



The Oracle

Newsletter of the Silver Springs Radio Club

Oldest Radio Club in Marion County, FL



K4GSO.us

February 2024

President's Message

Adam Parker, NY5E

Welcome to book two in a twelve-part series called 2024! An email was sent to all members regarding general interest topics for future presentation/discussion. Plenty of work goes into formulating this poll and evaluating the results. All this in an effort to continue to put forth valuable information and engaging demonstrations. I'd encourage all members to please read club correspondence and reply accordingly.

With Green Clover Hall being scratched from this month's program, we are fortunate enough to have been provided a wonderful meeting place. As we've discussed, Elbert has arranged for our club to have the use of

St. George Anglican Church Parish Hall
5646 SE 28th St., Ocala

We are grateful to have been afforded this venue but, without the availability of on site technical presentation aids (wifi, projection equipment, video monitors, etc.) we will have to use our imagination some (see below).

I'm glad that so many of our members were able to make the trip to Orlando for HamCation earlier this month. Whether you attended one day, or multiple days, there was plenty to see and do. I was lucky enough to travel with several friends from the club and enjoyed sharing their "hunt". I knew what they were after and saw what THEY found.... I'd like to see what YOU found! BRING YOUR prize to the meeting! Share with the members what you were able to "bag". New in the box? Shack in a box? Bring your BOX!

Finally, I've noticed the club repeater enjoying additional traffic of late. Glad to hear a renewed enthusiasm on 146.610 machine. New members and old chiming in, great to listen to that chatter! I've also received several emails and quite a few calls and text messages from members on a number of topics, and genuinely enjoy the uptick in communication! Please keep it coming. My contact information should be available on our website, which is in the final stages of a long overdue, comprehensive overhaul (thank you Hayden N2HAY), and you can always choose the "contact the President" link to reach me via email. I always answer!

Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Temporary Location

St George Anglican Church

5646 SE 28th St, Ocala

6:00 PM Mentoring & Socializing

7:00 PM Meeting

HamCation Stuff—Bring Yours!

SSRC Board of Directors, First Tuesday, 7:00 PM

TBD

All are welcome

Upcoming Events

March 12—VE Testing

7:00 PM Green Clover Hall

March 23—Marion County Day

McPherson Govt Complex

Details Coming Soon

Silver Springs Radio Club Net

K4GSO Repeater, 146.610, PL 123

Mondays at 7:30 PM

ARES/SKYWARN Net

K4GSO Repeater, 146.610, PL 123

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM

Woody W3HII SK Arrangements

John Wiley W4FID, via KC5CMX

Bushnell National Cemetery, 6502 W 102nd Ave Bushnell, FL, Monday Feb. 26th at 2 PM. A fitting eternal rest for a man who served our country so well for so many years.

RIP OM. You are missed.

Membership/Events

Elbert Wilkinson, KQ3K, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP:

Unfortunately this month's report begins on a somber note. We must sadly report the passing of several members. Long-time member Harold "Woody" Wood, W3HII, passed away in January following a long illness. Woody was active with the club, ARES and the Hospital Communication Team. We also learned belatedly that Rich Alger, N4HUG, and Fred Baker, W7SIX, passed away in late 2023. Rich was a part-time resident and provided a lot of electrical work for the club. Fred was a new member having joined earlier in the year and spent a lot of time with us, especially me, at my field day station. All three brought a lot of enthusiasm and support to the club and will be missed.

As noted last month, we hit President Kaufman's 2023 goal of 125 by year end. President Parker's 2024 is continue to grow and increase member participation in the club's various activities. If you know of other hams who would be interested in joining, please invite them to our meetings, operating days or club activities. There is an online application and a link to a paper application on the K4GSO.us website. We continue to encourage our technicians to upgrade to at least General Class and Generals to Extra to enjoy the full benefits and privileges of their licenses.

Regardless of your license class, we continue to learn from each other. Newer hams – don't be afraid to ask questions and for help. Older hams – take a newer ham under your wing. If you there are programs you would like to see presented or if you have subject matter expertise (or experience) and would be willing to present a program, please contact one of the club officers. You should have received an email with a membership survey. Please take time to complete it so that the leadership team can provide activities and programs that are of interest to YOU.

As a reminder, the club is migrating membership rolls to <https://www.hamclubonline.com/>. This is an Amateur Radio Club Management System portal written by hams for hams. You should have received a "Welcoming Email" a few weeks ago. If not, please check your spam folder. This is a work in process, so please bear with us! Former club Secretary, Gray Moffet, KC3DWY, has been leading this effort. We need for all members to go to the new Portal and sign in and verify your personal information – especially email addresses. If you have any issues, please direct any questions or inquiries to him at

gray.moffett@hotmail.com. The online dues payment option is now working.

Speaking of Dues...they are now DUE. Annual dues payments are \$25 for individual, \$35 for family and \$15 for associate (non-voting) and can be paid via online through the K4GSO.US website which will link directly to Hamclubonline.com. Alternatively CHECK ONLY payable and mailed to:

**Silver Springs Radio Club
P. O. Box 787
Silver Springs, FL 34489**

We will also take cash and check payable in person at the General Meeting.

GREEN CLOVER HALL:

The county will be remodeling GCH in February, so we have made other arrangements for at least this month. Unless things change and you are otherwise notified, the February General Meetings will be held at:

**St. George Anglican Church Parish Hall
5646 SE 28th St
Ocala, FL 34471**

Same times as normal – meet and greet starting at 6:00pm followed by the meeting starting promptly at 7:00pm. There is plenty of parking but you might want to bring a lawn chair if more seating is needed. Stay tuned here and the weekly club and ARES nets for updates or changes.

