



# Araucária DX Group

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**A wedding in the ham radio community overflowing with kindness**



On September 4th, we celebrated a wedding filled with genuine love for others. Life—for many of us—is made of happy coincidences and encounters that pull whole communities in the same direction: fraternity, respect, and living well together.

Among these joys, there's one that's measured not in moments but in decades: the bond between our OMS (PY5EG) family and the ALMEIDA family (PP5JR), led by our dear Sérgio Almeida. This brotherhood began over forty years ago, when Sérgio—just 17—was introduced to me here in Curitiba by his parents, who were also hams. From that very first conversation, there was a real magnet of friendship. Over the next four decades, that bond grew with affection, respect, and constant presence, to the point that we truly feel like one family—and I'm sure the Almeida's feel the same. In times of great happiness or the sorrow of losing loved ones, our families stood together.

Ham radio was the strongest link in this union. My parents were hams, as were Sérgio's. PP5JR, Sergio with his honesty, respect, loyalty, and focus—both professionally and with family—Sérgio became a top-notch operator and a first-rate competitor. We operated together countless times: at his station in Florianópolis and at ours in Florianópolis, Araraquara, Curitiba, and Quatro Barras. Radio was the theme, yes—but the truly remarkable part was something you don't see every day: two families fully integrating into one big family.

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This past September brought a high point in that story. Beatriz, Sérgio's daughter, and Leonardo Modolon invited me to officiate their wedding in California. From the moment of the invitation, through the planning, our calls with the couple, the trip, and the ceremony itself—it was impossible to hold back the tears. For me, having the honor to lead the ceremony was pure joy; and I'm sure everyone there felt the same, witnessing the union and the birth of a new family, the Modolon/Almeida family. I'm certain the Modolon family is now an integral part of the larger family—ALMEIDA, OMS, and MODOLON.

We are happy to have US Ham community represented by K1VR Fred Hopengarter and W6NV Oliver Sweningsen.

And as proof that ham radio remains a powerful magnet: the ceremony was led by a ham, PY5EG; the bride and groom are PU5BIA and PU5BOB; their parents are hams; many members of the Almeida family and of our OMS family are hams too. Most of the friends present—representing our community—share the same passion. It's friendship, amplified across the airwaves.

We've gathered some photos that capture this simple, incredibly warm celebration, seasoned with a kind of fraternity you rarely see. It was truly a wedding of friends, families, and hearts.

Bia and Leonardo, may the frequencies of this new family always carry love, respect, and joy. May your signal stay strong and clear through every season of life.



Very unusual wedding picture showing only radio hams at the ceremony- All ADXG members

God bless all

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