

Newsletter of the TAMIAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (TARC), Venice, FI

THE COMMUNICATOR

Serving the Communities of Sarasota, Nokomis, Venice, Englewood, and North Port.

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Presidents Message... KN4BAR

Congratulations to our new vice president, Dwight KT4DDS, who was elected by acclamation at last month's meeting to serve the remainder of the 2024 term for this office. Thank you Dwight for placing your name in nomination.



One of our newer hams and club members, John Geimer K4GEI is introducing amateur radio into the Sarasota Military Academy (SMA) curriculum... He told me recently, "We have 26 kids enrolled in Intro to Radio and Electronics I for the spring semester beginning in January, and I've sent out our final draft of our funding grant to the ARDC [to build a school HF radio station]."

On Sept 26th I will be doing a 1 hour introduction to amateur radio class to over 200, 6th graders at the Pine View School for the Gifted (PVS) at the invitation of the school's STEM program director, Marie Rosander. Marie has been promoting a ham radio club for the school...

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Welcome New Members

| Name | Call Sign | Class | Membership | Date Joined |
|-------------------|-----------|-------|------------|-------------|
| Kenneth Cox | KI4YHX | Extra | Member | 9/8/24 |
| Rick Mikluscak | KQ4UMP | Tech | First Year | 8/23/24 |
| Michael Pryon | KQ4UNP | Tech | First Year | 8/16/24 |
| Jason Higgins | KQ4RWE | Tech | Member | 7/28/24 |
| Alex Szkabarnicki | VA3CKI | Adv | Member | 7/17/24 |

Upcoming Events

- 10/5/24 - EARS Foxhunt
- 10/9/24 - October Meeting
- 10/9/24 - Cathy Duff SCSO - Crime and Fraud Prevention
- 10/12/24 - Ham Radio at the Library
- 10/19-20/24 - Scouts Jamboree
- 12/4/24 - TARC Holiday Party

Dits, Dues, and Dots...

Is your club membership information current?

The club tries very hard to keep accurate records of its members. The most important piece of information is the date you last paid your annual membership dues. But beyond that, your current mailing and email addresses, phone number, license class, and ARRL membership status are all equally important. As an ARRL affiliated club it is very important that we know your membership status since we are required to have a membership of at least 50% ARRL members. If you visit the [Members Only page](#) on our website, you will be able



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to look up your club membership information and verify its accuracy. You can't make any changes yourself. If anything needs to be changed, then send me an email as I am currently the membership coordinator for the club. I am looking for a qualified replacement if anybody would like the job?

73, Paul KN4BAR

HOW TO PAY YOUR CLUB DUES:

As a reminder, TARC has a tiered structure for yearly membership dues which are \$25 per year. Membership payments are due on January 1 each year. There is a 60-day grace period. If dues are not paid by March 1, you are automatically removed from the roster. If you join the club the first time after June 1, the fee is only \$13 and your next payment is due on January 1 for the next full year.

Dues can be paid by mail, in person, or online by:

[<CLICKING HERE>](#)

Presidents Message *(continued)*

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and is taking online license training classes for her Technician Class license. I'm hoping I can report to our membership at the October club meeting that a club has been formed at PVS!

The local Boy Scouts of America council is very fortunate to have several leaders who have amateur radio licenses and are certified to award the Amateur Radio Merit Badge. At this year's Jam-

boree (Oct 19-20) they will have 4 HF stations operating at Brohard Park in Venice. Please try to help if you can. Read more about this inside.

FINALLY! I've been a new ham and club member since 2017 and have tried several times over the last few years to gain inroads to the Sarasota County school system to promote amateur radio as a viable part of a STEM program. Now, no thanks to my and other members' efforts, it looks like

2024 will be the year that amateur radio makes it into the local schools again. About 15 years ago SMA, PVS, and Venice High School all had active ham radio clubs. Maybe the time is right to bring ham radio back into the schools. Please do all you can to support Youth on the Air (YOTA) and ARRL School Club Roundups (Oct 21-25) events by answering CQ calls and engaging with these young new hams.

-73, Paul KN4BAR

Chasing DX CQ DX CQ DX...

