



THE COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter of the TAMAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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-- FEBRUARY 2012 --

-- PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE --

I've been under the weather but I promise to do better at or least quicker next month.

It's been an interesting month. I sat here contemplating the many life events that bring folks like us to ham radio. What ever the cause, here we are.

At the January meeting I was somewhat dismayed at the response to a preliminary request for Sharks Tooth Festival Volunteers. First one hand, then a few more went up but it wasn't a very large number to be sure. At the present time we have only have this one major event in which we can show our abilities to the general public, the vast majority of which have no concept of what ham radio is all about.

Every organization I have ever been involved with has stressed self promotion, by showing the importance of their existence. We have this very well attended Festival to broadcast our talents and our worth to John Q public. It is one weekend out of 52 and encompasses only a few hours of each member's time IF we all become involved. We need a setup crew, an operational crew to man the radios, and members to talk with the Festival's visitors. On Saturday morning we need a few members stationed along the route of the Sharks Tooth 10-k Run. Last but not least a take-down crew is needed. So, how about it--any volunteers?

On a lighter side, the 444.100 MHz net has been actively encouraging. Now I know it may not be as exciting as working a contact in some distant location, but it does keep us aware of our equipment and our own abilities. When you give your call sign, please give it phonetically so the Net Control can get it the first time around.

The breakfast group has been consistently enjoyable with good food and the best of company.

In closing might I add that if you have any suggestions or comments you can always get me on the cell phone.

It's great to be a ham!
73, Fred-KJ4TNI

-- FEBRUARY MEETING --

Our meeting will start at **7:00 PM** on Wednesday, **08 February 2012** at the Coast Guard Auxiliary Training Center, 1200 South Harbor Drive. For sure, Hans-WB2ZZB will have a good program cooked up!

--HANS GETS SET UP --



Hans Napfel-WB2ZZB gets his projector set up for the evening's program at our January meeting. Jim-KG4KOT and Bob-N1RA seem to be checking it out, while John-KY4JD seems to be counting his money.

-- HEADS UP! DUES ARE NOW OVERDUE! --

Here's another reminder that 2012 TARC dues should have been paid prior to the end of 2011. So, members who've not yet paid are now into our 3-month grace period. Our treasury would look much better if those 2012 dues were rolling in right now. Dues are \$5 for students under 18 years of age, \$25 for individual membership, and \$30 for family membership. Please fill out a Membership Application, as found on the last page of the newsletter (which helps with record keeping and any changes in your activities/interests), and submit it along with your payment to the address on the Application or directly to Treasurer Don Jansen-KI4VGE at an upcoming meeting. Thanks in advance!!

TAMIAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Minutes of the Meeting
11 January 2012

President Fred Lathwood-KJ4TNI called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM and, following a flag salute, introductions were made all around. Visitors were Allan Culbert-KOAL from Nokomis, Phil Jung-K9PJ from Osprey, Jon Krijgsman-N1BDF from Shelton, CT, and Robert Unsell.

MINUTES – Secretary Jack Sproat-W4JS requested a motion to accept the minutes of the 14 December 2011 meeting as published in the January 2012 issue of *The Communicator*. Dil Kay-W8DIL so moved, seconded by Guenther Hennig-AJ4QX, and passed.

CORRESPONDENCE – On 28 December, a letter was sent to the Venice Public Library transmitting a \$126 check which represented retained VE fees, and on 03 January a letter was received from the Library, thanking the Club for the donation. The Florida Non-Profit incorporation license was renewed via e-mail. E-mail notices were sent to the ARRL and CQ Magazine, requesting publication of notices of our 13-15 April K4S operation from the Sharks Tooth Festival.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Don Jansen-KI4VGE reported that the starting balance was \$1956.65. Receipts were \$11.00 from the December meeting 50/50, \$345 from dues, \$126.00 for Library donation, \$100.00 for sale of Heathkit amplifier, and an \$5 donation from Jim Murdock-KG4KOT, totaling \$587.00. Expenses were \$14.95 for Internet service, \$19.49 for office expenses, \$126 for Library donation and \$5 for the attendance drawing, totaling \$165.44. The ending balance is \$2378.19. Guenther Hennig-AJ4QX moved for acceptance of the report, seconded by Lois Marlatt-VE3CME, and passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUNSHINE – Stew Haag-W4MO stated he had recently talked to Martin Zippe-AF4ID and Martin seemed in good spirits.

