



Happy Holidays



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Technician Training Class

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Over the weekend of November 21-22, 2009, DEARS held a Technician Class License “Boot Camp”. For two full days Jim Hanna, KG4URL, presented the information found in the “ARRL Ham Radio License Manual” for Technician License. John Hayden, KG4BFJ, and I helped by teaching a few modules from the manual so Jim didn’t have to talk for 16 hours straight. Jim had brought in several HAM items for “Show and Tell” and

kept the information interesting by incorporating them into the instruction. The apex had to be when Jim set up his HF and set the Eagle 1 (Crappie) antenna up to find a contest going on in Western Washington during his demo. That knocked their socks off. I have to admit that I was somewhat impressed too. While we had only 2 students attending, it was perfect for trying out Jim’s courseware. Hopefully, we will have more stu-



dents at our next training event. I even expect 2 new HAMs next Wednesday night

Special points of interest:

- Relay For Life
- Hamcation
- Monthly VE Testing Sessions

Skywarn Training

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If you missed the SKYWARN Training on November 19, 2009, I feel bad for you. This was one of the best presentations I have seen in years. Scott Spratt with the National Weather Service, Melbourne, did a

superb job. We are going to try to get the presentation up on the website for all of our members to see. There have been several changes to how and what spotters should report and if you did not attend

this session, you might want to look at these to update your “Spotter” skills. If you are not a Skywarn Spotter, I suggest you attend the next course we plan to offer sometime next year.



Relay For Life

Jim Tyree N4ANW

At Septembers meeting, the membership voted to participate in the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" fundraising event. We passed the hat to raise \$100 to form our own Team. While we fell a little short at that meeting, we were able to raise ALL of the money required for entry as a team. I hope that the D.E.A.R.S. Team can come together and raise a significant amount of

money to help fight this terrible disease. To help us get started in the right direction, Rachel Hensley, with the American Cancer Society, will be at our meeting to discuss the teams participation and answer any questions we may have. Meanwhile, you can go out to <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/DEARS> for more information and even sign up if you like. This is also a good

place to send those who would like to make a contribution toward our goal. As most of you should know, this event has become even more important to me personally since my brother lost his battle with cancer on November 1st



2010 Relay For Life

Hamcation 2010

Jim Hanna KG4URL

Yes, can you believe it, it's that time of year again the Bill Azar N2WFO is asking for volunteers for the 2010 Hamcation. All positions are available from RV parking and support, security and many others. Your time goes to D.E.A.R.S. or any other group you choose.

Also remember you get free admission for your volunteer time and if you work 8 hours you will receive a lunch coupon.

Hamcation will be on February 12,13,14 of 2010. Bill will be needing help before and after these dates for set

up and clean up. More information will be coming soon. If you want to volunteer, please contact Bill Azar at billazar@billazar.com

So please join us for a fun filled weekend of ham radio.

The Hamcation Web site:

www.hamcation.com



Hamcation 2010 is sponsored by the Orlando Amateur Radio Club

New Members

Jim Hanna KG4URL

As this group continues to grow at a record pace, we will try to keep up with all the new members each month. My apologies for not being prepared. At the last 2 months meeting there has been so many additions to our group, that we are still processing all the paper work. So instead of

misspelling names and getting the calls wrong, we will just say welcome and thank you all for coming out joining our group and hope you will all join us as we have a lot of upcoming projects, activates and events in the next few months. There is always something going on for everybody to participate in.

next month I will have a current list of the new members.

Also, there are a lot of open officer positions available. If interested please contact Jim Tyree N4ANW or Jim Hanna KG4URL



FCC Amateur Radio License Testing

FCC Amateur Radio License Testing is still benign held at Fire Station #4 upstairs in the Reedy Creek IT Training room just prior to the monthly membership meetings. That is the second Wednesday of each month.

Testing is @ 5:30 pm

Meeting is @ 6:00 pm

The testing session are performed by ARRL VE's and

the standard fee is \$15.00 per test. If you interested in taking a test, it is strongly recommended that you contact us prior to the testing date. This will insure that we will have the proper amount of VE'S and tests for the license class you will be taking. For more information please contact our VE Liaison.

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The next testing session will be on December 9,2009 @ 5:30 pm



*Amateur Radio License Testing
Performed by ARRL VE's*

Watts Going on

Jim Hanna KG4URL

At November 's meeting Ron Newsam K4WWW our founding member made a guest appearance. Great to see you Ron. It was also reported that Don Cwynar KT4JF was had been sighted in the area. Arch Archer

KG4KVZ has returned to the group. (not that he ever left. !!!!!!!) Bill Azar N4WFU has return to the meetings after a long recovery from a broken leg. So welcome back to all and great to see you all.



Upcoming Events

Here are some upcoming events we are currently working on.

Tour De Cure - February 28, 2010 American Diabetes Association

Hamcation - February 12-14, 2010 Orlando Amateur Radio Club

Relay for Life -April 30, 2010 American Cancer Society

IRONMAN 70.3 -May 16, 2010 IRONMAN



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 D.E.A.R.S. Is a non-profit organization, providing emergency communications. Our responsibilities are for the city of Bay Lake, The City of Lake Buena Vista And for The Reedy Creek Improvement District. In The unfortunate event of an emergency, we are capable of providing radio communication locally, county,

From The Editor



Hey Group, I am sorry for missing the publications for the last couple of months. As you all know, we have had a busy month and time slipped by me. With the Tech Class and Skywarn out of the way, I will be making more

time for the newsletters to come and try to get them out on time. As you can see , I am also in the process of revamping the newsletter with a more professional look. I am not an expert at making newsletters, so if anyone

has any suggestions or willing to help out with the newsletters, please contact me. Thank you for all your support and enjoy the newsletters.

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