



The Listening Post



Dedicated to Community Service and All Central Florida Hams November 2025

President's Message

Greetings everyone. First let me start off by providing a couple important reminders.

ARRL SE Division Director Election is rapidly approaching the deadline to cast your ballot. Ballots have to be received by ARRL HQ no later than noon on

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OARC MEETING

Wednesday, November 5, 2025, 7:30pm

William Beardall Senior Center

800 South Delaney Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801

License Exams: 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
K1AA**	147.015	+600	103.5

** Wires-X Gateway

D-Star

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

* Linked to reflector REF037C

All D-star repeaters are connected

REF037 is sponsored by OARC

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

Friday November 21st by USPS and your mailable ballot or by electronic ballot. If you are an ARRL member, we strongly encourage you to vote.

Club Bylaws revision. A couple of weeks ago I forwarded to the membership a copy of the long-term club Bylaws and a copy of the proposed Bylaws revisions. We asked you to review them and mentioned that we would send out a ballot to cast your vote for or against the Bylaws as a whole. Please look for the email and be sure to cast your vote.

Christmas Party tickets are still available for purchase at the November monthly meeting or online until Friday November 14, 2025, at 11:59pm. If you need the link to purchase the tickets online, just go to www.oarc.org then click EVENTS & CLASSES at the top of the page then click Christmas Party. All the details are on the website. We'll be announcing our main door prize for the Christmas Party real soon.

December Meeting reminder there is no meeting or Amateur Radio license test session in December. We will be back with our monthly Amateur Radio license test session and meetings on January 7, 2026.

If you are interested in learning more about Meshtastic, off-grid communications, Orange County ARES will have a program on it at their November meeting on November 13th. The meeting will be at the Orange County EOC at 7:00pm. Please go to <https://forms.gle/A4gr9AZjnC8Las5c9> to sign up for the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you at this month's meeting! Bruce Perens, K6BP, will be our guest speaker. The topic is " Building an Off-Grid Remote Ham Radio Site ".

73,

John Knott, N4JTK

OARC Christmas Party – December 6, 2025 Tickets On Sale

(By John Knott, N4JTK)



We are now just under 9 weeks from the Christmas Party. There are two opportunities to pay for your tickets to the Christmas Party in person. The November OARC meeting on November 5 and/or the OCARES meeting on November 13. If you cannot make either of these meetings and still want to get your tickets, then you can purchase them online at the links below. Online ticket sales end November 14, 2025, at 11:59 pm ET.



When: Saturday December 6, 2025

Where: Knights of Columbus, 5727 Cornelia Ave, Orlando, FL 32807

Time: Doors open at 6:00 pm / Dinner served at 7:00 pm

Cost: \$20 each for members and spouse / \$30 each for non-members.

Awards and Door Prizes!!

We will also be collecting Toys for Tots again this year. Please bring a small, unwrapped toy. We have overfilled the two boxes each year since the start with toys. Thank You!

If you can bring a dessert for our dessert tables, please let Christy know by sending an email to holiday@oarc.org

Menu:

Brisket	Ham	Turkey
Mashed Potatoes	Green Beans	Carrots
Corn Bread Dressing	Gravy	House or Cesar Salad
Rolls		

Don't forget the dessert tables mentioned above.

If you want to purchase your tickets online:

Members/Spouse: https://swipesimple.com/links/lnk_5330d859a0d7b7bd053251d02d049a83

Non-

Members: https://swipesimple.com/links/lnk_27fb9d8142563db949205af1572daa30

Our Club is Growing – New Members and Birthdays

(By Rick Peron, KM4KQQ, Membership Chairman)



Jamie Rees/Tech
KN4DQD Benjamin Lanehart/Tech
Christopher Robbins/General

Randy Rees/Tech
N3QMH William Sullivan/

Birthdays this Month



AB9PJ Pete Johnson
KF4LTF Michael Devine
KN4FDP Timothy Daniel
KO4RWO Jean-Paul Vega
KQ4LCF Carlos Rubio
KZ4QD Brian Rieker
W4CC James Hoge
WB3Z Michael Gearhart

K3ENV Edward Doyle III
KF5NZE Marshall Wyatt
NF2F Fred Fitte
KQ4GEE Patrick Huff
KR4CAD Rolando Tovar
N0XIA James Deuel
W4KBW Bob Nocero
W3SKY O. Mauricio Venegas

New ARRL Memberships and ARRL Renewal Memberships

OARC is an ARRL Affiliated Club and can receive a commission for every new ARRL membership and renewal submitted to ARRL Headquarters.



All membership dues are sent to ARRL to be processed, and the club receives a commission payment directly from ARRL. OARC could earn money while promoting the many benefits and programs of ARRL to ensure that amateur radio is protected and continues to be strong.

Pick up an application from Rick Peron, KM4KQQ, at any meeting.

HOW ABOUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN OARC?

