

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

THE COMMUNICATOR

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Presidents Message... KN4BAR

PHEW! Did we dodge a big hurricane bullet or what? Sure, a 5-6 foot storm surge and winds of 100 mph are nothing to be “grateful” for; but the forecasts for this storm were so much worse. We do have a few club members that incurred some wind or water damage and I encourage them to reach out on Groups.io to ask for help with their antennas or station gear if needed. I’m sure our club membership will respond and be glad to help! You just have to ask.

Even though the original Brohard Park location for the scout’s JOTA ham radio merit badge activity was closed by hurricane Milton, the scouts persevered and found



a new location. The Methodist United Church at 400 Field Ave. on the island hosted this event on 10/19 and 10/20. A big thanks to any of our club members who stopped by to help club member Eric KO4ESX and other scout masters administering...

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Welcome New Members

Name	Call Sign	Class	Membership	Date Joined
Chasity Helton	W3DAY	Gen.	Member	10/20/24
Lawrence Fletcher	N/A	N/A	Associate	10/19/24
Allan Huston	KC1IWF	Gen	Member	10/14/24
Kenneth Cox	KI4YHX	Extra	Member	9/8/24
Rick Mikluscak	KQ4UMP	Tech	First Year	8/23/24

Upcoming Events

- 11/13/24 - November Meeting
- 12/4/24 - TARC Holiday Party
- 12/11/24 - December Meeting
- 1/25&26/25 - ARRL Winter Field Day

Dits, Dues, and Dots...

Do you Groups.io?

Groups.io says it is: *“Groups.io provides people who share common interests with an ad-free platform for communicating with each other through email groups and group websites”*

TARC has an account on this messaging platform and we use it to communicate to and among our club members. We have a number of seasonal resident members who aren't here in the summer months and our club has members residing from Bradenton to Punta Gorda to Arcadia. Sure most of us live in the Ven-

ice area but not all of us, AND we only meet once a month as a club or to publish a newsletter. There are many times when club management needs to communicate with the membership in between these monthly meetings. And, our club membership has many wonderful announcements to make, questions to ask, or problems to solve almost every day during a given month. Groups.io provides us a means to communicate with each other.

Every club member is invited to subscribe to our club Groups.io account when they apply for membership. Most new members have done so. We currently

have 176 active club members on our roster; but we only have 137 subscribers to the club Groups.io account. SO, many of our members have chosen to not keep up with club communications. Some are just “not joiners”; but I suspect that some just never “got around” to subscribing.

Please consider being a subscriber to our TARC-VeniceFL Groups.io messaging service. Send me your email address, and I will send you a subscriber invitation.

Paul KN4BAR

paul9aber@gmail.com

73, Paul KN4BAR

TARC Club Shirts Available NOW!

Club members can once again purchase a club shirt or two with a nice TARC Logo, your name, and your call sign embroidered on the front. Orders can be placed on line from now until November 13th ([CLICK HERE](#)). You have a choice of the old, traditional, heavy weight lime green polo shirt as shown in the picture for \$30, or you can order a nice, lightweight, wicking fabric shirt in either White or Lime Green color for \$35.

Shirts are available in mens or womens styles and in sizes from XS to XXL. Sizes XXXL and XXXXL are \$3 more. Any shirt

ordered in a “tall” size option will have a \$2 surcharge collected at delivery.

We hope to have the shirts delivered in time for the December club meeting. You can use PayPal online when placing your order, or you can choose to make a “direct payment” by cash or check to any club officer or at the next club meeting. Your credit is good with us! The absolute last day to place an order is November 13th and that just happens to coincide with our next monthly club meeting date. Club colors rule!

73, Paul KN4BAR



Thank you, Veterans

Veterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day) is observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans of the United States Armed Forces. TARC Thanks all of our members who have served our great nation.

Presidents Message (cont)

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the merit badge event 15 scouts got their Amateur Radio Merit Badge this weekend!

The Pine View School ARISS contact mission now has a scheduled week during which the contact will take place; January 26 thru February 1. Read the article inside for more details about what is happening at the school.

The board of directors has named the Nominating Committee for 2024 as John KQ4ELK and Brian W1JBD who have volunteered for the December elections of new club officers and directors. We have asked incumbents to let John and Brian know their intentions as soon as possible to continue for the 2025 term or not. Any club member interested in serving the club in a leadership capacity should contact one of the committee members. I hope that John will be able to publish a list of positions and candidates (or openings) by the end of No-

vember for the December Annual Club Meeting when elections will be held.