VE TESTING – We have at least one candidate coming in this Saturday, 14 January.

REPEATER/TECHNICAL – The 146 and 444 MHz repeaters are operational in both analog and digital modes. The Flex 3000 is out of service. Stew-W4MO commented that it is critical that radios attempting use of the 444.100 MHz repeater be accurate in their output frequency. Stew will be glad to test the output frequencies of any members' radios.

CLUB PROPERTY – The inventory of club property has not changed. Stew plans to make up a list of the equipment on hand and, if there is no interest in the items, they will be tossed.

PUBLICITY/MEMBERSHIP – The most recent roster from San Yoder-K3SY shows that we have a total of 60 dues paying members, however not all have paid their 2012 dues, and eight Life Members. San stated that he had dropped the four First Year Free Members from the roster.

NET OPERATIONS – Fred reported that the new 440 Net was proving popular, what with 10 stations checking in on 03 January and 12 stations on 10 January.

LIAISON TO QCWA – There were 32 members, spouses and friends present at the 04 January luncheon/meeting of Suncoast Chapter 53. Hans Napfel-WB2ZZB presented his "quickie" program, "No Show Show." Visitors are welcome to our group the first Wednesday of the month at Denny's on Bee Ridge Road in Sarasota.

OLD BUSINESS – Nothing carried over.

NEW BUSINESS – Fred opened preliminary discussions concerning operation of SES K4S 13 to 15 April from the Sharks Tooth Festival. A show of hands for potential monitors for Sharks Tooth 10K Race and potential set up, operating, and take down volunteers was rather depressing. Nothing was resolved with regard to equipment and antennas available for use. A Sign Up sheet will be passed around at February/March /April meetings.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR – Rich Greenberg-N6LRT stated that he cannot access our 440 repeater from his Sarasota QTH and asked if anyone might have a 440 yagi that he could install in his attic. No offers were extended.

Lois Marlatt-VE3CME commented that several of the YL TARC members and wives of other members have been attending the Friday breakfasts. Lois asked the members to encourage their wives to participate in the Friday breakfasts.

ADJOURNMENT – A motion to adjourn was made at 7:36 PM by Bob Avrutik-N1RA, seconded by Dave Witt-WD9W, and passed. There were 26 members and four visitors present.

PROGRAM – Hans Napfel-WB2ZZB offered two videos. The first one showed the SO2R station of Dr. Glenn Johnson-W0GJ, located on 40

