



The Listening Post



Dedicated to Community Service and All Central Florida Hams

August 2017

President's Message

Greetings to everyone! I hope everyone is doing well. Currently writing my article for the newsletter while the OARC / OCARES Ham Radio Tech Class is in session. What great group of future hams. Very energetic and an enthusiastic about becoming hams. Lots of great questions. They're literally chomping at the bit to take the exam.

Still looking for someone to become the Field Day chairman for 2018. If you're interested or even have questions on what all entailed, send me an email. I'll be happy to explain. I look forward to hearing from you.

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OARC MEETING

August 2, 2017, 7:30pm
 Beardall Senior Center
 800 Delaney Ave, Orlando, FL 32801
 ARRL Testing: 5:30pm
 For information & Updates
 See www.oarc.org

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OARC REPEATERS

Call	Freq	Shift	PL
KB4UT	146.760*	-600	103.5
N4UMB	147.015	-600	103.5

* Fusion Repeater

D-Star

K1XC C	146.820	-600	
K1XC B	443.275	+5MHz	
K1XC A	1275.00	-12 MHz	Voice
K1XC A	1255.00	-12MHz	Digital
W4PLB C	145.160	+600	
W4PLB B	442.300	+5MHz	

All D-star repeaters are connected

President's Message *(Continued from Previous Page)*

The Board needs your help. We want to make sure we are providing the type of programs that you are interested in. Please click the link and provide us with some feedback on what you are interested in. All submissions will remain private to the Board.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VR5SJKL>

At a recent Board meeting, the Board voted on and approved to have the OARC.org website professionally redone. One of the new features that the website will have is a way for you to securely pay for a new membership or renew an existing membership. They will be starting on the OARC website once the HamCation website is complete. Hope to see you at the next meeting on Wednesday!

2017 Ride for Ronald

(By John Knott, N4JTK)

We are looking for volunteers for the "2017 Ride for Ronald" scheduled for October 15th bicycle course this year. We need folks for:

SAG

REST STOPS – Locations have NOT been finalized yet. List coming soon.

Rovers

Bikes

New this year – There is NO 100 mile course. Only a 3.5, 10, 30, & 60. ALL routes start and finish from Lake Nona Town Center, same location as the TdC. The 30 and 60 routes go south from Lake Nona. 3.5 and 10 stay local.

Please leave your names with John Knott if you are interested.

Volunteer Examiner Recognition

(ARRL VEC Volunteer Examiner Honor Roll, QST, July 2017, pg. 33)

Congratulations to Val Jacyno, AK4MM and Robert Cummings, Sr., W2BZY for being recognized as two of the top five VEs in the Southeastern Division. Val has administered 324 sessions and Bob has administered 303 sessions.

Last month, VEs administered tests and three individuals passed the test they took. The results: 3 Tech. Congratulations to them all.



Amateur Radio Parity Act is Introduced in US Senate

(source: The ARRL Letter for July 20, 2017)



The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2017 was introduced in the US Senate on July 12, marking another step forward for this landmark legislation. Senators Roger Wicker (R-MS) and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) are the Senate sponsors. The measure will, for the first time, guarantee all radio amateurs living in deed-restricted communities governed by a homeowners' association (HOA) or subject to any private land-use regulations, the right to erect and maintain effective outdoor antennas at their homes. The Senate bill, S. 1534, is identical to H.R. 555, which passed the US House of Representatives in January.

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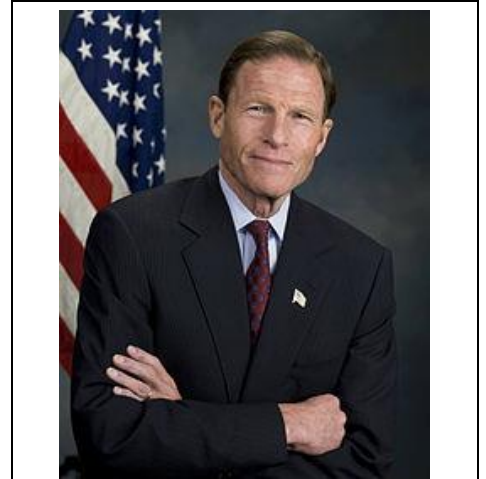
"Amateur Radio operators provide an invaluable service to their communities by assisting local emergency communication efforts when disasters occur and main lines are down," Blumenthal said. "This bipartisan measure ensures that operators have access to the tools they need to support our first responders when lives are at stake." FCC Chairman Ajit Pai applauded the bill in late January, saying that it would "help Amateur Radio operators, and take several steps to promote public safety."

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ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, expressed the League's appreciation to the Senate sponsors. "ARRL is grateful for the support of Senators Wicker and Blumenthal

for sponsoring this important piece of legislation, and for advocating this bill for the past 3 years," he said. "Their continuing support is critical to the success of our efforts." President Roderick also thanked Senator John Thune (R-SD), who chairs the Senate Commerce Committee, for "championing the Parity Act in the Senate since the beginning of our effort."

