



# The Oracle

Newsletter of the Silver Springs Radio Club

Oldest Radio Club in Marion County, FL



[K4GSO.us](http://K4GSO.us)

September 2024

## President's Message

Adam Parker, NY5E

Fall is just around the corner, but you could hardly tell with the hot sticky days and the still evenings. I continue to be amazed at the continuous onslaught of our local parks by the Club's "POTA Posse". It seems hardly a day goes by that I don't catch someone on the repeater on his/ her way to or from a successful activation! Great to see the activity level continue to rise and the friendships build.

We have another interesting presentation scheduled for this month's general meeting. Bill Gillespie KW5BG will be talking to us about the world of Emergency Communications (EmComm). Bill's extensive experience in community service and radio communications give him a unique perspective that I'm sure will make for a fun and informative presentation.

I'd like to remind members to visit the website as we continue to strive to make it more interactive and informative. Also, please find us on FaceBook! Our new Social Media Committee (of one) has spent a lot of time making the page a "site" for sore eyes. Thank you Izzy KT4WA!! A new club contest involving monthly FaceBook main page pride has begun. Send in your ham photo and, if deemed the best by our panel of experts, your photo will be the Club's "Face" for the month. Members, and non-members alike, have found the page and discussions ensue. We are putting the SOCIAL back in social media! Please like and follow (I've always wanted to say that).

In closing, please see Hayden, Bill or Elbert at our next meeting to help us with our Election Committee. It's time to volunteer if you'd like to fill a position (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary) or perhaps become a board member. The committee will contact club members via phone (telephone, not side band) to gather a master list of those who would like to run for office. It's easy, and a great way to talk with a few members that you might not normally get to speak with.

Hope to see you all soon!

## Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

**Green Clover Hall**

319 SE 26th Terrace, Ocala

**6:00 PM Mentoring & Socializing**

**7:00 PM Meeting**

**Program: Marion County Emergency Preparedness, Bill Gillespie, KW5BG**

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

## Upcoming Events

**September 28—Operating Day**

9:00 AM Green Clover Hall or TBD

**November 12 —VE Testing**

7:00 PM Green Clover Hall

Check out Upcoming Events: [K4GSO.us](http://K4GSO.us)

**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



**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.

# Membership

Elbert Wilkinson, KQ3K

To paraphrase the late President Reagan “Well, there you go again!” Once again, we have outdone ourselves at the last General Meeting with six new membership applications approved.

<b>LICENSED MEMBERS</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>Technicians</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>Generals</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>FAMILY MEMBERS</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Advanced</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>LIFE MEMBERS</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Extras</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>PENDING MEMBERS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Associates</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>ASSOCIATE MEMBERS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>114</b>

In the August meeting, the following individuals were approved by the General Membership who are included in the above totals. Please welcome our newest members and assist them in getting involved in our various activities.

Fred Lopez, N6PBJ	General
Nan Lopez, KQ4TVE	Technician
Patrick Lynch, AI4NW	Extra
Rene Perron, KM4OZU	Extra
Allan Sanders, KM4JMV	General
Greg Wilemon, AE4AE	Extra

Current dues paying members will receive priority on club activities like Field Day, VE team participation and access to Perry Field and GCH. Non-dues paying members can still access the Oracle on the club website but will not be included on member emails. As a final note, subscription to the club’s Groups.io page is restricted to dues paying members.

We are exceeding our 2024 goal of continuing to grow and increase member participation in the club’s various activities. It is the sign of a healthy club! 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 and members – don’t be afraid to ask questions and for help.

## HAMFEST:

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 7 at First Christian Church, Ocala. Vendor setup will occur on the 6th. We have received official sanction from the ARRL. Several of our larger commercial vendors have confirmed their attendance. We have great Hamfest teams who know their assignments and their continued participation is vital to our success. But we need your help to make this a success. We need setup help on Friday and our vendors need help unloading. Event day we need help with parking, tailgate, rover and other tasks. The work is not hard and it will look good on your resume. Please sign up on the club website. More details to follow at club meetings, the Oracle and the club website.

## POTA

Kudos to all the members who suffered through the summer heat and humidity to continue with their POTA activations. With the end of summer near and weather conditions more pleasant, there is no reason not to get out and hone your portable operating skills. Our state is blessed with many parks in the POTA program – either local or within an hour’s drive, so get out there and have fun. Mark your calendar for October 19-20 which is the next “official” POTA weekend.

A little humor...



