



The Oracle

Newsletter of the Silver Springs Radio Club

Oldest Radio Club in Marion County, FL

K4GSO.us



October 2023

Thoughts & Prayers

Please keep SSRC President **Hayden Kaufman, N2HAY**, in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers from recent surgery and returns to...



Membership/Events

Elbert Wilkinson, KQ3K, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP:

For those who missed the September meeting, you missed another good one. Once again, we filled up the room at GCH. Attendance was overflowing - again. Don't forget to stick a folding chair in your trunk just in case the regular chairs are taken and you would like to sit! As noted in previous *Oracles*, we are a healthy club where members are involved in our activities and welcoming to our guests.

At the meeting, two new members were approved and welcomed by the membership:

- Bill Harris, AC8AQ, Extra
- Gary Nichols, KQ4HQD, Extra

We currently have three applications pending for the October meeting? So, how many members will we have on rolls? Good question. Here's the breakdown:

• Technicians	24
• Generals	36
• Advanced	5
• Extras	46
• Associates	4
Total	115

If you know of other hams who would be interested in joining, please invite them to a meeting, an operating day or

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Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Green Clover Hall

319 SE 26th Terrace, Ocala

6:00 PM Socializing and Mentoring

7:00 PM Meeting

Program: Weather Balloons

Doug Niessen, K6STS

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

Green Clover Hall

All are welcome

Upcoming Events

October 23—AUXCOMM, Unit 1

Marion County EOC, 10:00 AM

[AUXCOMM Sign Up Here](#)

October 28—Satellite Operating Day

Green Clover Hall, 9:00 AM

November 14—VE Testing

Green Clover Hall

December 2—SSRC Hamfest

First Christian Church, Ocala

Doors Open at 7:30 AM

Setup Friday, December 1, 7:00 AM

[Hamfest Sign Up Here](#)

Silver Springs Radio Club Net

K4GSO Repeater, 146.610, PL 123

Mondays at 7:30 PM



*** Notice ***

Our club is growing and Green Clover Hall has a limited number of chairs. Please consider bringing a folding chair or two as a back up.

club event. 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.

Finally, to all members - there are lots of opportunities to be involved. 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. Our club leadership team has some good ideas on member involvement – so, not only get radio active - stay radio active! Like most endeavors – we only get out of it with the effort we put in it.

HAMFEST:

It probably isn't on your mind right now, but Hamfest is now only two months away. Setup will be Friday, December 1 and the event will take place on Saturday the 2nd at First Christian Church. The ARRL has officially sanctioned our event, the venue reservation has been "reconfirmed" and planning continues to make this another successful event. All of our vendors have been contacted to confirm their commitment and we've had good response to date. There are several vendors who have not responded but they have until 10/31 to do so. We are also looking for another new equipment vendor.

We need help with Friday setup and vendor unloading assistance. Saturday we will need help with parking, tailgate, VEs for testing, door monitors, rovers, takedown and vendor loading assistance. A volunteer signup form is on the Website. More details to follow at the General meetings and Oracles.

POTA AT SILVER SPRINGS STATE PARK K-1915:

Last month's Operating Day on 9/30 at Silver Springs State Park was a blast. We had 25 members and guests show up to participate over the four hours we were there. Six stations were set up at various times during the morning. Activities began at 8:00am when the park opened with several members staking down operating positions in two of the three covered pavilions. A lot of time was spent by the more experienced activators explaining how they set up their stations. Each operator's setup was different so there was a lot learn. At the end of the event, five members and guests achieved their first valid activation with ten or more QSOs.

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
 - Spring - 3rd Full Weekend in April
 - Summer - 3rd Full Weekend in July
 - Autumn - 3rd Full Weekend in October.

October 21-22 is the Autumn event, so get out there and spend a little time as an activator or as a hunter from your QTH. It's a lot of fun and a great way to see what works, or doesn't, for your portable setup. For more info on POTA, please go to <https://pota.app/>



KQ3K Elbert



Announcing the K4GSO Web SDR

<http://k4gso.com/sdr>

Nick DelZotto, K4NDZ

What is it and what's the point?