Thank you for being a part of the Orlando Amateur Radio Club (OARC). Can you believe that it's been such a short time since you first joined or last renewed your club

membership? We hope you've been able to enjoy all the benefits of your OARC membership these past months.

RENEW NOW

If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Rick Peron KM4KQQ at Membership@oarc.org to see how we can meet your needs. We'd love to hear your feedback!

Membership is vital for the survival and continued functioning of the Orlando Amateur Radio Club, a nonprofit organization.

Membership in OARC includes:

- A monthly meeting with educational programs/current information about club activities for the amateur radio hobby,
- Camaraderie with others who enjoy the amateur radio hobby,
- A monthly newsletter with current information on a variety of amateur radio topics,
- Voting rights in annual elections of leadership positions within OARC,
- Connectivity through weekly local radio nets and social media.

By renewing your membership, you will help OARC continue to provide you with local amateur radio support you may need as you grow in the hobby.

Membership renewal is simple. Fill out the membership form found near the end of this newsletter and return to the address listed or bring it with you to the next monthly meeting of OARC and drop it off with the Membership Chairperson.

Expiring 10/30/2025

First Name Last Name/Call

Jacob Bates/K4LAG
Keagan Bowman/KQ4VWE
Edwin Evenson/KI4AGL
Laszlo Patassy/K9LAZ
Jason Penrod/KQ4VWF
John Price/KI4FBO
Jeffery Reyes/N2JRE
Luke Vandervort/KD2HEY

Expiring 11/30/2025

First Name Last Name/Call

Dick Stadler/KO4ULV
May Marquez/KZ4NG
John P Mazzotta/KQ4YHB
Steve Ray/KA6NZU

Expiring 12/30/2025

First Name Last Name/Call

Roger Harr/KQ4ZIK
Michael McNamara/KA0SFV

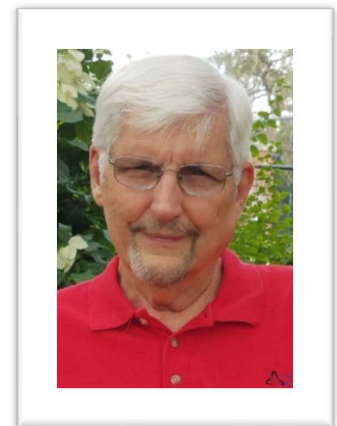
Silent Key – Jim Diggs Jr., K4AHO



As an active amateur radio operator in Central Florida, Jim had served as President of OARC and LMARS.

Here are a few words from his obituary...

James Webb Diggs, Jr., loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, passed away peacefully on October 17, 2025, at the age of 84, after a long battle with cancer. He was a warrior till the very end. He was born on November 26, 1940 in Raleigh, North Carolina. He lived in many areas and moved to Orlando, Florida in 1977 where he met his wife of 42 years, Rebecca Ann Diggs. They were married February 14, 1984.



Jim was an avid reader with a thirst for knowledge, no matter the subject. He was a hiker who had a deep appreciation for nature and the outdoors. Jim was very active in Amateur Radio having been licensed in 1953 at the age of 13. He followed in the footsteps of his grandfather, father, and many uncles. His biggest enjoyment was communicating in Morse code.

The full obituary is here: <https://obituaries.nationalcremation.com/obituaries/oviedo-fl/james-diggs-12571305>

Volunteer Examiner Report

(by Aaron Morrison, AE4KO / Bob Cumming, W2BZY)

The Orlando Amateur Radio Club VE Team congratulates the following people who earned new or upgrades to their amateur radio licenses during the recent session before the OARC meeting:



EXTRA CLASS*

Joshua Beecham/KR4FWS

GENERAL CLASS*

Christopher Robbins/

TECHNICIAN CLASS **

Jameson Rees/

Randall Rees/

William Sullivan/N3QMH

Some candidates do not have their callsigns yet due to the Federal Government Shutdown.

* Congratulate these hams on their upgrades and listen for them in the new bands/frequencies they now have privileges to use.

** Listen for these new hams to "get on the air" once their license is in the database. Be sure to welcome them to a wonderful hobby and a whole new world!

The Orlando Amateur Radio Club holds a Ham Radio License Exam Session the first Wednesday of each month just prior to our club meeting. Testing begins at 5:30pm. You can always check out our website at OARC.org for the latest information.