TERRIERISTS

# Operating Day—August 31, 2024

## Wayne Peterson, AB4WP



Wayne AB4WP



Ethan KQ4EIC



Izzy KT4WA

Jonathan K4JJK

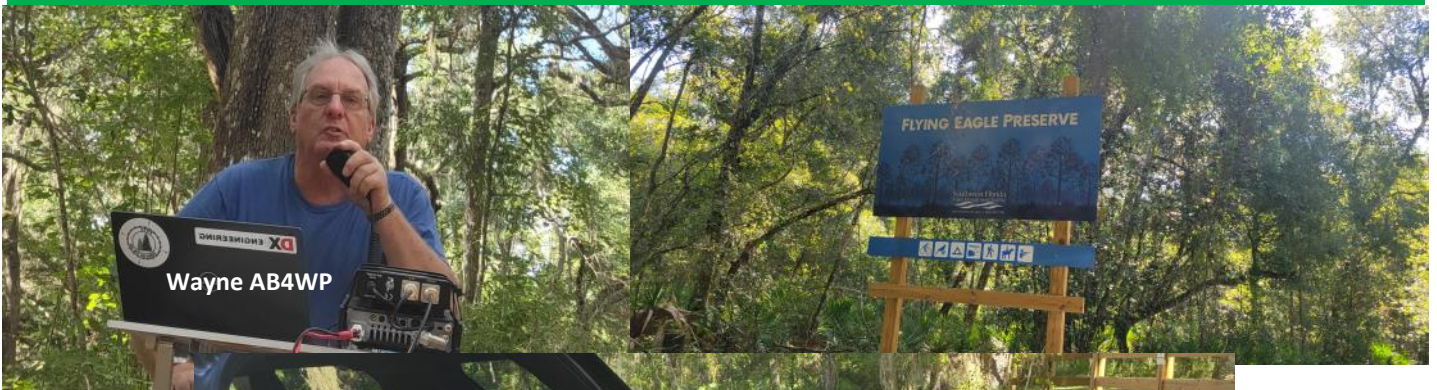


Mark KO4QMI

## Operating Day—August 31, 2024, continued Wayne Peterson, AB4WP

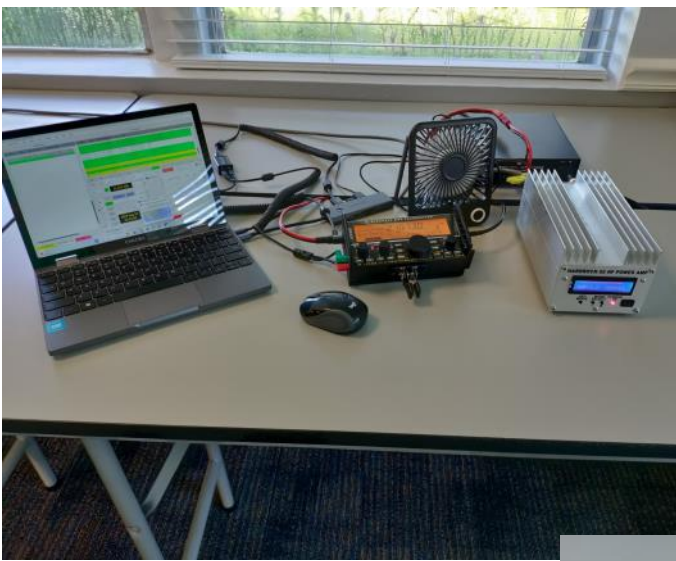


## POTA Day—Flying Eagle Preserve Wayne AB4WP & Johnathan K4JJK



# Operating Day—August 31, 2024

## Bert Garcia, N8NN



Bert N8NN



Roger K4ZFW



Radios  
On  
Display

Ethan KQ4EIC Andersen Power Pole Display



### SSRC Has a Group Email! Have You Signed UP?

Andy Allen, NA4DA, Director

Our group is: K4GSO. Just type [groups.io](https://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.

Questions? Andy NA4DA 212-729-0446  
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#### 2024 SSRC Officers

- President - Adam Parker, NY5E
- Vice President - Hayden Kaufman, N2HAY
- Secretary - Wayne Peterson, AB4WP
- Treasurer - Annie Allen, KN4RIC
- Past President - Hayden Kaufman, N2HAY

**Directors:**

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>Andy Allen, NA4DA</u>   | <u>Board and Membership</u> |
| <u>Terry Strey, KN4FMH</u> | <u>Meeting Minutes</u>      |
| <u>Tim Trombley, K8TAT</u> |                             |

#### SSRC Board of Directors

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



#### Committee Chairs

- Membership & Events – Elbert Wilkinson, KQ3K
- Trustee K4GSO—Bruce Richardson, WA4IPU
- Newsletter – Marty Brown, N4GL
- Perry Field—Terry Strey

- QST NFL – NFL Section Newsletter
- Silver Springs Radio Club Website
- NFL Section Website
- WA7BNM Contest Calendar
- NG3K DX