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CURRENT/UPCOMING DX ACTIVITY & PROPAGATION HIGHLIGHTS

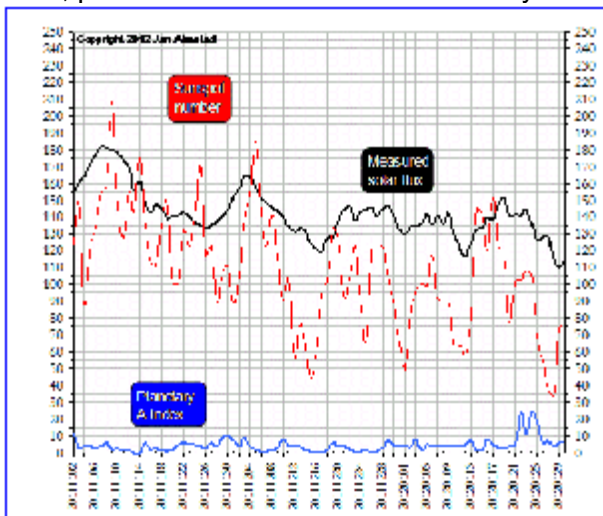
CURRENT and/or SCHEDULED DX ACTIVITY										
COUNTRY – CALL SIGN	ACTIVITY PERIOD	BEARING	HF BANDS and BEST OPENING TIMES (UTC)							
			80	40	30	20	17	15	12	10
Afghanistan – T6JM; ++ & Digital, 20 m	Now to 13 June	26	23-03	22-04	23-03	12-23	13-16	14-15	15-16	15-16
Dem Rep. Congo – 9Q???, CW, SSB	Now to 09 May	88	23-06	21-07	21-07	13-01	12-00	13-23	14-21	15-20
Minami Torishima – JD1/JG8NQJ	Now to 16 April	308	07-13	06-14	05-14	13-03	20-01	21-01	21-23	2100
Sri Lanka - 4S7KKG; **, digital, dipoles	Now to 10 Mar	28	00-01	23-01	00-01	14-23	13-22	14-22	15-21	16-20
Wallis & Futuna – FW0R; all modes, team op	Now to 23 Feb	260	06-13	04-15	04-15	17-02	17-01	18-00	19-23	20-22
Afghanistan – T6KK	Now to 15 Feb	26	00-03	22-04	22-03	12-23	13-16	14-15	15-16	15-16
Reunion Is – FR/F8APV; CW and SSB	Now to 10 Feb	91	--	22-03	22-03	18-00	--	--	--	--
El Salvador – HU2DX; German Team Op	Now to 10 Feb	206	21-15	00-24	00-24	13-01	14-00	15-23	16-21	17-21
Malpelo Is – HK0NA; big Intl operation	Now to 08 Feb	178	22-13	00-24	12-01	14-00	15-23	16-21	17-21	17-21
Nauru – C21HA; all bands, all modes	Now to 06 Feb	279	06-13	05-14	05-15	13-20	14-01	14-00	19-00	20-22
Pitcairn Is – VP6T; Intl Team operation	Now to 04 Feb	226	03-13	01-14	01-15	13-01	15-00	16-00	17-23	18-22
Niue – ZK2C; German Team Op, all modes	03 to 17 Feb	252	05-13	04-15	04-14	13-02	17-01	18-01	18-00	20-22
Guam – KH2/JS6RRR; all modes	10 to 14 Feb	306	08-13	07-14	07-14	20-02	20-01	21-00	21-23	21-22
South Cook Is – E51BKV; SSB & Digital	10 to 15 Feb	246	--	02-15	03-15	13-02	14-01	16-00	17-23	19-23
St Pierre & Miguelon – FP/W6HGF; **, Digi	10 to 20 Feb	39	22-12	00-24	12=01	13-23	14-20	15-18	15-19	NO
Bhutan – A52JF; CW, SSB, PSK	11 to 15 Feb	8	--	23-01	00-01	13-20	13-14	1330	NO	NO
Temotu – H40FN, H40FK; CW, Digital	11 to 24 Feb	270	07-13	06-14	05-14	13-17	19-01	19-01	19-00	20-23
Rodrigues Is – 3B9/OE4AAC; **	14 to 21 Feb	84	--	22-03	22-03	18-01	17-21	15-21	14-18	14-17
Annobon Is – 3C0E; All Modes	15 Feb to 15 Mar	92	23-07	21-08	21-08	12-02	12-00	13-00	13-23	15-21
Equatorial Guinea – 3C6E; All Modes	15 Feb to 15 Mar	86	22-06	21-08	21-08	12-02	12-01	13-23	13-22	15-21
Palau – T88KF; All Modes	17 to 21 Feb	307	08-13	08-14	08-14	13-21	14-01	14-00	21-00	22-23
New Caledonia – FK/F4BKV	18 to 25 Feb	258	--	06-14	06-14	13-16	00-01	20-01	21-00	21-23
Swaziland – 3DA0PW; **	21 to 29 Feb	106	23-04	22-06	22-05	18-00	13-22	13-20	14-17	14-16
Senegal – 6V7T	24 Feb to 07 Mar	87	22-08	20-10	20-09	11-02	12-00	13-22	14-22	15-20
Palau – T88XH, T88XG; All Modes	26 Feb to 02 Mar	307	08-13	08-14	08-14	13-21	14-01	14-00	21-00	22-23
Gambia – C56XA, C56/F5RAV	27 Feb to 15 Mar	88	22-08	20-10	20-11	11-02	12-00	13-23	14-22	15-20
Nepal – 9N7FOX; All Modes, Holiday Style	29 Feb to 09 Mar	13	00-01	23-01	23-01	12-02	13-15	14-15	14-15	1430