The Volunteer Examiners for this session included:

AE4KO Aaron Morrison	W2BZY Bob Cumming	KT3S Den Ardinger	N4UMB Joe Patti
WD4ORM George Markward	W4VBK Rod Cavin	NE4H Ed Thralls	WR4RW Rich Wilson
AA4CB Christopher Bloxsom	WY1E Michael Kooiman		

OARC Meetings and Events 2025 - 2026
Important Meeting Information

November 5, Wednesday	License Exams 5:30pm Meeting 7:30pm at the Beardall Senior Center Program: "Building an Off-Grid Remote Ham Radio Site" By: Bruce Perens, K6BP
December 6, Saturday	Holiday Party
2026	
January 7, Wednesday	License Exams 5:30pm Meeting 7:30pm at the Beardall Senior Center Program: "RT Systems Products" by Karin Thompson

February 4, Wednesday	<p>License Exams 5:30pm Meeting 7:30pm at the Beardall Senior Center Program: "APRS - State of the Union" by John Tarbox, WA2KLI Status: Tentative</p>
	<p>HamCation</p>
March 4, Wednesday	<p>License Exams 5:30pm Meeting 7:30pm at the Beardall Senior Center Program: "HamCation 2026" by Michael Cauley, W4ORL</p>
April 1, Wednesday	<p>License Exams 5:30pm Meeting 7:30pm at the Beardall Senior Center Program: "Hints and Kinks with NanoVNA" by Eric Nichols, KL7AJ</p>
May 6, Wednesday	<p>License Exams 5:30pm Meeting 7:30pm at the Beardall Senior Center Program: "Introduction to Microcontrollers" by Glen Popiel, KW5GP</p>
June 3, Wednesday	<p>License Exams 5:30pm Meeting 7:30pm at the Beardall Senior Center Program: "High Efficiency Mutli-band Wire Antenna Design" by Gary Baker, K7EMF</p>
June 26 - 28, Friday - Sunday	<p>Field Day Location: TBD</p>
July 1, Wednesday	<p>License Exams 5:30pm Meeting 7:30pm at the Beardall Senior Center Program: "Close Encounters of the Microcontroller Kind" by Glen Popiel, KW5GP</p>
August 5, Wednesday	<p>License Exams 5:30pm Meeting 7:30pm at the Beardall Senior Center Program: "Ask and Elmer" by OARC Board of Directors</p>
September 2, Wednesday	<p>License Exams 5:30pm Meeting 7:30pm at the Beardall Senior Center Program: "Off Grid Communication with LoRa and Meshtastic" by Tom Graham, WX8TOM</p>

October 7, Wednesday	License Exams 5:30pm Meeting 7:30pm at the Beardall Senior Center Program: "Near Vertical Incident Skywave (NVIS) Antenna for EmComm" by Gary Spangenberg, KF4GGK
November 4, Wednesday	License Exams 5:30pm Meeting 7:30pm at the Beardall Senior Center Program: "10 acres for Antennas Where my Wife Doesn't Live: Building a Remote Station" by Bruce Perens, K6BP
December 5, Saturday	Holiday Party

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Send your questions to: info@oarc.org

Hams in the Park : November 1st

(by Stephen Derosa KQ4RUB, Stephen KQ4RUB and John-Paul Craig, KZ4JW)

But on November 1... we will have our first [Boat Anchors on the Air](#). We will have some vintage systems for you to operate and learn about.

Bring your vintage boat anchor out and share it with us.

LMARS started a YouTube Channel and we have a few Hams in the Park videos on it. Check it out.

<https://www.youtube.com/@lmarsorg>

We look forward to seeing you there!

Stephen KQ4RUB & John-Paul Craig KZ4JW

Winter Springs Holiday Parade : December 6th --- Looking for Volunteers ---

(By Joe Marsh, KQ4AID)

We could use your help in supporting our neighboring friends and families during the Winter Springs annual Holiday Parade.

We help in staging the participants, using Amateur Radio for communication. If you have never done a public service event this is a great one to start with, it is easy. If you don't have a handheld radio that is OK. Just let me know and I will bring one for you.

If you can make it, please register. This helps us to plan better with the city. Reach out to me with any questions.

Please see the details on our web page. There have been changes to this year's route and event. Details are here: <https://www.lmars.org/annual-events/winter-wonderland>

Bahia Shriner's Tailgate

Saturday November 1, 2025
Bahia Shrine Center
3101 E. Highway 436 (3101 E. Semoran Blvd)
Apopka, FL 32703

West of I-4
East of Piedmont-Wekiva Road
West of Hunts Club Blvd
(Next to McDonald's)

Dealer setup 7:30 am – Gate opens 8:00 am till noon

COME RAIN OR SHINE

An old fashioned tailgate from your trunk

DOOR PRIZES

General Admission \$5.00
(\$4.67 plus \$0.33 sales tax)

Sell from trunk \$7.00
(\$6.54 plus \$0.46 sales tax)

(Includes one general admission)

This is an ARRL sanctioned event

For information:

Den Ardinger, KT3S, dba327@hotmail.com

A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR BAHIA SHRINERS (CH433) MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING 1-800-HELP-FLA (435-7352) WITHIN THE STATE OR (850) 410-3800 OUTSIDE OF FLORIDA. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE.

K4KDI

FALL TAILGATE 2025

Florida's **BEST FREE** Tailgate

Saturday November 22, 2025 6 am - 12 noon

South Conway Road Baptist Church

6099 S. Conway Road Orlando, Fl 32812

NO CHARGE FOR: admission, parking, tailgating

New, Used, Parts, All kinds of Radio Equipment!

