



THE COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter of the TAMAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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-- SEPTEMBER 2015 --

-- PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE --

The September issue of QST is devoted to Emergency Communication topics and has a lot of good reading. Why do I mention this? Well since joining the TARC club I haven't seen very much action club-wise in Emergency Preparedness Activity. To my knowledge there are only about five members WHO connect with the DARN net. (If you don't know what this is then you might want to look it up). I've been told that the lack of club member participation is due to its vast Snowbird membership. Also, since our area's emergency period is only during the hurricane season there aren't enough resident members to make a difference. I never realized that emergency issues were connected only to weather issues. To learn about the DARN net contact Andy Durette - KB1HIP, and he'll be glad to hear from you.

Let's be serious. Are we only a breakfast club? If so then it might be time to seek an organization that promotes true participation in community affairs.

On a lighter note, my thanks to Dave Gill - K4JDG for stepping up to the plate with his presentation on WSPR at our August meeting.

VY 73 de Fred-KJ4TNI

-- SEPTEMBER MEETING --

Our meeting will start at **7:00 PM** on Wednesday, **09 September 2015** at the Coast Guard Auxiliary Training Center, 1200 South Harbor Drive. The program has not been determined at "press time" but Program Director Hans Napfel-WB2ZZB will undoubtedly have something to offer of interest.

-- EDITOR'S NOTE --

This September issue is quite abbreviated due to the fact that your editor and his guide/mentor wife are heading out to Kanab, Utah for the Western Legends Roundup, followed by three days of saddle time as we ride three different trails near San Acacia, New Mexico.

"Happy Trails to all until we meet again."

-- 2016 ARRL NATIONAL AT ORLANDO --

The ARRL Board of Directors voted at the ARRL Board of Directors meeting in July, to designate the 70th Annual Orlando Hamcation, 12-14 February 2016, as the site of the 2016 ARRL National Convention.

The 2016 Orlando Hamcation will be an ARRL Expo with an extra ARRL Headquarters presence. Be sure to mark this one in your hamfest calendar for the upcoming hamfest season.

(From *THE WCF PRESSER*: ARRL WCF Section News, Issue #8 – August 2015)

-- CHECK OUT OUR SECTION WEBSITE --

If you have not done so lately, check out all the information that is posted on the WCF Section website at <http://www.arrlwcf.org>. The latest WCF SECTION PRESS RELEASES, upcoming special events, monthly meetings, etc., are all posted there. More content will be added to the Section website over the coming days, including completion of the monthly local club meeting and VE test session calendar, local radio net schedule, and lists of the various ARRL Station Appointees who serve you here in the West Central Florida Section. Check the website and check it often.

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- CHAPTER 53 RETURNING TO SARASOTA -

The 02 September lunch by QCWA Suncoast Chapter 53 members will be the last one at the Hibachi Grill Buffet in the Bird Bay Plaza, Venice. Starting 07 October the 2015-2016 meeting/lunches will be held at Denny's, 3701 Bee Ridge Rd. in Sarasota. All are welcome!



**Tamiami Amateur Radio Club
Minutes of the Meeting
12 August 2015**

President Fred Lathwood-KJ4TNI called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with a flag pledge. Introductions were then made all around. There were no visitors.

MINUTES – Fred requested a motion to accept the minutes of the 8 July 2015 meeting as published in the August 2015 issue of *The Communicator*. Hans Napfel-WB2ZZB so moved, seconded by Pat Marx-N4PRM, and passed.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

TREASURER'S REPORT – Dave Gill-K4JDG reported for Treasurer San Yoder-K3SY that the starting balance was \$4,669.07. Receipts were \$9 from the July 50/50. There were no expenses. We had a closing balance of \$4,678.07. Al Culbert-K0AL moved for acceptance of the report, seconded by Gary Hagens-K6OC, and passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUNSHINE - Ed Clark's(K8ZM) wife, Jill, underwent surgery. It appears everything came out fine.

VE TESTING – 2 candidates at the 8 August VE session. Both passed.

REPEATER/TECHNICAL – Both the 146.805 and 444.100 machines are operating satisfactorily.

PUBLICITY/MEMBERSHIP – No changes.

NET OPERATIONS – Fred reminded all of our 440 and 2-meter nets

LIAISON TO QCWA – There were 11 members and spouses at the 5 August lunch at the Hibachi Grill Buffet, 549 Hwy 41, Venice, FL

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – Jack Sproat-W4JS announced that September is the last month at Hibachi Grill for QCWA lunch. It then returns to Denny's on Bee Ridge Rd., Sarasota for the winter months.

Fred Lathwood-KJ4TNI would like anyone to bring in their "Go Packs" to the next meeting for discussion.