*DX Editor: Tony DiCenzo, KX1G
KX1G@ARRL.NET*

Announced Top-100 DXPEDITIONS scheduled in October 2024

| DATES | ENTITY | CALL-SIGN | QSL INFO | INFO |
|--------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Oct 9-14 | Nauru #77 | C21MM | ClubLog OQRS | 160-6m; CW SSB FT8 RTTY; 5 Stations |
| Sept 5-15 | Pitcairn #66 | VP6WR | LoTW; M0URX OQRS | 80-100m; SSB FT8, perhaps CW |

Also expected in October; Reunion, Namibia, Samoa, Svalbard, Vanuatu, Mozambique, Cayman Is, Jamaica, and Malawi. For the latest info always check **Announced DX Operations** at: <https://www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html>

Are we close to the Cycle 25 solar maximum?

SpaceWeatherLive.com is a super tool for knowing what's happening with our Sun. A quick check shows we have now reached the highest official monthly mean sunspot number in 23 years, with August thus far averaging an incredible monthly mean sunspot number of 222.3. They are projecting we may reach solar maximum this year. Boy! That was fast.

Subscribe to the SpaceWeatherLive [mailing list](#), follow them on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) and download the SpaceWeatherLive app for **Android** and **iOS**

DX Contests in October

Oct 5-6: Oceania DX Contest, Phone
Oct 26-27: CQ WW DX Contest: SSB

<https://www.contestcalendar.com/contestcal.htm>

Research: It's What DXer's Do.

Li'l Pistols, hams who have modest stations and use 100 watts or less, often have outstanding results chasing DX. They do their homework. All the tools they use are available to you. Tools like DX spotting clusters, lists of gray line times at DX locations, the list of Announced DX

Operations, QST's monthly DX column, DX nets, and Great Circle maps that show you where to point your antenna if you are lucky enough to have a beam. There are a couple of good sites that catalog

web links to ham tools.

My favorites are:

The Lone Star DX Association list of Links: <http://www.dxer.org/links.html>, and NG3K's Contest/DX Page: <https://www.ng3k.com/index.html>

A couple of books you might also want to check out. The Complete DXer is out of print, but I bet there are TARC members who will loan it to you. The CIA Fact Book, previously published in book form, is now on-line. <https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/countries/>

Question of the Month for October 2024:

This month's question was submitted by Steve Hawley, K4EU.

But can you identify these other famous DXers?

Everyone knows that Senator Barry Goldwater (K7UGA) was a ham, and rock star Joe Walsh of the Eagles (WB6A-CU) is a ham (he used to send Morse code from the back of a tour bus).

- 1 - VU2RG
- 2 - JY1
- 3 - EA0JC
- 4 - UA1LO
- 5 - OH2BH
- 6- NK7U
- 7. KB2GSD

Got a suggestion or question for Chasing DX??

Please send it to KX1G@ARRL.NET.



Monthly Testing Sessions

As a reminder to all members, TARC offers Monthly testing opportunities at the Venice Library. These testing opportunities take place the second Saturday of every month.

Not only do these sessions provide a great way to get new Hams involved, but to further the education of current Hams. Keep a look out in the October issue for great incentives to current club members to upgrade their license.

-Chris Stape, K4PTS

[Click here to learn more](#)

Want to share something with the club?

The Communicator is a publication by the club for the club. If you have something you would like to share about the Amateur Radio hobby or a Radio related event to recap, please send it to the Editor, by [Clicking Here](#). Your contributions will continue to make this publication a resource to our club.

Scouts: Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA)

Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, is the largest Scouting event in the world. It is held annually the third full weekend in October. JOTA uses amateur radio to link Scouts and hams around the world, around the nation, and in your own community. This year the event will be on October 19-20th, 2024 at Brohard Paw and Beach Park, 1600 Harbor Dr. S. in Vencie.