Pick Your Own Spot(s). Come Early For Shade.

Bring your own tables, chairs, drinks, & snacks.

For additional info:

Contact Jack K4KDI (407) 443-1963



NO OVERNIGHT PARKING OR CAMPING

Donations Appreciated

Florida State Parks on the Air Contest

April 17 through 20, 2026

172 Parks, Trails, and Historical Sites to Choose From

Activate One or Activate Them ALL!



For More Information:

Email: info@fspota.org

Subscribe: fspota+subscribe@groups.io

<https://fspota.org>



<https://parksontheair.com/>

OCARES November Presentation: MESHTASTIC

(by John Knott, N4JTK)

Greetings – I'm happy to announce that at the OCARES November meeting Jeremy Bouse, KQ4AFY will be doing a presentation on Meshtastic. What is Meshtastic?

Meshtastic® is a project that enables you to use inexpensive LoRa radios as a long range off-grid communication platform in areas without existing or reliable communications infrastructure. This project is 100% community driven and open source! The best part! No License Required!! That's right, your family and friends can get involved.

Where: Orange County Emergency Operations Center, 6590 Amory Ct. Winter Park, FL 32792

When: Thursday November 13, 2025

Time: 7pm

Please share this information with anyone that is interested in Meshtastic! This includes other ham radio operators, Clubs, survivalist, preppers, scouts, your family and friends. The more involved, the larger a mesh network can be built.

Because of this, we need **everyone** who is going to be there to please sign up for the meeting. This is only to be sure we have ample seating and if for some reason there is a last-minute change, we can notify everyone. Please sign up here: <https://forms.gle/FYke1vp8y6TruN897>

Pass the Bill: Information and Instructions Now Available in Spanish

(The ARRL Letter for October 9, 2025)

ARRL needs every licensed radio amateur in the United States to help pass the Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act. Instructions and a link to [Send Your Letters Now](#) to Congress are available at <https://send-a-letter.org/hoa/>.

To encourage US hams who are native Spanish speakers to participate, ARRL has published information and instructions in Spanish.

Se Habla Español - Pasar el proyecto de ley

Si su lengua materna es el español, ARRL ha creado instrucciones y una página web para que envíe sus cartas al Congreso.

Descargue las instrucciones aquí:

<https://send-a-letter.org/espanol/>

Hurricane Melissa Update

(The ARRL Letter for October 30, 2025)

This past week Hurricane Melissa, a Category 5 storm, took it's time and toll as it moved over Jamaica, Hati, Cuba and is now headed towards the Bermuda. Melissa is one of the most powerful Caribbean storms in recorded history.

At noon on Thursday, the National Hurricane Center in Miami, Florida forecasted Melissa, now a Category 2 storm again, will move just west of Bermuda, but Bermuda will be on the stronger right-hand side and will still have to deal with some of the stronger impacts later in the day.

Amateur radio operators from around the world have been monitoring the Melissa path and over the last four days have been working the weather nets passing and relaying critical information. The [Hurricane Watch Net](#), will activate again Thursday afternoon, October 30, at 5:00 PM EDT (2100 UTC).

- 20-meters - 14.325 MHz (USB): Start at 5:00 PM EDT (2100 UTC); operate until no longer required or evening propagation loss.
- 40-meters - 7.268 MHz (LSB): Start at 7:00 PM EDT (2300 UTC); operate until no longer required.

The [VoIP Hurricane Net](#) is likely to activate once again at 5 PM EDT Thursday for Hurricane Melissa and its passage by Bermuda.

Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) has been actively monitoring Hurricane Melissa. RAC urges all Canadian Amateur Radio operators to protect the frequencies currently being utilized for disaster response on HF (High Frequency).

Amateur Radio Activations During Hurricanes Imelda and Humberto

(The ARRL Letter for October 2, 2025)

Amateur radio operators were closely involved with monitoring the forecasts of the National Hurricane Center (NHC) in Florida throughout the tracks of Hurricanes Imelda and Humberto, activating nets and contributing surface reports.



As of this report, Imelda passed over Bermuda on Wednesday night, October 1, 2025, as a Category 2 Hurricane, with winds gusting over 100 mph and leaving over 17,000 people without power. Imelda is forecast to continue moving away from Bermuda. Humberto became a Category 5 hurricane briefly on September 27, staying over the open Atlantic Ocean. The double hurricanes have produced dangerous surf and coastal flooding along the US East Coast, and they caused damage to homes on North Carolina's Outer Banks.

The [Hurricane Watch Net](#) (HWN) activated for the first time this season, beginning Wednesday, October 1, at 3 PM EDT (1900 UTC), with operations on 14.325 MHz and 7.268 MHz.