It's a public 24/7 listening SDR (software defined radio) installed at Green Clover Hall currently connected to the Off-Center fed Dipole. Use it to listen to the HF bands from anywhere. Check band conditions. Listen for your own signal. Compare reception between your station and GCH.

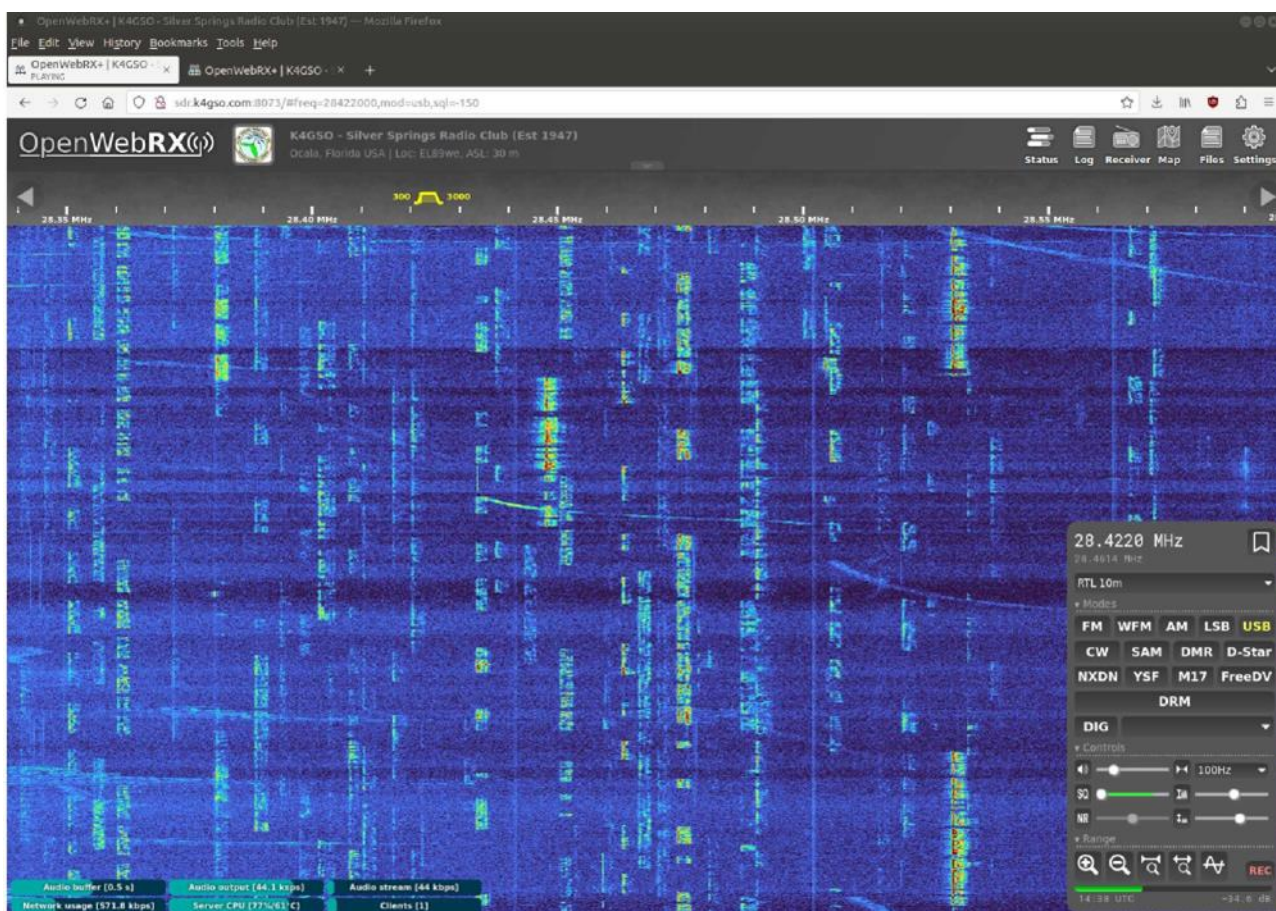
How does it work?