Joe N3SX and John N9OU are both scout leaders in the Venice area and as part of this national event they will be conducting a major amateur radio merit badge qualification event for the scouts

attending this Jamboree. There will be four HF stations set up for the event. They will be coordinating with Steve NS4P for the band filters, and Steve will loan the scouts his TW portable antenna. Club members are invited to stop by the Brohard Park, 1600 Harbor Dr S., location and lend a hand with getting the scouts on the air and qualified for this merit badge. You are also encouraged to operate from home and make contacts with the many scouts from around the world who will be calling CQ this weekend!

73, Paul KN4BAR

EARS Fox Hunt

The EARS Club is hosting another Fox Hunt, and welcomes all Ham Radio Operators to participate. The Foxhunt will be on Saturday October 5th with registration beginning at 9am at Tringali Park, near the intersection of Winchester and Rte 776 in Englewood. If you have any questions please email: lobanker@hotmail.com

Tips & Tricks

1. The fox will start transmitting at 9:30am on 146.565 Mhz. It will transmit for approximately 40 seconds and then will go silent for about 20 seconds, repeating this cycle for the total foxhunt.
2. The fox is located somewhere within the area of the map. It is accessible by paved roads. If you find yourself on a gravel or dirt road you missed a turn!

3. If you need some help, the "fox" will be listening on the EARS repeater and will give you some advice if needed. If you can't get the repeater, call 941 416 2516 (KN-4RKE Bob)

4. As you get closer, you may need to tune your radio to a harmonic, off channel, or add attenuation to home in on the fox. The third harmonic is 439.695Mhz, which is in the 70cm ham band.

5. A technique shown in videos on Youtube.com suggests that you take an initial bearing at the start, plot it on a map, and then take a 2nd bearing at a different location to plot an intercept point.

6. The fox will stop transmitting at 2pm, unless everyone finds it before then. Have fun and be safe.

73 Bob McAlister



HAM Radio Day at the Library

To All TARC Members:

Ham Radio Day At the Library will be held on Saturday, October 12 at The William H. Jervy, Jr. Library (Venice Public Library), 300 Nokomis Ave. S. Venice, FL 34285 .

TARC will be operating a Special Events Station (N4V) commemorating our donation of ham radio related books to the Sarasota County Library System.

We will have three stations

working SSB, CW, and Satellite Thanks to those who volunteered to help with the setup, station operation, and repacking.

Setup will begin at 7:30 AM and must be completed by 10 AM. Operation is scheduled from 10 AM to 3 PM after which we will tear down and repack. We expect to gather the equipment and supplies for the event on Friday morning, October 11th, following our normal Friday breakfast.

We are in need of a few good

hands for that event and someone who has a pickup truck that we can use to store the equipment overnight before the event and then return the equipment to our storage locker at the end of the day.

If you would like to take part in any or all of the above activities and you have not signed the sheet that was passed at the last club meeting please send me an email at odyssey922@earthlink.net.

I will contact you during the week before the event.

Dwight Sullivan, KT4DDS, the club's public information officer, has done a great job of promoting this event in the media, and we are hoping to have a good turnout of those who want to learn about ham radio using books that we have donated to the library system.

-73, Brian, W1JBD

TARC Annual Holiday Party

As the outside temperature has been above 90°F for a while, it's time to have cooler thoughts by thinking about our annual holiday party! The party will take place on Wednesday, December 4, 2024 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM at Plantation Golf and Country Club in Venice. Cocktail hour and mingling begin at 6:00 PM with dinner starting at 7:00 PM.

The first course will be a salad of mixed greens, Craisins, feta cheese, pecans, and balsamic vinaigrette.

Entrée choices include Chicken Francese with a lemon caper sauce, Pesto Rubbed Salmon with fresh tomatoes and slivered

almonds, Deluxe Vegetable Stir-fry with seasonal mixed vegetables and Asian seasoned rice noodles, or a 12oz Prime Rib with au jus & horseradish cream. *Fresh horseradish is available upon request.*

Entrées (except for Deluxe Vegetable Stir-fry) will be served with roasted red potatoes, broccoli, and red peppers.

For dessert, we will have NY style cheesecake with cherries.

The cost for dinner is \$57.00 (\$64.00 for Prime Rib) per person. If paying with PayPal, there is a \$2.00 additional fee.