The National Hurricane Center amateur radio station, [WX4NHC](#), was active until approximately midnight eastern time on Wednesday; this was reported by WX4NHC Amateur Radio Assistant Coordinator Julio Ripoll, WD4R. The Hurricane Center monitored the HWN as well as the VoIP Hurricane Net (IRLP node 9219/Echolink WX-Talk Conference 7203).



The NHC also encouraged Surface Reports (weather data, flooding, damage) to be shared with the Hurricane Nets using any of the available modes, including WinLink (WX4NHC@winlink.org and use //WL2K in email subject) and online reports. WX4NHC accepts report via its Online Hurricane Weather Report Form: [Hurricane Online Hurricane Weather Report Form \(fiu.edu\)](#).

A report from Rob Macedo, KD1CY, the Director of Operations for the [VoIP Hurricane Net](#), indicated the net was activated at 2 PM EDT on Wednesday until it was secured at 2 AM EDT on Thursday. "We monitored numerous weather stations and social media during Imelda," said Macedo. At least one report received on the net was used in an advisory.

Macedo thanked Mark Snyder, AE4WX, and Lloyd Colston, KC5FM, for their Net Control support. He also recognized Dennis Dura, K2DCD, and Colston for posts made

on the Bermuda Radio Society Facebook pages and other areas to notify people in the affected area of their net activation.

A complete list of reports sent to the VoIP Hurricane Net Report Viewer can be viewed here: www.voipwx.net/gilan/nhcwx/list_VOIP_records1?auth=OK

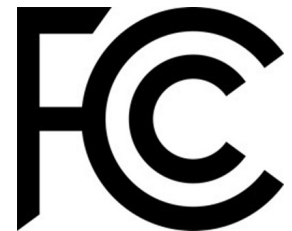
"The NHC is watching 2 additional lows in the Atlantic projecting a 10% chance of development in the next 7 days. We will continue to monitor them," said Macedo.

One Year Since Hurricane Helene

This is the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Helene and its devastating impact on Asheville, North Carolina. There is a write-up on page 3 of the ARRL Roanoke Division newsletter about a special event station, N2G, which will operate in honor of the crucial role played by the Mt. Mitchell repeater, N2GE. The repeater did not lose power in the aftermath of the hurricane, and it was a vital link for emergency communications traffic into and out of the region. The article notes, "As tragic as the damage was, amateur radio shined in its instantaneous and sustainable response in supplying emergency communications. ... Amateur radio filled key gaps until remote StarLink nodes and commercial cell sites could be restored." See www.arrl-roanoke.com/Roanoke_Newsletter_Fall-2025.pdf.

FCC Issues Notice of Violation for Unauthorized One-Way Transmissions and Denial of Inspection (The ARRL Letter for October 9, 2025)

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has issued a [Notice of Violation \(NoV\) to Mike F. Conte](#) of Naples, Florida, citing alleged rule violations related to unauthorized transmissions and refusal to allow station inspection. The FCC notice by the Regional Director, Region One, Enforcement Bureau, was released on September 29, 2025, and includes that Conte holds an Amateur Radio Service license, KA2FPZ.



According to the Notice, FCC Enforcement Bureau agents from the New York Field Office conducted an investigation on March 17, 2025. Using direction-finding techniques, they located and monitored transmissions on 7.200 MHz emanating from a residence owned by Conte in Brookfield, Connecticut that appeared to be one-way broadcasts originating from KA2FPZ.

According to the FCC, Conte was "pretending to speak with a station he identified as KB2VBO," a call sign not currently assigned to any licensee. No station responded to the transmissions, and the Notice included that "Conte later admitted to an agent that

he was engaging in one-way communication that was neither allowed nor exempted under the rules.”

In addition to the alleged unauthorized broadcasting, the FCC reported that “Agents were denied access to the Residence,” in violation of the Commission’s rules.

Amateur Radio Runs with the Chicago Marathon

(The ARRL Letter for October 16, 2025)

The 47th Bank of America Chicago Marathon, held on October 12, 2025, featured 55,000 runners from around the world. And, for this 17th year... a team of 155 amateur radio operators, from 6 states, assisted the 2000 medical personnel volunteering for the event.

Amateur radio operators were partnered with the medical teams to help coordinate medical responses, arrange for medical re-supplies, and provide situational awareness for the organizers.

Medical Communications Lead Rob Orr, K9RST, said ham radio is important to the event, but it is just one small component to a very complex event that requires 10,000 volunteers to be successful.

“Ham radio has a unique role and works alongside the other specialty service groups required to support an event of this magnitude. We are grateful to the hams who have shared their expertise, time, and resources over the years. This event has shown the public, the city officials, and the runners that ham radio is very much alive and doing well.”

Talking Up a Storm and Amateur Radio in Pennsylvania

(The ARRL Letter for October 23, 2025)

ARRL Atlantic Division Director Bob Famiglio, K3RF, made a TV appearance on WTXF-TV Fox29 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania’s “Talking Up a Storm” program on Sunday October 10, 2025.