It uses open source OpenWebRX+ software running on a Raspberry Pi in the GCH shack.

How do I use it?

Visit <http://k4gso.com/sdr>. The controls are at the lower right. You can change bands, frequencies, and modes (USB/LSB/Digital/etc).

Questions? Ask Andy NA4DA, Nick K4NDZ, or use "The" Google



Screenshot of the K4GSO SDR viewing 10 meter band activity

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
andy@na4da.com



Free General Class Course on Zoom

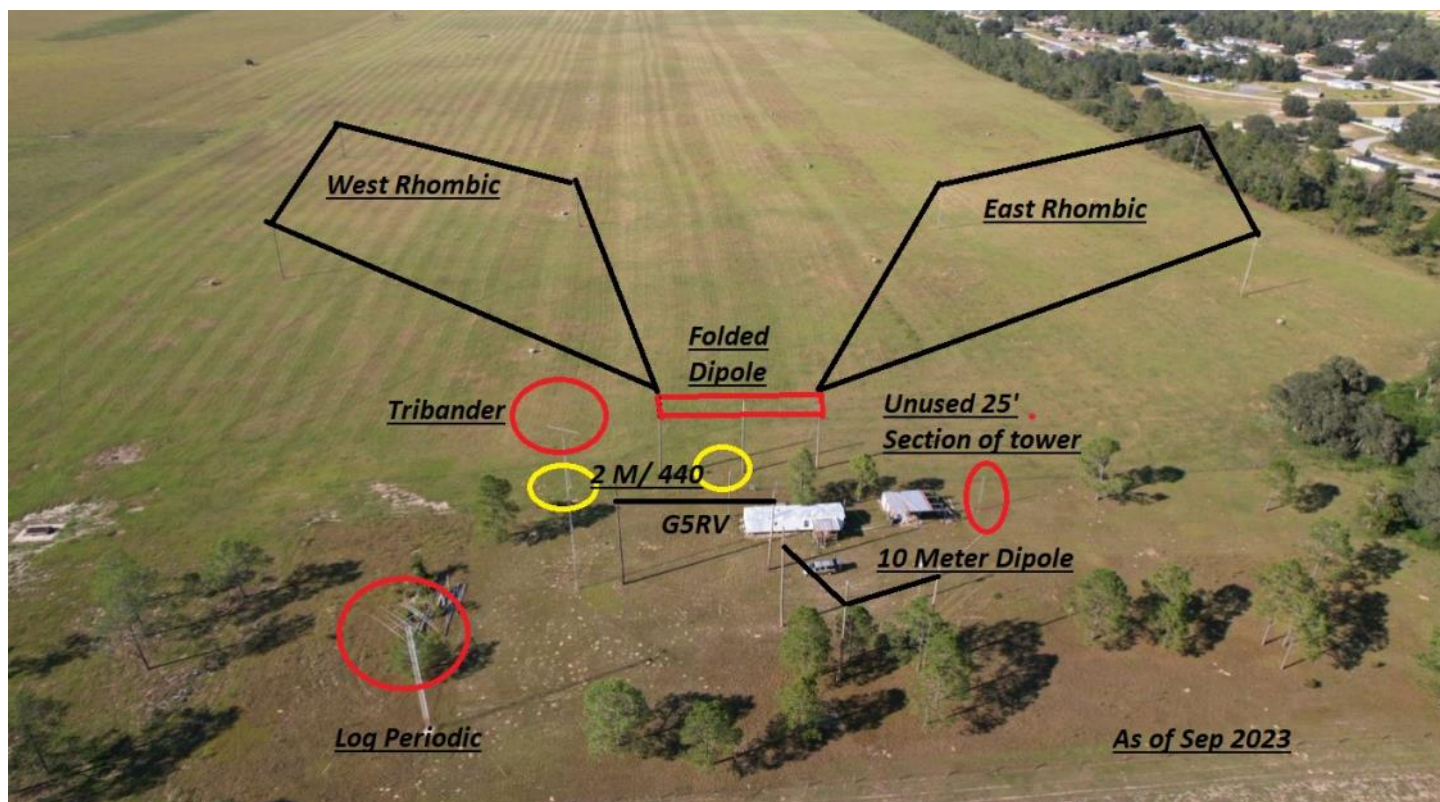
Rol Anders, K3RA

A free, weekly, live, Amateur Radio General Class Licensing course on Zoom will begin on Thursday, Nov 2, and will run through Thursday, January 11. The three-hour sessions will start at 6:30 PM Eastern Time. These are the classes that we have been holding for years sponsored by the National Electronics Museum. Prerequisite is to have or be studying for the Technician Class License. Those wishing to sign up should email Roland Anders, K3RA, at roland.anders@comcast.net.



Perry Field September 2023

Photo by Nick K4NDZ, Captions by Carl KC5CMX



The Silver Springs Radio Club Presents....

POTA Activation K-1915

Silver Springs State Park, September 30, 2023



SILVER SPRINGS
STATE PARK



Nick K4NDZ



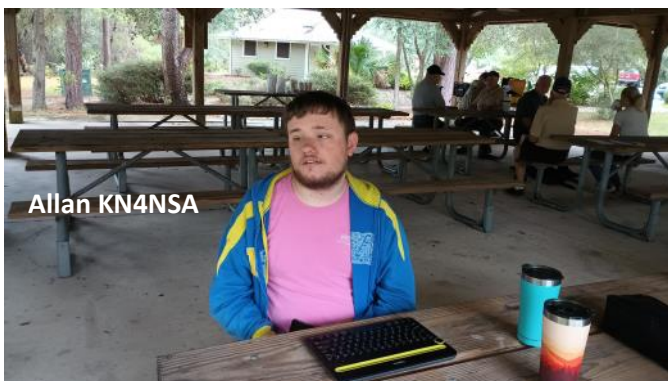
Jim KN4MIV
Makes Contact



Jim KN4MIV Izzy KT4WA



K4ZFW's Ready to Go



Allan KN4NSA



K4ZFW Roger



eZ & Staff

Annie KN4RIC

Andy NA4DA



Wayne
N4FP



Gray KC3DWY (L)
& Leon K8ZAG



Adam NY5E
Gray KC3DWY
Leon K8ZAG



Carl KC5CMX



Adam
NY5E



Terry
KN4FMH

Wayne
WA1PMA

Tom Lufkin, W4DAX, Sponsors Scholarship

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Charleston SC, Announces W4DAX Scholarship Winner

The W4DAX Founders Scholarship Program awards two \$1000 academic scholarships each academic year. Eligible Students must be planning to attend a part-time or full-time post-secondary regionally accredited technical school, community college, college or university leading to an undergraduate or graduate degree.

2023 Winner, Olivia Fogel, says the following:

I am truly humbled and honored to be a recipient of this scholarship. Your generosity serves as a constant reminder of the importance of giving back and supporting aspiring students like myself. I am committed to making the most of this opportunity and using my education to create positive change in the world."

Olivia Fogel

Tom, an SSRC Member, is the founder and first president of the Trident ARC in Charleston, and a past Section Manager of South Carolina.

[More Information](#)



Not a Proper Ham Sandwich—KC5CMX







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A Year-Long Operating Event Recognizing Volunteers



2023 SSRC Officers

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SSRC Board of Directors
first Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Green Clover Hall
All are welcome

[SSRC Logo Shirts & Caps](#)
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