The board of directors has approved of establishing a STEM Support Committee to work with area schools in providing ham radio support to their STEM curriculums. We have a great opportunity here and it needs someone to tend to and nurture the growth of ham radio with our youth. I'm pleased to report that Betty KO4GKT has volunteered to chair this committee and our youngest club member, Nolan KQ4KOY, has volunteered to help Betty as a committee member. Thank you both for stepping up to help the club.

We still have a need for other administrative managers for various club jobs; namely: Public Information Officer, Net Manager, Membership Coordinator, and Net Control Operators. There is a candidate for the PIO position and the board will consider making an appointment at its next meeting.

Club shirts are on sale again! Tom W1ICU will oversee the taking and placing of orders. Prices are the same as last year...what inflation? Order taking will close on November 13th at the next club meeting. NO EXCEPTIONS. If you want a shirt, order it NOW! [CLICK HERE.](#)

The TARC Holiday Party is Wednesday, December 4th, 6 to 9 pm at the Plantation Golf and Country Club, Rockley Blvd., Venice. Reservations deadline is November 26th. This is a great opportunity for club members and spouses to socialize, share war stories, and enjoy the holiday season together. Good food, good company, and good times. I hope to see most of you at the party. Reservations online at: [RSVP HERE](#) You can use PayPal to pay on line or you can tender cash or check to the Treasurer.

I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving!

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>](#)

Annual Holiday Party



If you haven't already reserved your seat for this year's club Christmas Party, you are missing out on a great evening! Patti Phillips has put together an amazing evening dinner for us. For more information and to reserve your spot [CLICK HERE](#)

Chasing DX CQ DX CQ DX...

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Announced Top-100 DXPEDITIONS scheduled in November 2024

DATES	ENTITY	CALL-SIGN	QSL INFO	INFO
Nov. 1-15	Cocos Keeling Is. #64	VK9CV	OK6DJ	60-10m; SSB FT9 RTTY
Nov. 15- Dec 4.	Rotuma #63	3D2Y	M0OXO	60m-6m; CW SSB FT8, QRV for CQWW DX CW
Nov. 19-26	Chatham Is. #85	ZL7YL	Club Log OQRS	HF
Nov. 25- Dec. 6	Tonga #100	A35GC	QSL via ES1SGC OQRS or LZ1GC	160-6m, focus on 160 80 60m; CW SSB FT4 FT8 RTTY

Also expected in November: Malawi, eSwatini, Burkino Fasp, Cayman Is., Fiji, Sao Tome & Principe, Palau, St. Martin, Gambia. For the latest info always check **Announced DX Operations** at : <https://www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html>

November DX Contests

Nov 9-10 WAE DW, RTTY

Nov. 23-24 CQ WW DX, CW

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

Question of the Month for November 2024:

What is your favorite time(s) of day for Chasing DX, and why???

- Early morning at Sun Up.
- Mid morning
- Noon
- Mid afternoon
- Sun down
- After dark
- After midnight

Answers to the October Question of the Month

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

Everyone knows that Senator Barry Goldwater (K7UGA) was a ham, and rock star Joe Walsh of the Eagles (WB6ACU) is a ham (he used to send Morse code from the back of a tour bus). But can you identify these other famous DXers?

1 - VU2RG – Rajiv Ghandi, former India Prime Minister and son of

- Mahatma Ghandi
- 2 - JY1 – King Hussein of Jordan. Hi wife, Queen Noor, was JY2
- 3 - EA0JC – King Calos of Spain, 1975-2014
- 4 - UA1LO – Uri Gargarin, first human in spaced; call since reasigned
- 5 - OH2BH _ Matti Laine. CQ DXer Hall of Fame
- 6- NK7U – Joe Rudi, Oakland Athletics Baseball Team
- 7. KB2GSD – Water Cronkite* - Newscaster

Band condx continue poor... But!

At press time, mid October, while the SFI remains relatively high, band conditions continue to be poor with many minor and major blackouts. But check the DX clusters because the blackouts often

are of short duration. Many a DX contact has been made when the bands were believed dead. If you think the band is dead, good practice is to test if the band is dead by calling CQ.

Got a suggestion or question for Chasing DX??

Please send it to KX1G@ARRL.NET.