Updated 26 January based on 25 January *QRZ DX*, 23 January *The Weekly DX* and <http://www.ng3k.com>

Notes: Time in bold = Bands with 75-100% opening; ??? = Call Sign not yet known; ++ = Mostly Phone; ** = Mostly CW; NO = No Opening forecast. Long Path bearings and opening times are underlined. All forecasts calculated using *W6ELProp V.2.60* propagation software, available to download at <http://www.qsl.net/w6elprop/>. Solar Flux and K-index varied by date in accordance with USAF 45-Day A/P Forecast.

-- JANUARY SOLAR ACTIVITY --

The Solar Flux ranged from 110 to 157, with a mean value of 133.2 (vs. 83.7 for January 2011 and 80.1 for January 2010), and the A-index was ≥ 7 on 7 days. Through 30 January the sunspot number ranged from 34 to 152, with a mean of 92.0. Sunspot Regions 1390 to 1413 were active, with 113 C-class and 6 M-class flares, plus an X-class flare on 27 January.



(Thanks to Jan Alvestad, <http://www.solen.info/solar/>)

-- FEBRUARY FORECAST --

Solar activity is forecast to be at predominantly quiet during February.

No proton events at geosynchronous orbit are expected. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at normal to moderate levels during the month. The Solar Flux should average 144 during February.

The geomagnetic field should be quiet with the exception of 02-03 and 09-10 February when quiet to unsettled levels are expected due to recurrent coronal hole high speed streams.

(From NOAA Weekly Highlights and Forecasts, 24 January 2012, NOAA 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table, 24 January 2012, and 45 Day AP Forecast, USAF, 24 January 2012)

-- MICRO NOTES --

Darko Rusman-E70A “may” be on from Hargeisa, Somalia around 10 Feb for 10 days.

Laci-HA0NAR and his XYL Susanne-HA0SR are now active as FW0NAR from Wallis Island.

Sven-JX9JKA will start a one-year stay on Jan Mayen Island 22 March.

Both the TN2T-Congo and VP6T-Pitcairn Island DXpeditions were active and successful.

MAJOR CONTESTS DURING FEBRUARY

Contest/Special Event	Begin-End Times/Dates	Bands/Modes	QSO With	Exchange
European PSK Club World Wide PSK Contest	0000Z 04 Feb 2400Z 05 Feb	80 – 10 Meters BPSK63 Only	Anyone, Anywhere	RST, Serial
Ten-Ten Winter Phone QSO Party	0000Z 04 Feb 2359Z 05 Feb	10 Meters Only SSB Only	Members of 10-10 International	Call Sign, Name, QTH
Black Sea Cup International	1200Z 04 Feb 1200Z 05 Feb	80 – 10 Meters SSB and CW	Stations in the 23 Black Sea Countries	RS(T), ITU Zone (8, locally)
Mexico International RTTY Contest	1800Z 04 Feb 1759Z 05 Feb	80 – 10 Meters RTTY Only	Anyone, Anywhere	RST, Serial
North American Sprint	0000Z 05 Feb 0400Z 05 Feb	80 – 20 Meters CW Only	NA Countries, VE Provinces, US States	Both Calls, Serial, Name, S/P/C
YL-OM Contest	1400Z 10 Feb 0200Z 12 Feb	160 – 10 Meters SSB, CW, Digital	YL Members of the YLRL	Call Sign, RS(T), Serial, S/P/C
CQ World Wide RTTY WPX Contest	0000Z 11 Feb 2400Z 12 Feb	80 – 10 Meters RTTY Only	Anyone, Anywhere	RST, Serial
Dutch PACC Contest	1200Z 11 Feb 1200Z 12 Feb	160 – 10 Meters SSB and CW	Stations in the Netherlands	RS(T), Serial
North American Sprint	0000Z 12 Feb 0400Z 12 Feb	80 – 20 Meters SSB Only	NA Countries, VE Provinces, US States	Both Calls, Serial, Name, S/P/C
School Club Roundup	1300Z 13 Feb 2359Z 17 Feb	160 Meters to UHF SSB, CW, Digital	School Club Stations Use "I" for Class	RS(T), Class, S/P/C
Russian World Wide PSK Contest	2100Z 17 Feb 2100Z 18 Feb	160 – 10 Meters BPSK31, 63, & 125	Anyone, Anywhere	RST, Serial
ARRL International CW DX Contest	0000Z 18 Feb 2400Z 19 Feb	160 – 10 Meters CW Only	DXCC Entities	RST, S/P
REF French Contest	0600Z 25 Feb 1800Z 26 Feb	80 – 10 Meters SSB Only	Stations in France and French Possessions	RST, Serial
UBA (Belgian) Contest	1300Z 25 Feb 1300Z 26 Feb	80 – 10 Meters CW Only	DXCC Entities, but EU Stations are preferred	RS, Serial
North American QSO Party	1800Z 25 Feb 0600Z 26 Feb	80 – 10 Meters RTTY Only	NA Countries, VE Provinces, States, KL7, KH6	Name, S/P/C