The bill has enjoyed widespread, bipartisan support. In the 114th Congress, nearly 130 cosponsors signed onto the legislation in the House and the Senate. The legislation, which strikes a carefully crafted balance for all concerned parties, is the result of months of work culminating in the accord reached by ARRL and the Community Associations Institute (CAI). The measure provides for the guarantee of an effective outdoor antenna while protecting the aesthetic concerns of HOAs. In a statement, ARRL said it looks forward to working with the bipartisan leadership of the Senate and the Commerce Committee to help move the Wicker-Blumenthal legislation through the Senate and to the President's desk.



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HamCation Chairman Column

Greetings Everyone,

Let me first say that the numbers are in from Friedrichshafen in Germany, they had just over 17,000 visitors. With that said, we are still holding strong as the **World's 3rd Largest Hamfest. Thank you to all the great volunteers we have, to make this possible.**

We have finally filled all the open committee positions. Help me in welcoming the following people to the Committee.

Ralph Betts, W4ORL – Onsite Tickets Co-Chairman
Frank Gergits, KC0GNQ – Onsite Tickets Co-Chairman
Aaron Morrison, AE4KO – Testing Co-Chairman

We are always looking for Assistant Chairman. So, if you are interested in being an assistant chairman, please contact me at; chairman@hamcation.com.

Our first HamCation Committee meeting is fast approaching on August 5

Keep an eye on the HamCation website within the coming month. We will have a fresh new professional website that will utilize images, colors, and photography that provide a great visual experience to visitors and creates a positive "brand" for HamCation.

Website visitors will see everything that the event offers while also keeping information organized and easy to follow.

I would like to say thank you to everyone who has stepped up and volunteered for the HamCation Committee positions. Here is the list of Committee members for HamCation 2018.

Michael Cauley	W4MCA	General Chairman
Ray Richard	W4RPR	Advance Tickets Chairman
Bob Cumming	W2BZY	Commercial Co-Chairman
John Knott	N4JTK	Commercial Co-Chairman
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Peter Meijers	AI4KM	International Relations Co-Chair
Lidy Meijers	KJ4LMM	International Relations Co-Chair
Dean Groe	KD4TWJ	IT Chairman
David Virden	WN4YWS	Logistics Chairman
Bob Nocero	W4KBW	Media/Printing Chairman
Ralph Betts	W4ORL	Onsite Tickets Co-Chairman
Frank Gregits	KC9GNQ	Onsite Tickets Co-Chairman
Ed Thralls	NE4H	RV Chairman
Frank Tagliani	KD4EWZ	Security Co-Chairman
Tony Darnell	KK4VRP	Security Co-Chairman
Andy Anderson	KJ4VQN	Swaps Chairman
Larry Monroe	N2HBX	Tailgate Chairman
Benton Bonney	W4PE	Talk-in/Special Event Stations Chairman
Val Jacyno	AK4MM	Testing Co-Chairman
Aaron Morrison	AE4KO	Testing Co-Chairman

Michael Cauley
2018 HamCation General Chairman



Amateur Radio Week In Florida
A Proclamation
(In case you missed it in John's e-mail)

**OARC Meetings and Events for the
Remainder of 2017**

August 2, Wednesday	Meeting
September 6, Wednesday	Meeting
October 4, Wednesday	Meeting
October 15, Sunday	2017 Ride for Ronald
November 1, Wednesday	Meeting
December 6, Wednesday	No Meeting





OARC Membership Application

Make Checks payable to
Orlando Amateur Radio Club

Orlando Amateur Radio Club, OARC
Post Office Box 574962
Orlando FL 32857

To have your membership card mailed to you, please include a SASE with your check.

Date: ___/___/20___ [] Regular Member [] Family Member [] Associate Member
[] New Membership [] Renewal [] CMP

Name: _____ Call _____ Class _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address (print) _____

(Home) Phone: _____ (Cell) Phone _____ Birth Month _____

Rates: Regular [] 1 year \$15.00 [] 3 years \$40.00 [] 6 years \$75.00

Rates: Family [] 1 year \$5.00 per family member Husband, Wife or Child under 18

Rates: Associate [] 1 year \$15.00 Dues Total: _____

All Membership(s) will expire ONE year from date paid.

Other Club Affiliation: _____

Are you an ARRL Member: [] Yes [] No

Name Badges: White letters on Black background with Gold embossed OARC logo.

[] Regular 3" x 1.5" @ \$10.00 each

Name: _____ Call _____

All badges are to be picked up at the General meeting or add \$2.00 for shipping & handling.

Shipping & Handling: [] Yes [] No

Badges _____ **S&H** _____ **Total** _____