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The Oracle

Newsletter of the Silver Springs Radio Club

Oldest Radio Club in Marion County, FL



April 2023

Membership/Upcoming Events

Elbert Wilkinson, KQ3K, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP:

Our 2023 Annual Membership renewal drive is now OVER! I know you are probably tired of my “collection” efforts. Well, you can rest easy until next year unless your check bounced in which case we’ll be having a different discussion.

Remember, your annual dues help support club activities, equipment and activity insurance, Perry Field and repeater operations. These activities are vital functions of our club. So how did we do? We knew we would have some non-renewals with some folks moving out of the area or life and other events occur. As of March 31, 2023 we have 91 folks on the rolls. This represents significant growth in the club year over year.

We can look back with pride at how we grew. It is really quite simple – an involved membership, committed leadership, interesting and fun club meetings, monthly mentoring, increased tempo of club activities, field day, Marion County day, Hamfest, summer tailgate, contesting, POTA outings just to name a few. Whatever your interest, we seem to have folks doing it, sharing their excitement, having fun and encouraging others along the way and this is paying dividends for us.

If you know of other hams who would be interested in joining, please invite them to a meeting, an operating day or club event. We encourage our technicians to upgrade to at least General Class to enjoy the full benefits and privileges of their licenses. There is an online application and a link to a paper application on the K4GSO.us website.

Finally, to all members - there are lots of opportunities to get involved. Regardless of your license class, we can all 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. Our new club leadership team has some good ideas on member involvement – so, get radio active!

Meeting Location Change

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

**Marion County EOC
692 NW 30th Avenue, Ocala**

Enter through side Door

6:00 PM Socializing and Mentoring

7:00 PM Meeting

**Program: Gray Moffett, KC3DWY
Marion County Traffic Net**

SSRC Board of Directors, first Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Check k4gso.us for location
All are welcome

Upcoming Events

VE Testing—May 8, 7 PM, GCH
2023 Simulated Emergency Test—April 22
SSRC Tailgate Event—June 3, GCH

**Silver Springs Radio Club Net
K4GSO Repeater, 146.610, PL 123**

Mondays at 7:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS:

TAILGATE 2023:

Our tailgate last June was a success and brought out a lot of hams to have fun and tailgate. We will be rinsing and repeating this year! Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 3 from 9:00am to Noon in the Green Clover Hall parking lot. Tailgate vendor spots are \$5. All tailgater vendors are responsible for their own displays: tables, chairs, etc. Tailgate sale items are limited to radio and radio related items.

More details to follow in the Oracle and General Meetings.

The Silver Springs Radio Club Presents....

Show Us Your Shack!



Roger Ackley, WA4CZR

Left to right...

- Baofeng UV5R
- Yeasu FT60
- Kenwood TM-V71
- Kantronics Packet 3 Plus
- Icom IC-7300
- Mic. Icom SM-30
- Tuner LGD Z-100A
- ASUS LAPTOP
- Heath keyer
- Antenna Nelson EFLW
- Antenna Diamond x50



Marion County Traffic Net

Gray Moffett, KC3DWY, Assistant Emergency Coordinator
Marion County Amateur Radio Emergency Service

Welcome to the home of the Marion County Traffic Net. The MCTN is the local affiliate of and is sponsored by the American Radio Relay League's National Traffic System. The primary function of the MCTN is to handle formal Radiogram message traffic as part of the NTS. We encourage you to visit the NTS website for training materials and other resources.

<http://www.arrl.org/NTS>

<https://aresmcf.org/useful-nts-links/vhf-traffic-net>

The MCTN meets Monday at 2015 hours on the 146.330(-) repeater, PL tone 123. We encourage everyone, with or without traffic, to check in. If you need assistance or have questions about anything we do on the MCTN, or if you have any interest in becoming a member of the MCTN staff, please contact Gray Moffett, KC3DWY. Assistant Emergency Coordinator, Marion County Amateur Radio Emergency Service, www.aresmcf.org, 610.417.8744



Net Statistics (March 2023)

QNI	9	(Total Check-Ins)
QTC	4	(Total Messages)
QND	77	(Total Minutes)
Total Sessions	4	



Show Us Your Shack!

CQ CQ CQ! SSRC Members want to see your shack! This idea comes from our hard-working, forward-thinking VP, Adam, NY5E.

The Oracle will feature pictures of members, member's radios, antennas, shacks. No need for a lengthy write-up.. just equipment brands, antenna heights, and any comments you might want to make. You know the drill.

Drop the info in an email to: n4gl.marty@gmail.com

Marion County Day, May 25, 2023

Pictures courtesy of Izzy, KT5WA



Izzy KT4WA IZ always prepared!



The usual suspects (L-R)

Elbert KQ3K, Bill KW5BG, Roger K4ZFW, Bruce WA4IPU



Jim KN4MIV making contacts.



TAILGATE



SILVER SPRINGS RADIO CLUB

DATE: June 3, 2023
TIME: 9:00am to Noon (setup 8:00am)
LOCATION: Green Clover Hall Parking Lot
319 SE 26th Terrace
Ocala, FL
Marion County Governmental Complex
ADMISSION: FREE
VENDOR FEE: \$5 / TAILGATE SPACE

CLEAN OUT YOUR SHACK, OPEN THOSE OLD BOXES AND SELL YOUR UNUSED RADIO AND RADIO RELATED ITEMS.

ALL TAILGATERS RESPONSIBLE FOR OWN TABLES, CHAIRS, ETC. TO DISPLAY THEIR ITEMS.

COFFEE & DONUTS AVAILABLE FOR SALE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

The 2023 Florida QSO Party will be held the weekend of April 29th – 30th.



Since the Florida QSO Party was re-introduced to the contest scene in 1998, the FQP has become one of the fastest-growing and most popular State QSO Parties today. This is due, in part, to the tremendous effort by the mobile teams to activate as many counties as they can in order to allow those participating from out-of-state to achieve a county “sweep” working all 67 Florida counties. Florida stations operating from home are also valuable since that increases the chances that stations will work all counties! If you are a serious or casual participant from Florida or outside of Florida, the Florida QSO Party was designed to be a FUN operating event. Why not give it a try? [More Info](#)





VOLUNTEERS
ON THE AIR 2023

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A Year-Long Operating Event Recognizing Volunteers



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SSRC Board of Directors
first Tuesday, 7:00 PM
 Check K4GSO.us for details
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