The cost includes salad, entrée, dessert, roll & butter, coffee, iced

tea, lemonade, tax, gratuity, bartender, and room rental.

A cash bar is available with a dedicated bartender for our group. If you're interested in attending, money and entrée choices must be made by November 23, 2024.

You may pay online at tamiamiarc.org or give the treasurer cash or a check.

If you have any food allergies or dietary restrictions, please send an email to pat.phillips3@gmail.com.

-Pat Phillips, N4IGI

Club Business and News

Net Manager and Control Operators Needed

Ten years or so ago, TARC had a Net Manager and a rotating schedule of Net Control Stations for the club's 2m and 70cm weekly nets. Looking at back issues of the Communicator it is apparent that participation was poor and the system wasn't working. A few dedicated hams came to the rescue and San K3SY became the full-time 2m net control, and Frank W2XYZ became the full-time 70cm DMR net control. That system served the club well for about a decade now. But, like all good things, it is coming to an end. San announced late last year that he was looking for a replacement, and this year Frank is looking to have less full-time responsibility for the DMR net.

We had a few volunteers this year to take on the 2m net control duty, but health and life considerations began to limit their availability as well. SO, I'd like to go back in time and see if we can't get a viable, rotating schedule of qualified net control operators to run our various nets each week. We have the 2m chat net, the 70cm DMR net, and a new 10m chat net started by Steve NS4P a few years ago.



Being a net control station is one of the many skills a good amateur radio operator should have. All of our TARC nets are conducted as informal, social nets with very minimum protocols and procedures to be followed. Information about our club nets can be found on our website: <https://tamiamiarc.org/club-nets/tarc-net-control/>

In addition to the old regulars, we now have Gerard KQ4DVD and Tony W4RFV as new net control stations for the 2m net. There is a published schedule of net controls on the website: <https://tamiamiarc.org/net-control-schedule/>

Please consider signing up to be a net control station, and I am looking for someone to be the TARC Net Manager to manage the rotating schedule of net controls. Let me know if you are interested.

73, Paul KN4BAR

Streaming a Club Meeting??

Over the past year it has come up in conversation several times that it would be advantageous to explore the concept of streaming our monthly membership meetings. This has been heard by several of the Board members and newer club members and we are excited to announce that there **MAY** be a solution on the horizon.

Having a background in live event video production and streaming setups, I (Chris, K4PTS) have been working with one of our members, Gary Youngberg from The Venice Presbyterian Church to do some testing and find the best way to bring these meetings to a streaming platform. We are **HOPING** to have testing completed and a system in place to run a trial stream for the October meeting. Again I stress the words MAY and HOPING above. Keep an eye on Groups.io for updates and a potential link to the stream.

-Chris, K4PTS

Join us for Breakfast

- Tuesday's at Peach's
- Friday at Perkin's,
- Wednesday on Zoom.
- Saturday at Venice DAV

For more Information check out the club calendar on Page 11



FAILED - Tower Move

The crane and the flatbed truck all arrived on time at 11:30 and by 12 noon We were hooked up and ready to pluck the tower from its foundation sleeve pipe. The crane pulled and pulled, Jim N7JIM pounded and pounded to break up the corrosion, and the tower never budged an inch. After more than an hour of tugging, wiggling, and pounding we finally had to give up. Station manager is rethinking his options and will try something new one day next week, but he has to move as soon as possible. Standby.