UPCOMING POTA EVENTS

For those who are interested in POTA activities, there are five "Official Events". Events start at 0000 UTC and end 2359 UTC on the days listed. They are:

- New Year's Week (first full week of the new year)
- Support Your Parks on the third full weekend of each quarter. These are "activity weekends" where the objective is to get out in the parks and have as much fun as possible.
- **Winter – 3rd Full Weekend in January (20th and 21st this year)**
- Spring - 3rd Full Weekend in April
- Summer - 3rd Full Weekend in July
- Autumn - 3rd Full Weekend in October.

Regardless, don't just wait for an Official Event...get out and operate. It is good practice to test your rigs, antennas, setups and portable power. Now is the time to

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troubleshoot any problems instead of an emergency where you might not have that luxury.

WINTER FIELD DAY

Winter Field Day (WFD) coincided with our January monthly operating day and was different than what the club has done in previous years. The emphasis was on setting up a station for emergency operation without electrical mains or generators. The objective was how each participant would operate for an extended length of time assuming some disruption in the grid from solar, climatic, political or societal events. Members set up a number of stations on Saturday afternoon and demonstrated their solutions to others. This was an excellent learning opportunity for all.

MARION COUNTY DAY 2024:

Once again, Marion County will be having a community wide celebration on Saturday, March 23 at the McPherson Governmental Complex. There will be lots of vendors, displays, other participants and hopefully large crowds to enjoy an early spring day outside. SSRC will be setting up a couple of stations to demonstrate our skills and portable emergency operations to the public. We have been approved for the same location we enjoyed last year. We will need members to help man the displays and introduce visitors to amateur radio and the club.

Mark your calendars to attend and participate in this club event. More details to follow at club meetings and in *The Oracle*.



KO4OIG Receives 3rd Confirmation from the International Space Station (ISS)



Received my 3rd confirmation today from the ISS looks like I need to find something / someone else to talk to. Next excellent time to try and make contact with the ISS will be February 3rd around 7pm+.



ISS crews and visitors often use their Amateur Radio station, first set up in Zarya and then Zvezda, to talk with school students to aid in their education, plus chat with fellow radio amateurs around the world. The ARISS Team continually works to extend ISS Amateur Radio station capability with new operation modes and, more recently, equipment placement in the Columbus module.

To	KO4OIG					
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<input type="checkbox"/> RS0ISS						
<input type="checkbox"/> OR4ISS						
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Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) Celebrates It's 40th Anniversary

The Silver Springs Radio Club Presents....

Winter Field Day

January 27-28, 2024

Green Clover Hall

Thanks, Ron, KS4SW



Thanks, Elbert, KQ3K

Thanks, Carl, KC5CMX



Thanks, Andy, NA4DA



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Thanks, Elbert, KQ3K



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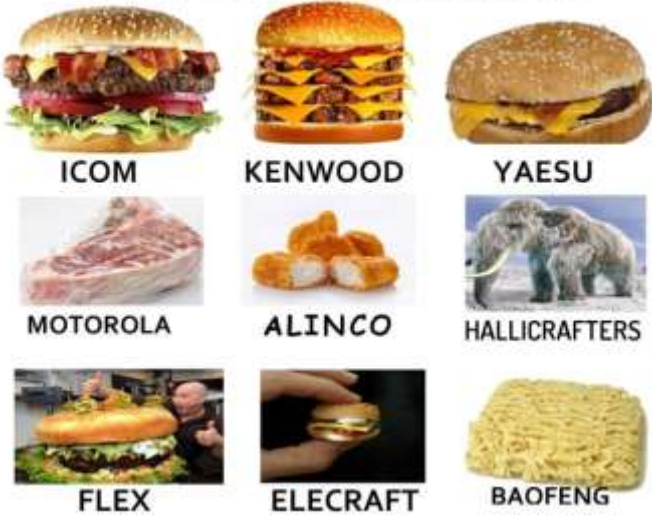
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Thanks, Izzy, KT4WA



Carl's Corner—Carl Berry KC5CMX

IF RADIOS WERE HAMBURGERS:



HamCation® 2024

TNX NY5E



Lunch at CJ's—TNX KC5CMX



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HamCation® 2024, continued



(L-R) Hayden Kaufman N2HAY, Jeff Capehart W4UFL, Rick Roderick K5UR, President ARRL, Mickey Baker N4MB ARRL SE Division Director, Carl Berry KC5CMX (TNX KC5CMX)



KC5CMX



TNX N4GL

Mike W9MNC & Wayne N4FP



Andy NA4DA

SSRC Has a Group Email! Have You Signed UP?

Andy Allen, NA4DA, Director

We have established a “group email” for the club on the Groups io platform. You may already have an account with Groups io as many of the hardware and software companies we use in this hobby have a group.

Our group is: K4GSO

Just type groups.io in your search bar and follow the link to the site. Sign up if you don't have an account and search for our group: K4GSO. You will see our group: K4GSO / Silver Springs Radio Club. Click on the button: Apply for membership in this group. You're now a member.

We have a wealth of knowledge in our club. This is a tool to tap into it.

Questions? Andy NA4DA 212-729-0446



2024 SSRC Officers

[President - Adam Parker, NY5E](#)
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SSRC Board of Directors

*first Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Green Clover Hall
All are welcome*

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