

General Meeting minutes of Lake Amateur Radio Association August 20, 2022

Meeting was called to order at the LARA Clubhouse by: Vice President Jason (K4AUS) at 10:00 AM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Check in for members and guests:

Monthly Service Honor Roll:

Tim (K9BAW) for vegetation control around the clubhouse.
The SK and VE teams for their on-going efforts.
Jay (N4KXO) and Frank (KK4MBX) for installing the new computers in the clubhouse.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: No applications this month.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Dave, NP2MR

The following balances were reported for July 2022.

SunTrust checking	2,212.36
SunTrust Savings	7,002.33
Investment Account	14,296.77
Petty Cash	50.00
PayPal	263.88
SK Fund	1,055.00

Motion submitted for acceptance of the report, seconded, and accepted.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Jay, N4KXO

July Minutes were emailed to all members by Jay, N4KXO
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VEC report – Dave, N4NG – 3 candidates tested this morning and all 3 passed.

One technician, One General, and one Extra..

Dave explained how to renew your FCC license via the re-vamped CORES system.
<https://www.fcc.gov/licensing-databases/commission-registration-system-fcc>

ENGINEERS REPORT – Larry, N2HBX

147.255 Primary Repeater

The 147.255 repeater has been repaired thanks to our VP Jason (K4AUS) and his team.

Royal Harbor Repeater

The Royal Harbor site's GE Master 2 and antenna needs to be removed.

Larry (N2HBX) will take the lead on the repeater removal Project. Expect removal this fall/winter.

LARA Supported Equipment

DSTAR

Dean (KM4QMB) Has agreed to take control.

Echo Link – Steve (KA6NZU)

Up and running

IRLP

The node at South Lake Hospital on 442.600 is up and running and connected to the East Coast Reflector full time.

The AllStar node at the clubhouse on 442.900 which is connected to the East Coast Reflector is now up and running. Comcast has replaced the router and Joe (KO4FRR) our webmaster and IT expert has reconfigured the router.

WINLINK NODE - Dean (KM4QMB) Is working on this issue.

Clubhouse

We have replaced the two computers in the clubhouse with new models. They use Windows 10 and provide WIFI connections and greater processing speed. We loaded some software to include ACLOG and MyRadar on each of these machines. Bay one is now set up for PHONE. Bay 2 is set up for digital communication with supporting software. The plan for these stations is to include the use of the AMP that is also mounted on the bench. This is still a work in progress.

Volunteer Certification and Hours Jay, N4KXO

Volunteer hours for July were 281. YTD 2025.

LARA Information Net & SKYWARN - Frank KK4MBX (Net Manager)

The net operates every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday on the N4FLA repeater, 147.255 at 7:00 PM.

In July, our Information Net attendance fell off a bit averaging nineteen attendees with a range of 5 to 26 and 8 active net control stations. We had one SKYWARN net with five attendees that lasted 48 minutes. Special thanks to those stepping up as backup net control stations, your assistance is appreciated. During the month we had two alternate frequency drills. In each of these drills, as in previous months, about 50 to 60 percent of those on the net were able to communicate on the alternate frequency. Having access to all of our repeaters is important to our ARES efforts. If anyone needs help with programming their radio in accordance with our frequency plan, please let me know so that we can arrange someone familiar with your specific radio to help.

Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA) – Mike, K9SSL

QCWA meets Tuesdays at 7:30 PM on 147.000 and ECHOLINK K4FC-R, and on Friday mornings at 10:00 AM on 443.150. There will be no monthly meeting/luncheon at the Olive Garden till November.

. SK COMMITTEE – John, WB4HV

If you are looking to add gear to your shack, shop our SK Trailer first

LARA Webmaster – Joe LeBlanc KO4FRR

Please visit K4FC.ORG and send recommended changes to Glenn (AA4UC) or someone on the LARA BOD for approval.

Monthly Luncheon – Teresa, KN4CFJ

The LARA monthly luncheon in August had seven people in attendance. The luncheon is hosted at the Oakwood Smokehouse in Leesburg. The next luncheon is scheduled for September 14th at 11:00AM

ARES – Jamey (W4CGX) – ARES meeting at the EOC Thursday September 29th 6 to 9 PM. Jamey collected a list of names for updates for the Lake County replacement

badges. He will be working with Lake County to get the badges replaced in the next month or so.

Property Book Manager – Cliff, WW4WD

Cliff has started the inventory for LARA's Property Book. When completed, LARA will finally have an up-to-date listing of property. This inventory will be invaluable in case of disaster or theft. Expect update to the BoD/Membership before the year is out.

LARA Events

Live It Bike Event

Glenn (AA4UC) chair. March 11, 2023

Mount Dora Bike Festival (MDBF)

Glenn (AA4UC) will chair the MDBF for LARA. The City of Mount Dora has taken over this event from the Chamber. Rides will take place on 1 and 2 October. The Start/Finish has changed and will now be at Liberty Ave and Highland St. Setup will be in a parking lot so we will need to bring our ARES Communications vehicle to operate out of. The schedule shows only a 64-, 42- and 12-mile event on Saturday and just a 42- and 12- mile event on Sunday. We will need about 15-20 volunteers. The MDBF has a new website which is: <https://www.cyclamountdora.com/> Please contact Glenn AA4UC at AA4UC@ARRL.net if you are available to volunteer.

Field Day 2023 (June 23-25)

Hearts for our Hospital

Dave (NP2MR) and Jay (N4KXO) –The bicycle event in The Villages is moving through its planning phase for Saturday November 12, 2022, and will be requesting assistance from LARA with the event. We expect to have more detailed plans in early September. Please keep this event on our calendars.

JOTA/Scouting Weekend (Oct 14-16) Jason (K4AUS) will chair

Clermont's National Night Out - Jamey (W4CGX) will chair -October 4th

Mount Dora July 4th Parade 2023

LARA Christmas Party - Dave (NP2MR) will chair – December 9th

Member Accomplishments, Events and Updates:

Joe (KO4FRR) has completed SKYWARN training and is now certified (LAK-120).

LARA Program: Jamey (W4CGX) gave a power point presentation about the repeater systems in lake County. If you want to be added to the Lake Alert system, contact Jamey (W4CGX)

Wrap Up

23 Members and guests attended in person.

The 50/50 drawing for \$15 was won Jeff (KO4NCC) who returned the winnings to the club. Thank you,

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM

Jay Boehme
Secretary - LARA