Famiglio was the guest of meteorologist Drew Anderson and the talk was all things amateur radio, including a little history, gadgets and even how amateur radio helps when the weather turns dangerous.

“I made sure viewers received a better ‘definition’ of amateur radio operators,” said Famiglio. “We’re not just sitting in the basement messing with knobs and gadgets... We are ready to help with communications when needed.” Famiglio also had a chance

to talk about ARRL's nationwide grassroots [PASS THE BILL](#) campaign, to pass the Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act that was introduced in February 2025.

Also joining the conversation was Lou Ruh, WX3I, Skywarn Pennsylvania Regional Coordinator, storm chaser, and meteorologist.

Famiglio said a video of the show, which was also broadcast on one of Fox29's digital on-air channels, would be available in a couple of weeks.

Amateur Radio Club Bootcamp a Success! (The ARRL Letter for October 23, 2025)

The [Georgia Tech Amateur Radio Club](#), W4AQL, hosted its largest-ever Amateur Radio Bootcamp at The Hive Makerspace, welcoming more than 45 students for a full day of hands-on learning, presentations, and license testing on October 18, 2025.

The bootcamp introduced Georgia Tech students to the fundamentals of amateur radio through interactive sessions on electronics, antennas, digital communication, and safety practices. Participants explored how radio connects science, engineering, and community service in an accessible and exciting way. Throughout the day, attendees took part in radio-themed Kahoot trivia challenges, talked with operators from local clubs, and learned how to continue their journey in amateur radio. The club also awarded 20 portable handheld radios to newly licensed students and winners of Kahoot trivia to help them get on the air right away.

"Our goal was to make radio approachable and engaging," said club Vice President Matthew Lyon, KN4MXH. "We want every student who walks in curious to leave passionate, ready to explore and grow in this hobby."

The highlight of the day was a free FCC Technician license testing session, coordinated by the Atlanta VE Team. Thanks to their dedication and smooth coordination, 44 students earned their amateur radio licenses, achieving an impressive 98 percent pass rate.

The success of the bootcamp has set the foundation for a large-scale student training and licensing program in future semesters. W4AQL plans to continue offering hands-on learning opportunities, license upgrade sessions, and technical workshops that blend Georgia Tech's academic strengths with the practical side of amateur radio. "Student-run bootcamps don't just teach radio; they also build momentum for youth on the air," explained club president Audrey McElroy, KM4BUN. "We hope that these (and future) attendees become tomorrow's operators, Elmers, and net controllers."

Founded in the 1912, the Georgia Tech Amateur Radio Club is one of the oldest collegiate amateur radio organizations in the country. The club continues to promote

education, experimentation, and service through campus outreach and collaboration with the Atlanta amateur radio community.

The United States Air Force Military Auxiliary Radio System (AFMARS) Special Event

(The ARRL Letter for October 23, 2025)

The United States Air Force Military Auxiliary Radio System (AFMARS) will hold its 77th annual special event from 0001 UTC November 8 through 2359 UTC November 11, 2025. Stations W1A, W1E, W1C, and W1W will be on the air from Scott AFB, Illinois, in the General and Technician portions of 80 – 10 meters (excluding 60 meters) using voice, CW, and digital (FT8). All amateur radio operators are invited to participate in the event. There will not be any QSL cards issued but a downloadable certificate will be available in mid-December. For more information, visit [Air Force Military Auxiliary Radio System \(AFMARS\)](#).



2026 ARRL Foundation Scholarship Program is Now Accepting Applications

(The ARRL Letter for October 30, 2025)

The scholarships were established by generous donors and are managed by the ARRL Foundation as a means to inspire youth to explore amateur radio and to pursue higher education and related career paths -- and especially in wireless communications.

In 2025, the ARRL Foundation awarded 170 awards totaling \$800,000. More information and the online application are available www.arrl.org/scholarship-program.

The ARRL Foundation Scholarship Program has opened the application window for 2026 scholarships. Applications will be accepted through December 30, 2025, at 12 PM EST. Students are encouraged to apply for more than 170 scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$25,000. All applicants must be active, FCC-licensed amateur radio operators.

Amateur Radio in the News

(The ARRL Letter for October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025)

ARRL Public Information Officers, Coordinators, and many other member-volunteers help keep amateur radio and ARRL [in the news](#).

["Wabash Valley Amateur Radio practices for contact with International Space Station"](#) / WTWO/WAWV TV (Indiana) September 30, 2025 -- *The Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association is an ARRL Affiliated Club.*

["Valley amateur radio group honored for 100 years of service"](#) / The Vindicator (Ohio) September 19, 2025 -- Mahoning Valley Amateur Radio Association.

["Radio enthusiasts in Barrow take part in national challenge"](#) / The Mail (Great Britain) September 25, 2025 -- Furness Amateur Radio Society.

["50th Annual Hamfest held at the Chemung Co. Fairgrounds Saturday"](#) / WENY (New York) September 27, 2025 -- The Chemung County Amateur Radio Emergency Service.

