability of an Amateur Radio Operator to install and operate amateur station antennas on residential properties they own.

Amateur Radio Operators repeatedly are relied upon to provide essential communications when disaster strikes, but their ability to do so is being impaired by the exponential growth of residential private land use restrictions that hinder their ability to establish stations in their homes with which to train and provide emergency communications when called upon.

In announcing the introduction of S.3690, Senator Wicker said: "Because communication during natural disasters is often hindered, we should be making every attempt to give folks more options. Reliable access can make the difference between life and death in an emergency. Our legislation removes roadblocks for

amateur radio operators looking to help their friends, families, and neighbors."

In a similar announcement, Senator Blumenthal stated: "Our measure will help clarify the rules so ham radio enthusiasts can successfully continue their communications.

In the face of emergency or crisis, they help provide vital, life-saving information that allow listeners to properly and safely respond, but prohibitive home association rules and confusing approval processes for installing antennas have been an unnecessary impediment. The Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act resolves these bottlenecks and ensures that radio operators can function successfully."

ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, and Director John Robert Stratton, N5AUS, Chair of the ARRL's Government Affairs Committee, both extended on behalf of ARRL, its Members, and the Amateur Radio community their thanks and appreciation for the leadership of Senator Wicker and Senator Blumenthal in their continuing efforts to support and protect the rights of all Amateur Radio Operators.

From The ARRL Letter

LAKE MONROE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT

Today's Date:

Last Name:

First Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Call Sign:

Class:

Email:

Fax:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

ARRL Membership: YES NO

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MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$25.00 PER YEAR FOR AN INDIVIDUAL AND \$30.00 PER YEAR FOR A FAMILY. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP IS \$5.00 EACH. NEW MEMBER DUES PAID ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1 WILL CARRY OVER UNTIL DECEMBER 31 OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR.
ALL DUES/RENEWALS ARE DUE ON JANUARY 1.

New:

Individual

Associate

Family

Total: \$

Renewal:

Individual

Associate

Family

Total: \$

Preferred Name Tag(s) (no charge):

PRINT THIS PAGE, FILL OUT THE FORM, AND MAIL IT TO LMARS. MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO **LMARS**.

RETURN TO: **LAKE MONROE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY**
c/o MARY WOOD KB4AOR, 7747 DANU DRIVE, ORLANDO FL 32822

AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE TESTING

LMARS Testing

LMARS conducts monthly amateur radio exams for all elements every month (except December) on the third Saturday at the Seminole County Sheriff's Office off of 17-92 on 100 Eslinger Way (previously Bush Blvd.) in Sanford, across from Flea World. Be there at 9:15AM. For more information and registration contact Bob Cumming W2BZY at 407-333-0690 or w2bzy@cfl.rr.com.

LARA Testing

This session has been cancelled until further notice.

OARC Testing

COVID-19 affects amateur radio testing. Until further notice, contact Bob Cumming at 407-333-0690 or w2bzy@cfl.rr.com for OARC testing information.

THE LMARS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS HELD EVERY FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT THE WINTER SPRINGS CIVIC CENTER AT 400 N. EDGEMON AVE. IN WINTER SPRINGS. THE MEETING STARTS AT



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Official Net of the National Traffic System

147.285 MHz

Lake Monroe Amateur Radio Society

Every Night at 7:15PM

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