73, Paul KN4BAR

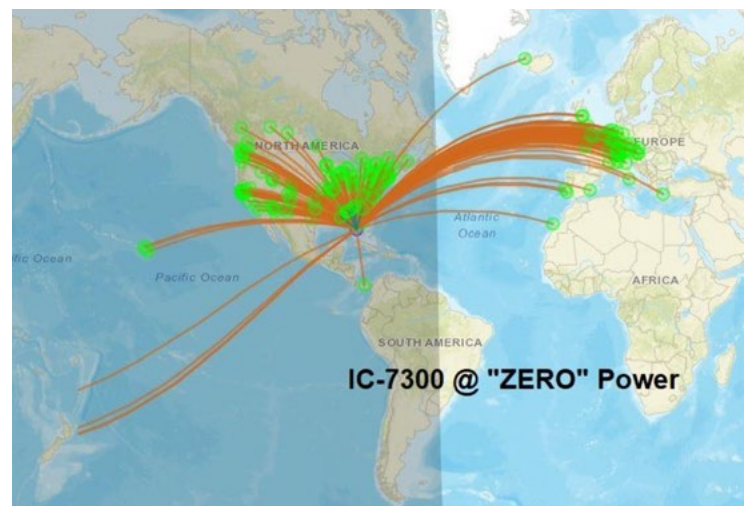
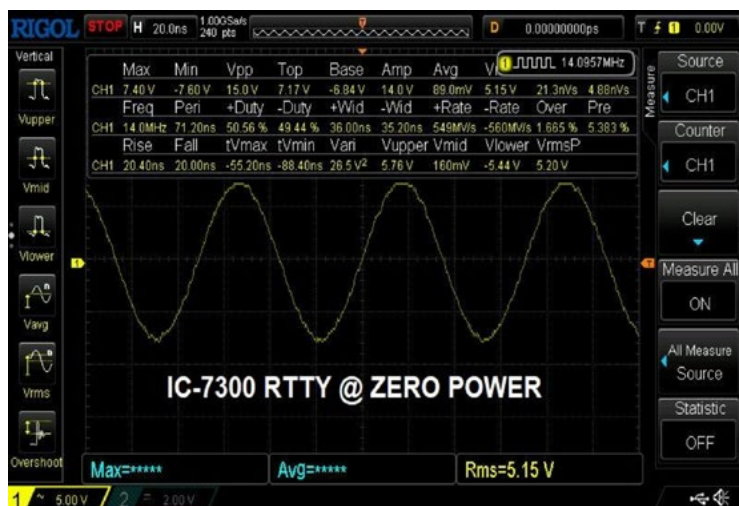
Zero is More than Nothing

When tinkering with a radio, it's sometimes necessary to transmit without outputting any power. I usually do this by turning the power setting to zero. But wait! It turns out that a zero setting does not mean no output power! These images show the output from an IC-7300 with the power

output set to zero. The scope shows an RMS voltage close of 5.15V into a 50 ohm load. This means the transmitter is outputting around 0.5 Watts. For a real world test, I transmitted a WSPR signal using WSJT-X overnight. My "zero" output signal was heard around the world.

So unlike your bank statement, where zero really does mean nothing, the zero of your transmit setting may not mean nothing. A dummy load should always be used when you don't intend to transmit a signal.

-Tom, K7ONE



Thank You, Chet - KG4IYS

Chet Fennel, KG4IYS joined the club in 2018 after moving to the Venice area. In 2021 the club granted Chet a life membership to TARC for his significant technical and financial contributions to the club. In September 2024, we exhausted the last of the directed donation funds Chet gave to the club back in 2021 for maintenance and upgrades to the repeater site on Paul Morris Dr. in Englewood. I would like to remind club members of all that Chet has done for our club and to again say thank you Chet!

The September 2020 Communicator has an excellent article where Frank W2XYZ wrote about our repeater site trials and tribulations in 2020, and Chet's involvement in solving the problems. https://tamiamiarc.org/tarc/files/Communicator_20_09.pdf

