

Lake Amateur Radio Association Meeting Minutes June 17, 2023

Meeting was called to order at the LARA Clubhouse by:

President Glenn Casselman, AA4UC, at 10AM

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.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

Thomas Hogan NB2A Extra Class – Paid and accepted.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Dave, N4NG

The following balances were reported as of May 31, 2023.

Truist Checking	5,381.73
Truist Savings	5,502.84
Investment Account	15,072.52
Petty Cash	50.00
PayPal	91.75
SK Fund	1,907.50

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Jay, N4KXO

May 2023 minutes were emailed to all members by Jay, N4KXO.
Typo corrections from the May meeting made and added to the archival copy.

VEC report – Dave, N4NG – 6 People tested this morning and all 6 passed their exams.

ENGINEERS REPORT – Larry, N2HBX

The IRLP node which connects the East Coast Reflector to the 442.600 repeater at the South Lake Hospital in Clermont is down. The repeater itself still works fine but the point-to-point link enabling the East Coast Reflector has been compromised due to construction in the area. LARA will be moving this repeater to a new County owned site in the near future. The new site is significantly higher and will provide much better coverage than the current hospital site. It is anticipated that this will solve the point-to-point issue thus enabling the East Coast Reflector link again.

Otherwise, all LARA supported repeaters are up and running.

LARA Supported Equipment

DSTAR

Dean (KM4QMB) Has agreed to take control.

Echo Link – Dean (KM4QMB) No issues.

IRLP

The node at South Lake Hospital 442.600 issue stated above.

The AllStar node at the clubhouse on 442.900 which is connected to the East Coast Reflector is up and running.

WINLINK NODE - Dean (KM4QMB)

The K4FC WinLink node is currently up and running at the LARA Clubhouse.

The K4FC-10 node now shows under the channel selection, and you are able to open a connection using “Packet WinLink” or “Vara FM WinLink. Emails can be sent and received so long as the Clubhouse remains connected to the internet. If the internet should fail, then peer to peer connections could be made utilizing the node as a digipeater.

Clubhouse

The equipment needed for the Clubhouse Zoom project has been received. Installation will start shortly after Field Day.

Volunteer Certification and Hours Jay (N4KXO) Hours recorded for May 2023 were 292.. Year to date = 1468 hours.

LARA Information Net & SKYWARN – Teresa (KN4CFJ)

In May we held 14 sessions totaling 317 check-ins which averaged 22.6 per session. There were no Skywarn nets.

Thanks to all those that stepped up as the backup NCS this month.

Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA) –

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.

. SK COMMITTEE – John, (WB4HV) & John (K4CYA)

Please shop the SK trailer first for all your radio needs. The SK inventory is quite thin at this point, but there is still a number of excellent equipment available.

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 – Frank (KK4MBX)

The LARA monthly luncheon in June had 10 people in attendance. The luncheon is hosted at the Oakwood Smokehouse in Leesburg. The next luncheon is scheduled for July 12th at 11:00AM

ARES – Jamey (W4CGX) Thanks to those who attended the Marconi/AUXCOM training earlier in the month. 3 of our members were involved.

Property Book Manager – Cliff (WW4WD)

Cliff (WW4WD) has completed the inventory for the clubhouse and the ARES trailer.

LARA Events

Field Day 2023 (June 23-25) - Glenn (AA4UC) and Jason (K4AUS)

CW team has been procured.

FD Shirts – Frank (KK4MBX) All ordered.

We Will relocate 40M SSB station due to interference.

Rick (KN4GJV) has once again agreed to be LARA's Chef Extraordinaire

We will need quite a bit of help setting it up. All hands available please

meet at the Clubhouse on Friday June 23rd at 3PM. We will load up the antennas and take them out to the site and begin the setup., Saturday morning we will finish setting up and Field Day will start at 2PM and run till Sunday 2PM. We again request all available to help on Sunday at 2PM to put everything away and return the equipment to LARA.

Mount Dora July 4th Parade 2023 – Frank (KK4MBX) & Jay (N4KXO)

Jay and Frank meet with Chris Carson, Mount Dora Parks and Recreation Director, to work out the details. We will need several people to help with the event. We will meet at 8:30 at the old Post Office in Mt. Dora. The parade begins at 10:00 AM.

Scout International Jubilee -The Scouts are holding an International Jubilee on July 15th in Paisley. Scouts from Scotland will be present and Ham radio volunteers will be needed to assist with radio training between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

Clermont Night Out is October 3, 2023 – Jamey (W4CGX)

Mount Dora Bike Festival (MDBF) Oct 14, 2023 - Glenn (AA4UC)

Hearts for our Hospital November 11, 2023 – John (K4CYA)

LARA Christmas Party – Frank (KK4MBX)

The 2023 Christmas dinner is scheduled for December 8, 2023

Live It Bike Event – March 2, 2024. Glenn (AA4UC)

Member Accomplishments, Events and Updates:

John,(WB4HV), and Gary, (KJ4HYV), designed and installed a new rack for the field day antennas in the SK Trailer. The new greatly improves the handling of the antennas and makes working in the trailer easier for the SK Team.

Program

Rick Persh (KN4GJV) will honor us with a very informative presentation on magnetic loop antennas.

Wrap Up

30 Members and guests attended in person.

The 50/50 drawing for \$25 was won by KB3HGG.

Meeting adjourned at 11:18

Jay Boehme (N4KX0)
Secretary LARA