Legend: Serial = Sequential number of contact; S/P/C = State, Province, DXCC Entity

From ARRL "Contest Corral" and WA7BNM Contest Calendar at <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/>

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acres up in Bemidji, Minnesota. The second video mixed Hans' and historical photos regarding the 1944 Normandy landings.

Jack Sproat-W4JS
Secretary

-- HAM RADIO MEETS THE MAKERS --

(The following articles written by Dan Romanchik-KB6NU, and combined into one, originated in EDN – Electronics, Design, Strategy, News on the Internet at <http://www.edn.com> and were suggested by Andy Durette-KB1HIP.)

About three years ago, a ham down in Texas attended the [Maker Faire](#). "Makers" are people who love to tinker and make things. They even have their own magazine, [Make](#). This ham was amazed at the lack of any amateur radio content. He wrote,

"The Maker Faire was unbelievable. Incredible stuff. Pedal powered carnival rides, robots,

computer drive routers, kits. Outside of a table with a Vectronics kit, and a license manual, and a QRP book, the only radio stuff was from a pirate radio group."

I'm kind of amazed at this as well. It just goes to show how disconnected amateur radio is getting from the mainstream. These are exactly the kind of people we want to get interested in amateur radio, yet there was no one there representing us.

Ham radio needs to be at these events and get plugged into the "maker community." The Faire has not yet released attendance figures for this particular Faire, but more than 65,000 people attended the Faire held in May 2008. Dayton, with its attendance of about 20,000, looks anemic by comparison.

I [blogged about this](#) back in May. One of the things I suggested then is moving Dayton to some place like Austin. Seriously, if you were a

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new, young ham, where would you rather go, Dayton, OH or Austin, TX? Let's be real here.

And can there be a worse place for an event than Hara Arena? The parking lot, where they hold the flea market looks like a mine field, and it usually rains, making the flea market a wet, unpleasant experience. Is it any wonder that fewer and fewer vendors choose to haul stuff out there? Some of us older hams might fondly reminisce about the bargain we found while traipsing around wearing a trash-bag poncho, but a story like that is not going to resonate with new hams.

Please don't get me wrong. I don't mean to badmouth the Dayton Amateur Radio Association or the Hamvention. I actually think that they do a great job, all things considered. I'm just pointing out that if ham radio wants to again be part of the mainstream, we have to get with the program. Unfortunately, that program probably won't be at the Hara Arena.

Ham radio has got to figure out how to latch onto the Maker phenomenon. At the very least, the ARRL should have a booth at the next one, and in addition to all the books and t-shirts, they need to come up with some kind of demo or display to attract makers into ham radio. I don't know what exactly, but I'm willing to start talking about it.

This phenomenon might also be a boon for clubs who hold hamfests. Just as the computer craze turned ham swaps into ham and computer swaps in the 80s, perhaps ham clubs could turn their hamfests into a combination hamfest and Maker Faire in their communities.