In the 8 months from May 2020



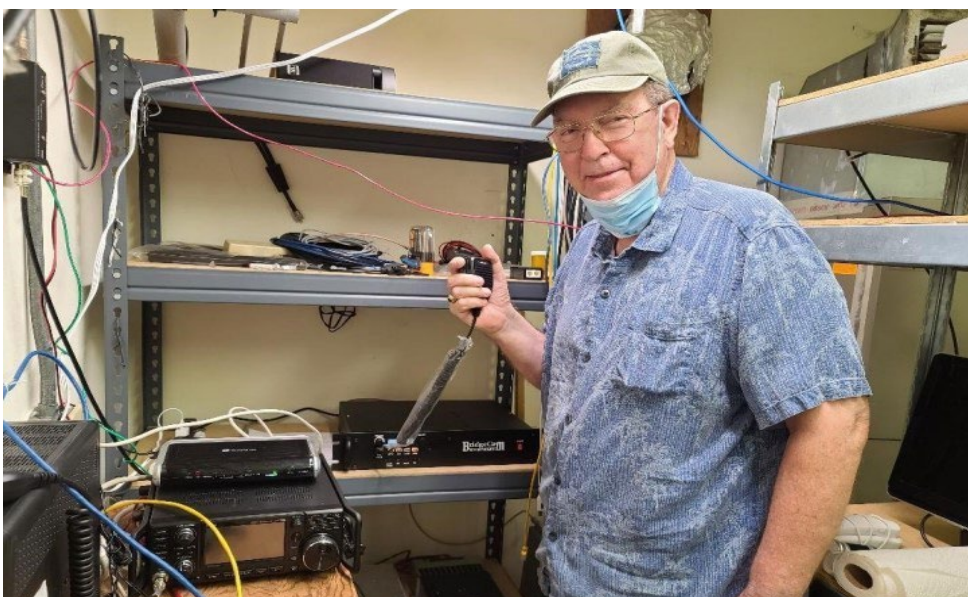
Chet with his XYL Patsy

thru January 2021 Chet bought out the old repeater site equipment from the previous private owner and donated it all to TARC. Then, when lightning struck (literally) he bought and donated to the club two new repeaters (2m FM and 70cm DMR) and a new antenna. Then, when the tower, after decades of no maintenance, was judged to be unsafe, he hired a contractor to replace the guy

wires, remove corrosion, and paint the entire 200-foot tower. And, he still wasn't done! To help protect this most generous investment in TARC property, Chet negotiated a formal lease agreement with the tower owner to protect TARC's continued access to the site, and he donated a significant amount of cash to a dedicated Englewood Repeater Site Maintenance fund.

TARC's repeater situation and financial condition would be tremendously different today than what it was four years ago were it not for the generosity of Chet. Today we have a first-class club repeater system that reaches from St. Pete to Punta Gorda, we have a strong and growing membership base, and we have money in the bank. Thank you Chet!

73, Paul KN4BAR



Club History - Jon Hamlfet; W4ZW

Over the years, numerous TARC members have graced the cover of CQ magazine, including Jon Hamlet-W4ZW back in 2010. John had a 2-storey home on south Casey Key, featuring an indoor swimming pool, an elevator to the second floor where his shack was located, and a flat roof where a short tower supported his 3-element SteppIR beam, with a 2-element 40-meter beam above it. The page 48 description of Jon's love of ham radio is quite on target. He was definitely a successful entrepreneur, and enjoyed recalling his Radio Shack experiences in Moscow. I will always recall how he arrived at our rather remote site at our first K4S operation at the Sharks Tooth Festival. He parked his Rolls Royce sedan nearby, then opened the trunk to remove a colorful poster board he had created about ham radio which we set up at our shelter.

Jon was an excellent CW operator, and I recall one TARC Field Day effort where we operated from a free-loan mobile home in an open community park near the Intracoastal in south Venice. In the middle of a rainy night, Jon arrived, took over the CW station,

and kept quite busy for several hours. Jon's complete first name was John but, as he once told me, he dropped the "h" to improve his CW speed.

Jon was responsible for my buying a new Corvette C-5 in 2000. Dick Dean-N4RD (SK) and I went to a QCWA summer break lunch and I parked next to a beautiful red Ferrari spyder. Jon, his father-in-law, and a few other Chapter 53 members were there, and I commented about the Ferrari. Jon advised that it was a Corvette with a custom built Ferrari body. He had a business over near Orlando where they were making these cars (which were registered as Corvettes) for use in the very popular TV series "Miami Vice." This was the last one they had made.

As noted on the attached, Larry Mulvehill-WB2ZPI was the official cover photographer for CQ. Larry lives in Sarasota and he apparently traveled around the country--possibly for a different company--where he shot lots of ham radio related cover photos. He attended Chapter 53 lunches from time to time, and he gave an in-



teresting background tale on how he created one cover pretty much from scratch via photo shopping. During a telephone conversation today with Contester/DXer George Wagner-K5KG, he advised me that in the Florida Contest Group's list of SK members, there was an article I had written for the January 2012 issue of The Communicator regarding the passing of Jon in December 2011.