73! -KX1G



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Digital		Operator: <u>TOM PORADA</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone	<input type="checkbox"/> Repeater		Call Sign: <u>W4IEE</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mobile			

Well Done Tom! Great Achievement given our location relative to the event stations..

73, Paul KN4BAR

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](#)

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Pine View School ARISS Update...

The school has been officially notified that their live ham radio contact with the International Space Station will take place sometime during the weeks of January 26th to March 1st. As this time draws nearer, a specific date or dates will be identified.

The TARC grant request from the ARRL Foundation for funding an automatic tracking ground station and a ham radio station for the school is still pending. An award decision is expected by late November. If the grant is not made, TARC has made arrangements with the Fort Myers ARC to "borrow" a tracking station and operator. Steve NS4P already has an excellent non-tracking ground station as the required backup for the contact.

Steve NS4P and Paul KN4BAR have started a Technician Class license training course with the

students, parents, and faculty. Our first class was on October 5th and we had a total of 37 attendees; 5 parents, 2 faculty, and 30 Pine View School students! Three other classes will be held on 10/26, 11/16, and 12/14. We will schedule an onsite VE exam for sometime in December. We had hoped to put in a HF radio station later this month; but hurricane Milton and its disruption of the school's classes has created a delay. Maybe by early November we can have a station up and running at the school.

Licensed operators will be needed to serve as control operators for students and faculty desiring to get on the air. If you are interested in helping out contact Paul or Steve.

73, Paul KN4BAR

NP Repeater Site Update

On October 3rd, a second TARC work crew met at the WKDW Radio Station location in Warm Mineral Springs to take down the station's and our repeater's 80-foot telescoping mast tower.

Again, the crane pulled and pulled; but nothing happened. Then Randy KO4PIV came to the rescue with his hand held grinder cutting wheel, sledge hammer, and 2 foot crow bar, he attached the pipe sleeve at the base of the tower and peeled it back like a banana! SUCCESS...with 12,000 pounds of pull, the mast finally "popped" out of the base and could be lowered to the ground where other club members (Tom W1ICU, Steve NS4P, and Paul KN4BAR) removed antennas and feed lines from the mast.

The mast will be re-installed at its new location at the North Port Public Works Department, 1100 Chamberlain Blvd., North Port. There will be a several week de-



lay while the foundation and new mast base is fabricated. WKDW hopes to be back on the air (and our repeater too) by mid-November.

Speaking of the repeater, it has been returned from Yaesu (no charge - warranty repair) with no explanation of what was done. I have tested the repeater and it works perfectly in both analog and C4FM modes and we now have an active Wires-X account for the

club that has been tested with the repeater. We hope to replace the LMR feedline with hardline for the repeater and to be able to boost output to 100w or so if an amp can be found. More power might help to make up for the 6 mile easterly move of the tower from the Venice area. But remember, this was gifted to TARC when the North Port club disbanded in 2023 so having better coverage in the North Port area isn't such a bad thing. I understand SERC may be looking to replace their dead C4FM repeater at the Sarasota Memorial Hospital location in Sarasota. If that happens, we might be able to link these two repeaters to provide a seamless C4FM, Wires-X coverage for the entire county.

73, Paul KN4BAR

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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

October Fox Hunt Results

Registration for the Foxhunt began at 9:00am at Tringali Park.

Participants included:
 Team #1 of W4RFV (Tony) and KE4VEM (Matthew); Team #2 of K7WWR (Bill) and KM4GX (Steve); and Team #3, WO4KAC (Kelly)

The fox was turned on at 930am and the teams started the hunt! 35 minutes later, Team 2 found the fox, located in San Domingo Park! This beat the previous record of 38 minutes.

Steve and Bill used a commercial VHF/UHF yagi array to take 3 bearings and home in on the location., for the winning time!

Eleven minutes later, the Team of Tony (TARC member) and Matthew pulled into the park for second place!. The team used a homebrew "tape measure" yagi



Bill (K7WWR) & Steve (KM4GX)

to home in on the fox! Although they were a close second place this time, they won the previous foxhunt (Tied with KN4BAR, Paul, president of TARC) at Englewood Sports Complex!

Third place went to WO4KAC, Kelly. Kelly was using a "homebrew" tape measure yagi.

The next fox hunt will be scheduled in November. We invite all to participate. If you have never done a fox hunt, don't worry! We encourage folks to team up to get some experience!