["Wabash Valley Amateur Radio practices for contact with International Space Station"](#) / WTWO (Indiana) October 1, 2025 -- *The Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association is an ARRL Affiliated Club.*

["Northwest Ohio Amateur Radio Club Hosts Hamfest for enthusiasts and those curious about the hobby"](#) / WLIO (Ohio) October 4, 2025 -- The Northwest Ohio Amateur Radio Club.

["Vintage Electronics Expo attracts hundreds of enthusiasts to Kalamazoo"](#) / WMMT (Michigan) October 5, 2025 -- *The Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club is an ARRL Affiliated Club.*

["Northwest Ohio Amateur Radio Club Hosts Hamfest for enthusiasts and those curious about the hobby"](#) / Hometown Stations (Lima, Ohio) October 5, 2025 -- The Northwest Ohio Amateur Radio Club.

["Williams County Fairgrounds Hosts Amateur Radio Hamfest"](#) / The Village Reporter (Ohio) October 11, 2025 -- The Williams County Amateur Radio Association.

["Radio "Hams" activated in statewide emergency exercise"](#) / The Hamilton County Reporter (Indiana) October 14, 2025 -- The Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®) and Hamilton County Emergency Management (HCEM) Communications Group.

["Fergus County Emergency Management focuses on resilient communications"](#) / Lewis Town Argus (Montana) October 15, 2025 -- *The Central Montana Amateur Radio Club is an ARRL Affiliated Club.*

["Ham radio operators gear up for Halloween bridge patrol"](#) / FingerLakes.com (New York) October 16, 2025 -- *The Drumlins Amateur Radio Club and Skenoh Island Amateur Radio Club are both ARRL Affiliated Clubs.*

["Hamfest brings radio enthusiasts together in Gadsden"](#) / The Anniston Star (Alabama) October 19, 2025 -- *The Gadsden Amateur Radio Club is an ARRL Affiliated Club.*

["Amateur Radio Club sets up for demonstration at East Texas Jamboree"](#) / KLTV (Texas) October 18, 2025 -- *The Upshur Area Amateur Radio Club is an ARRL Affiliated Club.*

["Pumpkin Patrol: Ham radio operators hit the airwaves to keep the Thruway safe"](#) / Rodchester.com (New York) October 24, 2025 -- *Amateur Radio operators from Wayne and Ontario Counties.*

["Operation HELO, Triad ham radio operator step up to help Jamaica after Melissa"](#) / WFMY (North Carolina) October 28, 2025 -- *Operation HELO in North Carolina.*

["ESU selected for direct contact with International Space Station"](#) / The Emporia Gazette (Kansas) October 29, 2025 -- *Emporia State University.*

Swap/Shop/Sell/Trade in *The Listening Post*

Contact Fred Fitte, NF2F, fredfittee@aol.com

Mt. Dora

Cell Phone: (518) 857-0701

All items are from the estate of Ray McConnel (WA3YMZ).

All items work as they should and are located at the QTH

Item Number	Item	Asking Price
1	Kenwood 590	\$850.00
2	Collins 30L1	\$700.00
3	LDG Z100 tuner	\$100.00
4	MFJ 704	\$50.00
5	Ameritron AWM 35	\$125.00
6	Icom IC 7000 HF-VHF Mobile	\$700.00
7	Drake W4 Wattmeter	\$75.00
8	GC Elect. Wattmeter	\$50.00
9	D 104 mic (8 pin)	\$75.00
10	MFJ 1924 (screwdriver antenna controller)	\$60.00
11	Simpson 260 volt meter	\$225.00
12	MFJ 292 Lapel Mic with Earbud for Handheld	\$5.00
13	Heil Headset (Traveler for Kenwood)	\$50.00
14	Pro AM D270	\$25.00
15	Comet Duplexer CF 706 HF-VHF	\$50.00
16	Little Tarheel II screwdriver antenna with mount	\$250.00
17	MFJ Versa Tuner MFJ 901b	\$40.00
18	Yaesu VX 5 dual band portable	\$75.00
19	Alinco DJ 580	\$50.00
20	5 Element UHF Yagi	\$50.00
21	Diamond SG7500 mobile antenna	\$5.00
22	Icom MB62 Mounting Bracket (new)	\$10.00
23	Tripp Lite 40 Amp Power Supply	\$75.00
24	Kenwood TM-V7 dual band mobile	\$175.00

Send your items to be posted to James Deuel, N0XIA (jdeuel@oarc.org) before the 20th of the month. All lists received after the 20th of the month may be held over until the following month. The items will appear in The Listening Post newsletter around

the first of each month and will continue to be posted for three months. To make it easy, send listings in this format:

Name, Callsign, Contact information (phone number and/or e-mail address)

Item #1: (Description)

Asking price: \$

additional comments

Item #2: (Description)

Asking price: \$

additional comments

Or

Looking for (description) and willing to pay up to \$

EXAMPLE:

Ima Ham, WX4XYZ, Ham@gmail.com

Item#1: Looking for hand microphone for Kenwood TS-520 transceiver

Willing to pay up to \$25, including shipping

Remember - KB4UT, Wayne Nelson's Trader Net held every Tuesday night at 8:00 PM, on the KB4UT 146.760 repeater.