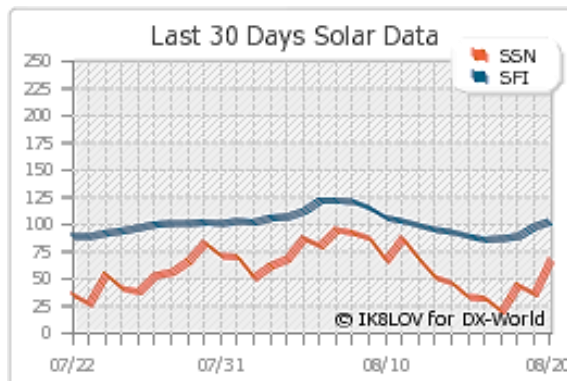
COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR – None

ADJOURNMENT – At 7:10 PM, a motion to adjourn was made by Gary Hagens-K6OC, seconded by Al Culbert-K0AL, and passed. There were 12 members present.

PROGRAM – Dave Gill-K4JDG gave a presentation WSPR and a brief overview of an end fed antenna project.

Dave Gill-K4JDG; Secretary

-- HF PROPAGATION ON THE WANE --



The summer doldrums have been aggravated by strong geomagnetic storms during August.

-- SOME DX TO BE LOOKING FOR --

FIGI, 3D2. 3D2YA by JA1NLX 23-28 Sept fm Yangeta Is; 40m-10m; CW, RTTY, SSB.

TANZANIA, 5H. 5H3DX by NK8O 04-28 Sept fm Zinga; 20-6m; spare time; 100w.

W. MALAYSIA, 9M2. SE station 9M10CSB is QRV until 31 October 31. Activity on 80m to 6m using CW, SSB and digital modes.

SABLE IS., CY0. Aaron is QRV as CY0/VA1AXC until 23 September. Activity is mainly SSB on 20 meters around 2300z.

S. COOK ISLANDS, E5. Milan-OK1DWC is QRV as E51DWC until sometime in September. CW and SSB on 160m to 10m.

FRENCH POLYNESIA, FO. By DF1YP as FO/DF1YP fm Moorea 05 Sept to 01 Oct.

ALAND ISLANDS, OH0. Stefan-DL3SEM is QRV as OH0/DL3SEM until 06 September.

SLOVAK REPUBLIC, OM. SE station OM2015TITANIC is QRV from Bratislava during the Titanic exhibition until the end of the year.

DODECANESE, SV5. Volker-DL1ZB is QRV as SV5/DL1ZB from Kos until the end of September. SSB, RTTY, SSTV and PSK63 on 20 to 6 meters.

TUVALU, T2. LZ1GC and OM5ZW as T2GC from Funafuti 24 Sept-14 Oct; 160m-6m; CW, SSB, RTTY.

PALAU, T8. T88KH by JP1RIW 12-16 Sept fm Koror I (OC-009, PJ77fi); 80-6m.

PALAU, T8. T88QB by JF2SQB 20-22 Sept.

VIETNAM, XV. VK6LC as XV2VTC and 3W2HCM from 24 Sept to 23 Oct. CW and SSB on 20m, 17m, 15m.

VANUATU, YJ. YJ0NH by JA0JHQ fm Port Vila, Efate Is, 03-07 Sept; 80-6m; CW SSB

(From NG3K Contest/DX Page and ARLD033 DX news, 20 August 2015)

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September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Breakfast @ Peach's, ± 7:00 AM 440 Net @ 7:30 PM, 444.100 Rptr	2 QCWA, 11:15 @ Hibatchi Grill Buffet, Bird Bay Plaza, US 41 Bypass, Venice	3 TARC Net @ 7:30 PM, W4AC Repeater 146.805	4 Breakfast @ Peach's, ± 7:00 AM	5
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13	14 DARN Emer- gency Net @ 11 AM Starts on NI4CE Rptr 145.430	15 Breakfast @ Peach's, ± 7:00 AM 440 Net @ 7:30 PM, 444.100 Rptr	16	17 TARC Net @ 7:30 PM, W4AC Repeater 146.805	18 Breakfast @ Peach's, ± 7:00 AM	19
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NOTE: If the W4AC 146.805 Repeater or the 444.100 Repeater are inoperative, nets scheduled for activity will be held on 146.580 MHz simplex. 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 Letters of Interests: (N) Net Control__, (I) RFI/TVI__, (V) VE Testing__, (T) Training__, (P) Packet__, (Y) RTTY__, (D) PSK, etc.__, (O) Computers__, (X) DX__, (C) Contests__, (F) Field Day__, (Q) Publicity__, (E) Emergency Communications__, (S) Special Events__, (U) VHF/UHF__, (A) ATV/SSTV, (R) Repeater__, (L) 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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