It is obvious that I had a great deal of respect and admiration for Jon for what he could do and what he did do over the dozen years I knew him.

73 de Jack-W4JS

A Call From the Past?

"History cannot give us a program for the future, but it can give us a fuller understanding of ourselves, and of our common humanity, so that we can better face the future." - Robert Penn Warren

In the coming issues as we move into 2025 I would love to create a page to showcase and celebrate the history of TARC. This is the official call to all of our more seasoned members to help craft this corner so the newer members such as myself can continue to celebrate and learn from our clubs history. Submit any articles to communicator@tamiamiarc.org

-Chris, K4PTS

BEST SALE

Got Gear?

Got gear to sell? Looking for a specific piece of gear to complete the perfect shack? Just want to browse? Well head to KE4RXM Tom's weekly trader's net which airs Tuesday nights at 8pm on the TARC 2m repeater

Can't make the net? No problem. Navigate to www.tamiami-tradeshow.net which is the companion website to Tom's on-air net. On this website, you will find quality ham gear for sale. It comes from various sources, and most items that are advertised on-air are put on the site as well. Tom is active in the trading community and posts his own items. Some from other nets (Sarasota and Manatee nets on Monday and Wednesday nights), as well as shack downsizing or /sk lists which are sent to him.

See the site for how it works!

-Tom Waters, KE4RXM

Tech TIDBIT - Satellite Comms

Big News on the Satellite Communications front. Which include the ISS, which TARC has a vested interest in...

AnyTone is releasing a Firmware Update which applies to the ever-popular AT-878 series HTs which will allow you to track satellites, get real-time info on the pass and rise, rise, and provides functionality to do doppler shift, and other elements which are essential for successful communicating with satellites. You don't get the ability to use the 878 as a single transmitter for communication, but this can allow you to monitor if that's all you want to do, or eliminate the need for a separate phone app or whatever you use for tracking and receiving the downlink.

No other HT has implemented the inclusion of satellite operation quite like this. Icom has a similar (but more robust) feature in their highest-tier base radios, but no other HT does.

NOTE: The 878 has 2 cousins which are nearly identical physically, but have different firmware due to being sold under the Btech and Alinco brand. The Btech DMR



6x2 (and Pro) and the Alinco DJ-MD5XLT do NOT currently have this feature in their software. Do NOT attempt to put AnyTone firmware into a Btech or Alinco radio! A representative from Btech has told me to look for this update in Early 2025 for the 6x2 series of their radios. They realize how amazing this is for Hams (remember, this is also a commercially type accepted radio) and want to make sure Btech "gets it right" before release. Stay tuned!

[CLICK HERE FOR FIRMWARE DOWNLOAD](#)

[YOUTUBE VIDEO OUTLINING UPDATES](#)

-Tom, KE4RXM

Some exciting new items which have become available in the last 2 weeks include:

>Yaesu FT-950 HF 160-6 Transceiver. There are TWO available from different sellers. \$450/\$600

>Bencher Iambic model BY-1B A top-notch key. (2) available, 1 in Black 1 in Chrome. \$70/\$85

>Yaesu FTM-400 dual-band FM/C4FM mobile. This radio has had the MARS/CAP mod performed for GMRS, if you are looking for that. Excellent condition. \$350.00

>Icom 756 Pro III HF transceiver. \$700.00

>Yaesu FT-897 WITH the internal AC power supply. HF-70cm shack in a box. All mode. \$600.00