If you don't hear what you want on the net, check The Listening Post.

The Fine Print: Listings must be of a non-commercial nature. Pictures of the items should not be included in the email listing but the member offering the items might have them available for anyone who may be interested. OARC will not be responsible for any claims that are made in the postings and reserves the right to reject a submitted item if the item is deemed to be inappropriate.

Local Area Amateur Radio Club Contact Information

Club Name	When	Where	Contact
Orlando Amateur Radio Club (OARC)	1 st Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm License Testing at 5:30pm	Beardall Senior Center 800 S. Delaney, Orlando, FL	Bob Nocero, W4KBW at info@oarc.org
Lake Monroe Amateur Radio Society	1 st Thursday of each month at 7:00pm	Winter Springs Civic Center - 400 North Edgemon Avenue, Winter Springs, FL	Joe Marsh, KQ4AID at LMARS.ARC@gmail.com
Bahia Shriners Amateur Radio Unit	2 nd Wednesday of the month	Perkins Restaurant 215 W. SR 436 Altamonte Springs	Rod Cavin, W4VBK w4vbk@arri.net
Quarter Century Wireless Club (QCWA)	2 nd Thursday of the month	Perkins Restaurant 701 E SR 434, Winter Springs, FL (1 blk east of HRO)	Roberta Cohen, WA2FRW at Wa2frw@aol.com
Bill Church-and-Christy Moore-CERT Team 62	4 th Thursday of the month at 6:00pm	Recreation Hall, 3000 Clarcona Rd., Apopka FL	Christy Moore, KN4MDM (407) 921-9555
Osceola County ARES	Last Monday of the month at 6:00pm	Osceola County EOC, 2586 Partin Settlement Rd, Kissimmee, FL	Kq4afy@osceolacountares.org
Central Florida Repeater Association (CFRA)	Last Wednesday of each month Arrive around 6pm for some food and chat. Meeting starts about 7:00pm	Perkins Restaurant 6425 University Blvd, Winter Park, FL	Bob Nocero, W4KBW at W4kbw@cfl.rr.com
Solavita Radio Club	Last Thursday of the month at 7:00pm	Gator Room, Solivita, 404 Village, Dr, Poinciana, FL	operator@kq4afy.xyz
Radio Scouting WB4SA	Annual meetings, Quarterly events	Camp La Noche, 41940 Boy Scout Rd, Paisley, FL	Ken Lyons, KN4MDJ kn4mdj@gmail.com info@RadioScouting.us



Weekly Radio Networks

Mon @ 19:15	147.285 MHz	Seminole VHF Traffic Net - Except - First Monday of the month (147.555 Simplex)
Mon @ 20:00	147.090 MHz	Seminole ARES Net - Except - First Monday of the month (146.460 Simplex)
Tues @ 19:00	145.350 MHz	Osceola ARES Net
Tues @ 19:30	147.195 MHz	Quarter Century Wireless Association
Tues @ 20:00	146.760 MHz	Wayne Nelson Trader's Net
Wed @ 19:00	147.300 MHz	Disney Emergency Amateur Radio Service
Wed @ 21:00	432.090 MHz	Florida Weak Signal Group
Thur @ 19:00	443.050 MHz	Orange County ARES Net
Thur @ 20:30	432.090 MHz	Florida Weak Signal Group

Propagation Beacons

([Florida Weak Signals Society - W4FWS](#))

Frequency	Power (Watts)	Antenna	Location
144.277 MHz	20	Horizontal Loop	EL98HN
222.056 MHz	10	Horizontal Loop	EL98HN
432.307 MHz	20	Horizontal Loop	EL98HN
902.400 MHz	4	Egg Beater	EL98HN
1296.025 MHz	25	Egg Beater	EL98HN
2304.050 MHz	12	Egg Beater	EM80MI (A)
3400.1xx MHz	6	Alford Slot	EL98HN (A)
5760.120 MHz	8	Wave Guide Slot	EL98HN
10368.015 MHz	3	Wave Guide Slot	EL98HN
24192.035 MHz	0.150	Wave Guide Slot	EL98HN

(A) Off the Air / Under Construction

Antennas are horizontally polarized and reasonably omnidirectional

Information current as of March 4, 2025

For more information, contact the [Florida Weak Signal Society](#).



OARC Membership Application

Make checks payable to:
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Mail to:
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3208 E. Colonial Dr. PMB 168
Orlando, FL 32803

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: _____

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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, THREE or SIX year(s) from date paid.

Other Club Affiliations: _____

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 \$5.00 for shipping & handling.

Shipping & Handling: [] Yes [] No

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