As I said earlier, Makers are exactly the kind of people we want in ham radio. Let's go out and get them.

(Fast forward to January 2012) Well, it finally looks like it is going to do just that. Just before the first of 2012, the [ARRL unveiled its DIY campaign](#). It mostly consists of a video, but there's also a flier designed to be a hand-out to go along with the video. A PowerPoint presentation and speaker's notes also are available, as well as 'Ask Why I DIY with Ham Radio' buttons.

CQ magazine is also jumping on the bandwagon. They recently announced that they will run a quarterly "Maker" column, written by Matt Stultz-KB3TAN. Stultz is the founder of "Hack-Pittsburgh," a "hackerspace" or community workshop for makers in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He has been a ham since 2009 and has

integrated amateur radio into many of Hack-Pittsburgh's activities.

Stultz's first column, titled "We Are Makers," will appear in the March issue of CQ. It provides a general introduction to the maker/hacker community for hams, as well as a description of a high-altitude balloon project that brought the two groups together in Pittsburgh.

(From "Let's Get on the Maker Bandwagon," Dan Romanchik-KB6NU, *EDN*, 24 October 2008 and "Ham Radio Finally Jumps on the Maker Bandwagon," Dan Romanchik-KB6NU, *EDN*, 16 January 2012)

-- MALPELO ISLAND-HK0NA --



Colombia's very barren and inhospitable Pacific island. A 4-man setup team spent several weeks erecting antennas, stations, power, etc. for the main team which arrived in mid-January.



Glenn Johnson-W0GJ and Pedro Claver Orozco-HK1X operating in relative comfort from OP "B", the lower station complex.



Shelter at OP "A" on top of the island. Not exactly a Holiday Inn by any means.

Through 31 January, the international team has run up a total of over 132,000 QSOs.

-- PAINFUL TOWER EXPERIENCE --

(An Amateur Radio operator is writing in response to a request for additional information for a claim he filed with his insurance company.)

In block number 30 of the accident report form, I put "poor planning" as the cause for my accident. You said in your last letter that I should explain more fully. I trust that the following detail will be sufficient.

I am an amateur radio operator. On the day of the accident, I was working alone on the top section of my new 80-foot antenna tower. When I completed my work, I discovered that I had, over the course of several trips up the tower, brought about 300 lb. of tools and spare hardware. Rather than carry the now-unneeded tools and materials down by hand, I decided to lower the items in a small barrel by using a pulley, which, fortunately, was attached to the pole at the tip of the tower. Securing the rope at ground level, I went up to the top of the tower and loaded the tools and materials into the barrel.

Then I went back to the ground and untied the rope, holding it tightly to insure a slow descent of the 300-lb. of tools.

You will note in block number 11 of the accident report form that I weigh 155 lb. Due to my surprise at being jerked off the ground so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded at a rapid rate up the side of the tower.

In the vicinity of the 40-foot level, I met the barrel coming down. This explains my fractured skull and broken clavicle.

Slowed only slightly, I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the fingers of my right hand were two knuckles deep into the pulley. Fortunately, by this time, I had regained my presence of mind and was able to hold tightly on the rope in spite of the pain. At about the same time however, the barrel hit the ground. The bottom fell out of the barrel. Devoid of the weight of the tools, the barrel now weighed 20 pounds.

I refer you again to my weight in block number 11. As you might guess, I began a rapid descent down the side of the tower. In the vicinity of the 40-foot level, I met the barrel coming up. This accounts for the two fractured ankles and the lacerations on my legs and lower body.

The encounter with the barrel slowed me enough to lessen my injuries when I fell into the pile of tools, and fortunately, only three vertebrae were cracked. I am sorry to report, how-

ever, that as I lay there on the tools in pain, unable to stand, watching the empty barrel 80 feet above me, I again lost my presence of mind.

I let go of the rope...

(TNX to Rich Greenberg-N6LRT for resurrecting that one, which is a classic.)

-- SOPA-PIPA PROTEST SUPPORTED --

Several of the popular ham radio web sites joined Wikipedia and others protesting the proposed Internet censorship proposals by Big Brother.