Full Club Calendar

| TARC MEETINGS | Scheduled | Time | Location | Next Upcoming: |
|-------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Board of Directors | 1st Saturday | 1300 | Zoom | September 7th |
| General Membership | 2nd Wednesday | 1830 | Venice Presbyterian Church | September 11th |
| TARC Annual Meeting | Annually | 1830 | During The December Meeting | December 11th |
| Nets | | | | |
| North Port Diehards* | Mondays | 2000 | TARC 147.120 Repeater | |
| TARC DMR Net | Tuesdays | 1930 | TARC DMR TG 310442 | |
| Tamiami Tradeshow | Tuesdays | 2000 | TARC 146.805 Repeater | |
| TARC 10m HF Net | Wednesdays | 1930 | 28.460 +/- QRM 10m** | |
| Greybeard Knuckle Draggers * | Thursdays | 1700 | 7.215 (40m LSB) | |
| TARC 2m Chat Net | Thursdays | 1930 | TARC 146.805 Repeater | |
| Fellowship | | | | |
| Breakfast | Tuesdays | 0600 | Peach's In Venice | |
| Breakfast | Wednesdays | 1100 | Zoom | |
| Breakfast | Fridays | 0900 | Perkins in Venice | |
| Breakfast | Saturdays | 0930 | DAV in Venice | |
| Other Interests/Nets | | | | |
| Quarter Century Wireless Club | 1st Monday | 1100 | Buffet City on Bee Ridge | Contact N4ZM |
| TARC VE Licensure Testing | 2nd Saturday | 1000 | Venice Library | September 14th |
| DARN Net | 2nd Monday | 1100 | NI4CE Repeater (145.430) | |
| SERC Swap 'n Shop Net | Mondays | 2000 | N4SER Repeater (146.730 or 145.130) | |
| EARS 2m Chat Net | Tuesdays | 1900 | K8ONV Repeater (146.865) | |
| MARCI Trader's Net | Wednesdays | 2000 | K4GG Repeater (146.820) | |
| HAMCATION | 2nd Weekend in Feb | | Orlando Fairgrounds | February 8/9, 2025 |
| HAMVENTION | 2rd Weekend in May | | Xenia (Dayton), Ohio | May 16-18, 2025 |
| Winter Field Day | 4th Weekend in Jan | | Venice Coast Guard Station | January 25/26, 2025 |
| ARRL Field Day | 4th Weekend in June | | Venice Coast Guard Station | June 28/29, 2025 |
| *Former Members of the NPARC | **Technician Class Portion of the 10m Band | Please Submit any changes or event information to the Editor via email: communicator@tamiamiarc.org | | |

Stay Up-To-Date with whats going on!

Make sure to join our Groups.io for daily updates on what is going on within TARC. [CLICK HERE](#) to join.

Tamiami Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

The Tamiami Amateur Radio club was organized in 1960 to serve the Venice and surrounding area with emergency communications. The founders of our club realized that it is of paramount importance to organize the amateur radio operators in the area, to promote training and provide community service. We have had a proud history.

Following Hurricane Donna of 1960, a number of the radio amateurs in the Venice area decided to unite into a formal club. At 7:30 PM on 06 October 1960, twenty interested parties met at the Sunshine Kitchen, and E. B. Roberts was elected as temporary chairman. During the two-hour gathering, a committee consisting of Joe Barone, P. D. Baird and Martin Sharp was appointed to study and draw up bylaws for the organization.

In January 1985 the TARC was incorporated under the laws of Florida as a not-for-profit corporation and, in 2001, as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with the IRS.

Club Repeaters

DMR Repeater - 444.100 MHz (+) Color Code 1 - TARC Private Talk Group (TG) 310442. TS-1 for TG 310442, 2 and 9. Use TS-2 for ALL other possible Brandmeister TGs available dynamically.

Analog 2m Repeater - 146.805 MHz (-) PL 100Hz — EchoLink W4AC-R (Node# 513309)

Dual Mode Yaesu System Fusion (YSF) / Analog 2m Repeater 147.120 MHz (+) PL 136.5Hz (encode AND squelch) — This repeater can be accessed using standard analog radios, OR Yaesu C4FM Radios and will auto-detect what mode is being received (AMS) so there are no special settings for the end-user to access it.

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ALL TARC Repeaters bear the FCC Callsign of W4AC. Repeater trustee is Paul KN4BAR.

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Regular Member: \$25.⁰⁰/year
 **After 7/1 - \$12.⁰⁰ to end of year
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Family Membership: \$30.⁰⁰/year.

Non-Voting Student: \$5.⁰⁰/year.

Please Note: After two month grace period thru Feb., all non-renewals will be removed from active status.

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