73 Bob McAlister



Kelly (WO4KAC)



Matthew (KE4VEM) & Tony (W4RFV)

Marconi-RCA Wireless Museum Visit

I expect that like most of you, when my wife Carolyn and I take trips we seek out places that are related to ham radio. This includes the Queen Mary in Long Beach California, Henry Ford's Greenfield Village in the Detroit Area, and, closer to home, Cape Cod.

There are three sites in Cape Cod related to Guglielmo Marconi. In chronological order of their existence, there is the site on Nantucket Island where in 1901 Marconi established his first wireless station, a site in Wellfleet where in 1903 Marconi transmitted his first trans-Atlantic message, and close by in Chatham, a site where in 1914 Marconi established a unique large campus encompassing several buildings and a large antenna installation to be used by the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company. That campus was to be the primary point of transatlantic communication with Europe, but was to never serve that purpose because in 1917, when war broke out, the site was confiscated by the U.S. Navy, claiming an issue of national Security. The station was returned to Marconi in 1919 after the war ended but remained closed pending U.S. government instructions. In October 1919, General Electric (GE) purchased all the assets of the Marconi company, and in 1920 the site was activated and became RCA. The Chatham site would be called Chatham Radio with call sign WCC, part of a complex set of stations going from Japan

to Hawaii to California and finally to New Jersey, Nova Scotia, and Chatham.

In 1941, the Chatham station was once again taken over by the military with the Navy using it to monitor German U-boat communications in the Atlantic and Japanese military traffic until a station for that purpose could be installed on the west coast. The station was returned to RCA in 1945 and moved to another site on the cape in 1947. It existed until 1998 when it was dismantled by then-owner MCI.



My wife and I visited the Nantucket site 40 years ago. The site was a simple small building and a marker featuring a plaque and a bust of Marconi. The photo above is my wife with the statue.

This year we decided to check out the Wellfleet and Chatham sites. About two-thirds of the way along the arm of the Cape, on state road 6A, signs directed us to a beach-

Streaming a Club Meeting...UPDATE??

The quest to successfully begin to stream the monthly meetings continues into the month of November with hopefully less interruptions from mother nature and those pesky hurricanes.

I have met with Gary Youngberg and was able to layout the setup that I would like to use and confirm the internet speeds etc necessary to make this happen. Unfortunately, having to reschedule the October meeting due to Hurricane Milton made my availability closed for the October meeting due to prior engagements and responsibilities. Have no fear though, the calendar is clear and free for the November meeting and plan to have that streamed beginning with the Elmer's Corner at 6pm. Keep at eye on Groups.io for more updates and the link to the streaming event.

-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 12

front area where we directed to a simple marker among the sand dunes indicating it was the site of Marconi's radio and antennas.

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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.

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



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The photo on the right was taken in August.

My wife had read about the Museum, which we found a short drive from the marker. We both consider the museum to be the best of the three and a place which any ham who gets to the Cape should not miss. First of all, while station WCC has been decommissioned and the antenna farm taken down, the campus and all of the buildings still exist, and the building that houses the museum contains much of the equipment

used by Marconi and the WCC station, and by the Navy personnel whose purpose was to intercept enemy radio transmissions, which was extremely successful. One of the Navy Radio personnel received one of the distress messages from the RMS Titanic. The Navy operators were both men and women.

The museum, founded by Chatham citizens and managed by a resident Board of Directors, is superbly maintained. Local hams have been given a room in which they have established three fully equipped ham stations.

It should be noted that the antenna farm consisted of six 350' high towers holding up a series of Rhombic antennas. The WCC station at first featured a 35,000 watt sparc gap transmitter, A second, lower power transmitter initially operated on 500 KiliHertz (600 meters) but was eventually replace by a second transmitter operating on 2,200 meters. The 600 meter transmitter was kept as well, and assumed the call sign WIM. Message Mode for the later transmitters was CW. The call sign WCC was composed of the Prefix W (east of the Mississippi) and suffix CC.

The museum is staffed by docents who are remarkably versed in the story. The docent who gave our tour was a local ham.

The museum is open at various times throughout the year. Check the web site for exact dates and times if you plan a visit. The web URL is <https://www.chathammarconi.org/planyourvisit>

-Tony KX1G

Tech TIDBIT - Rechargeable Li-Ion Batteries

I was tired of purchasing batteries all the time, so I thought I would venture into the rechargeable market for some new technology testing. In the past I had used rechargeable batteries but the technology was still not that great 20+ years ago. With the newer Li-Ion and LiFe-PO4 technology we have seen great strides in the battery world. I love my LiFe-PO4 battery for my portable Ham stuff. I also like the fact that I can charge with my portable solar panel(s) in the field and keep hamming it up.