While the giant QRZ dot com website took what could best be described as the amateur radio point position in helping to halt the twin bills in their tracks, it turns out that it was not alone. The *Southgate News* reports that at least two other ham radio websites took part in the protest. Both the amateur radio HF Link Forum and the APRS site aprs.fi were closed in the United States on Wednesday, January 18th.

The aprs.fi blog noted in advance that it would join Wikipedia and Reddit, and protest the proposed United States Stop Online Piracy or SOPA and the Protect Intellectual Property Act or PIPA legislation by closing down. The blog went on to note that if some APRS user were to post links to copyright infringing material, even when that material would reside somewhere other than aprs.fi itself, that aprs.fi could be shut down in the U.S. and there would not be much that the website owners could do about it.

As subsequently reported in the media, both SOPA and PIPA have been withdrawn by their respective sponsors in Congress for retooling. That's a fancy way of saying that enough votes had defected to make passage at this time impossible. At the same time it's a way of keeping both pieces of legislation alive for re-introduction to the United States Federal law making process at some later date. And it's a sure bet that content providers such as the motion picture and music industries which basically wrote these two pieces of legislation will try again.

(From Amateur Radio Newslines™ Report 1798, 27 January 2012)

A skeptical anthropologist was cataloging South American folk remedies with the assistance of a tribal elder who indicated that the fronds of a particular fern were a sure cure for any case of constipation. When the anthropologist expressed his doubts, the elder looked him in the eye and said, "Let me tell you, with fronds like these, you don't need enemas."

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 QCWA Lunch, 11:15 @ Denny's TARC DX Net 8 PM, W4AC Repeater 146.805	2 TARC Net @ 7:30 PM, W4AC Repeater 146.805	3 Breakfast @ Peach's, ± 7:30 AM	4
5	6	7 Breakfast @ Peach's, ± 7:30 AM W4AC Net @ 7:30 PM, 444.100 Rptr	8 TARC Meet- ing @ 7 PM, Coast Guard Training Center	9 TARC Net @ 7:30 PM, W4AC Repeater 146.805	10 Breakfast @ Peach's, ± 7:30 AM	11 TARC VE Session @ 10:00 AM, Venice Library
12	13 DARN Emer- gency Net @ 11 AM Starts on NI4CE re- peater 145.430	14 Breakfast @ Peach's, ± 7:30 AM W4AC Net @ 7:30 PM, 444.100 Rptr	15 TARC DX Net, 8 PM, W4AC Repeater 146.805	16 TARC Net @ 7:30 PM, W4AC Repeater 146.805	17 Breakfast @ Peach's, ± 7:30 AM	18
19	20	21 Breakfast @ Peach's, ± 7:30 AM W4AC Net @ 7:30 PM, 444.100 Rptr	22 TARC DX Net, 8 PM, W4AC Repeater 146.805	23 TARC Net @ 7:30 PM, W4AC Repeater 146.805	24 Breakfast @ Peach's, ± 7:30 AM	25
26	27	28 Breakfast @ Peach's, ± 7:30 AM W4AC Net @ 7:30 PM, 444.100 Rptr	29 TARC DX Net 8 PM, W4AC Repeater 146.805			

NOTE: If the W4AC Repeater is inoperative, nets scheduled for activity on the repeater will be held on the simplex frequency of 146.580 MHz. Thanks for your cooperation.

**TAMIAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Name _____ Call Sign _____ Class ____ ARRL (Y/N)____

Local Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Summer Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Tel. No. _____ E-Mail _____ Application Date _____

Please check activity interests: Ass't Net Control____, RFI/TVI____, VE Testing____, Training____, Packet____, RTTY____,
Computers____, DXing____, Contests____, Field Day____, Publicity____, Emergency Communications____, Special Events____,
VHF/UHF____, SSTV____, ATV____, Repeater____, EchoLink____, Other (specify) _____

Regular Member @ \$25.00/year ____ , Family Membership @ \$30.00/year____ , Non-Voting Student Membership @ \$5.00/year____ . (New Regular Members joining after 30 June pay \$15.00 for remainder of calendar year. \$25.00 dues payment after 31 October grants membership through remainder of year and all of the following year.)

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