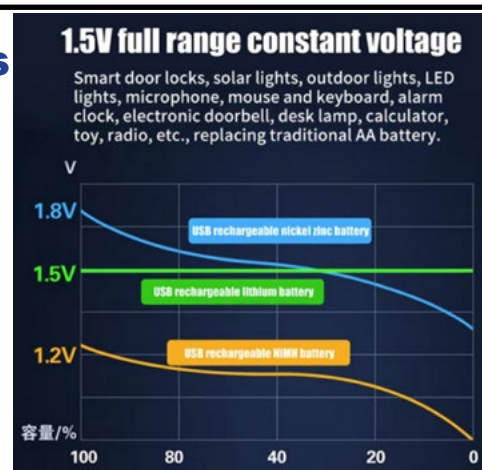
I saw that they now have new form factors available such as AA, AAA, 9V and others with USB-C recharging capability. On sites such as Amazon they are still somewhat pricey and on private seller websites they are even more expensive for the same batteries. Since MOST batteries all come from the same place (China) but they put different labels on them.

Well, I saw them some on Aliexpress and thought I would buy a test batch of AA batteries. I chose to purchase some 3000mWh, 1.5V AA size batteries. The price shipped to my door was \$21.71 for 6 batteries and took 18 days total time for it to be dropped at my door. That is a unit price of \$3.62 each. They came with 2 x 4 Pack plastic battery holders and a free single battery flashlight.

I felt that I wanted to test the label specifications, because engineers

do that kinda stuff. I charged up a battery fully. They were all nearly full already but I just topped them off using a 5V phone charger and USB-C cable. There are LEDs on the bottom of the battery that blink when charging and solid green when done charging. I then put one battery in that free little flashlight because it was in front of me. Turned it on and left it on till it died. It lasted 13 hours total time +/- 10 minutes. That doesn't tell us anything, because all devices use the power at different rates. That is why there is a Wh rating on battery. It tells us the how long a battery lasts at any power usage rate. The units I bought claim 3000mWh. That is 3Wh, 3 Watts for an hour.

The real test of the battery storage is: How much storage does the battery collect back in when charging. The BMS (battery management system), a small chip circuit inside the battery case, will monitor usage and manage the charging process. I have a tiny charging meter and can monitor how much charge the battery takes back in until the BMS turns off the charging process (preventing overcharging). The BMS also regulates the voltage OUT at 1.5V (it is a 1.5V AA sized battery) and will provide that specific voltage until it can no longer and then SHUTS OFF the battery leaving some small percentage in the battery to save the batteries longevity. This is normal for Li-Ion and LiFe-PO4 battery BMSs.



Unlike NORMAL old-style batteries, the Voltage is not regulated and the output voltage just dies off until the device does not have enough to run anymore and then the device no longer operates.

The Results: Well, the label is correct. This battery took a recharge of 2982 mWh, plus whatever the BMS held back in reserve. Now the tiny cheap USB meter I used is not a scientific grade tool by any means but it is close enough to give a good idea of what is measured. I took notes of the time and mWH loaded back into the battery at various stages. The overall time to FULLY recharge the battery was 1 hour 38 minutes using a standard 5V USB phone charger. No quick charging in this particular battery, but that will come with time as sales increase the demand.

Final Thoughts: They pass the storage test. Will they pass the test regarding number of recharging cycles? Only time will tell. Did I save money? Probably. Well at least over time.

- Mark Leber, KQ4EKK

Full Club Calendar

TARC MEETINGS	Scheduled	Time	Location	Next Upcoming:
Board of Directors	1st Saturday	1300	Zoom	November 9th
General Membership	2nd Wednesday	1830	Venice Presbyterian Church	November 13th
TARC Annual Meeting	Annually	1830	Christmas Party	December 4th
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	November 9th
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	2nd 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 Sun-Shine 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.

+++++CURRENTLY WAITING FOR TOWER INSTALL+++++

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

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Club Dues

Regular Member: \$25.⁰⁰/year
 **After 7/1 - \$12.⁰⁰ to end of year
 **After 10/31 - \$25.⁰⁰ thru end of next year

Family Membership: \$30.⁰⁰/year.

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

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