



THE COMMUNICATOR



President's Message

We lost a great club member and friend to many last month when Art N3NUM passed away. Art was a member for less than 3 years but he served as club Secretary until his illness prevented continued service to the club. Thank you Art and rest in peace.

We implemented the Ham Club Online (HCOL) membership management system last month after the club membership approved of its use. If you have any questions about how to log in or use the new HCOL system send an email to: hcolhelp@tamiamiarc.org.

If you read the *Venice Gondolier* newspaper on September 13th, you saw a nice article about the Hotel Venezia located on the bypass in Venice. They received a great review for their food service and we will get to enjoy a nice meal from them on December 17th for the TARC Holiday Party. Reservations are now open at the [TARC Store](#) on the website.

The students are back at Pine View School and their Ham Radio Club

KN4BAR



has resumed operations. They are planning to compete in the ARRL School Roundup for the first time from October 20-24.

We are coming up on the election of club directors and officers at our December meeting. John KQ4ELK will be serving again as our Nominating Committee chairman. He has already published the slate of candidates and we have several vacancies that will need to be filled.

Every year when this time rolls around I am reminded of a management guideline I learned early on in my career...The **Pareto Principle**. At its heart, the principle says that 80 percent of the results or achievements of any organization are achieved by the actions and work of 20 percent of all those involved.

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- ◆ [Meeting—Oct 8, 2025](#)
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- ◆ [Holiday Party, December 17th at the Hotel Venezia in Venice](#)

Welcome New Members

9/10/25	Member	Robert Gerhart	Technician	KR4BJZ
9/8/25	Member	Darrel Steinhour	General	K4KSB
8/17/25	Member	Richard Lewis	General	KN4NBU
7/29/25	Member	Allen Zentner	Extra	N2WVP
7/12/25	First Year	Dale (Jerry) Moser	Technician	KR4FHK

New Club Membership Management System Went on Line in September

TARC Has Elmers

Who or what is an “Elmer”? In “ham speak” an Elmer is any experienced amateur radio operator who helps a new or less experienced ham learn about the hobby in general or about specific radio related topics.

To help new hams get any help they may need, TARC has created the generic email address: “askelmer@tamiamiarc.org”. Currently, Steve NS4P receives these emails and either he can provide the help requested or he will find another club member who can.

TARC Contact Emails

Board of Directors

bod@tamiamiarc.org

Secretary

secretary@tamiamiarc.org

Treasurer

treasurer@tamiamiarc.org

Volunteer Examiner Team

VE-team@tamiamiarc.org

Ask Elmer ham assistance

askelmer@tamiamiarc.org

The Communicator submissions

communicator@tamiamiarc.org

Quartermaster (equipment mgr)

quartermaster@tamiamiarc.org

Librarian (ham book library)

librarian@tamiamiarc.org

Membership Coordinator

membership@tamiamiarc.org

Webmaster—report a problem

websupport@tamiamiarc.org

Ham Club Online (HCOL) now is used to manage the club’s membership roster. Migrating to this system offered the club officers, directors, and the membership coordinators a better and easier way to keep track of members information and to collect and process annual dues payments.

Club annual dues will now be due on the anniversary date of the date you joined the club or last paid your club dues. No longer will there be a big effort at the end of the year to collect dues from all members on January 1st. HCOL will automatically send out an email reminder to each member 30 days before their dues due date. It will also send out one more automatic reminder about 60 day later and just before it automatically cancels the membership for nonpayment.

The club’s leadership will be saved hours of effort each year for the

process of notifying members, collecting dues, and following up to try and collect dues before canceling a membership. Dues can be easily paid online at HCOL or at the club’s website store using PayPal. Or they may be paid in person at a meeting or event by cash, check, or credit card. You can even mail in your dues payment.

Another great feature of HCOL is that each member can control the sharing of their email address and phone number on the club’s membership roster. You can elect not to have them shown. HCOL also keeps tabs on your FCC license expiration date and will send you an email reminder when your renewal date is approaching.

If you have questions or comments about HCOL and TARC’s membership management, please send an email to hcolhelp@tamiamiarc.org.

73, de Paul KN4BAR

President’s Message (cont’d)

Have you noticed that the same club member names keep surfacing whenever it is time for something to be done in the club?



Please consider being a 20% club member and not one of the 80% members. Certainly, everyone is a valued club member and we each enjoy the comradery and sharing of

the amateur radio hobby with each other. The club is more of a social organization than anything else. But any organization does need leadership to manage the day-to-day business of the organization. More importantly, leaders are needed to chart the future course and growth of the organization. Please consider joining the board of directors by placing your name in nomination for one of the vacant club officer positions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunshine
Shaun KQ4YAX

VE Testing
Steve NS4P

Last Test Date: 9/13/25
Number tested: 5
Passed: 2
New Members: 0
Member Upgrades: 2
Next Test Date: 10/11/25

QCWA Liaison
Al KOAL

Chapter 53 of the Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA) meets for lunch at 11AM on the first Monday of each month at Denny's on Bee Ridge in Sarasota. You do not need to be a member of QCWA to attend and your "Plus 1" is welcome. There is an interesting program along with an excellent meal and fellowship. For more information on QCWA see the Chapter website – <https://qcwa53.org>

(no meetings Jun—Sep)

Membership
Roger N9RM

As of: 7/12/25

Total Membership:..... 164

138 Regular Members
3 Associate Members
7 First Year Members
16 Life Members

<https://tamiamiarc.org/membership/members/>
REVIEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP RECORD FOR ACCURACY. SEND CHANGES TO:
membership@tamiamiarc.org

Public Information Officer
OPEN POSITION

The ARRL has a great job description for what the PIO does:
<https://www.arrl.org/public-information-officer>

They also have a great online, self-paced study program to help you get started. Dwight is a graduate and he is available to mentor you!

Repeater / Technical
Frank W2XYZ

<https://tamiamiarc.org/tarc-repeaters/>

The North Port repeater on 147.120 MHz is off the air **PERMANENTLY**.

Remote Station
Tom W8QJF

<https://tamiamiarc.org/club-remote-hf-station>

Several club members are regular users of the HF station and they give it great signal reports sent and received. If you are antenna or cost constrained from trying HF comms, this is for you!

Net Manager
Paul KN4BAR

Thanks to our regular 2 meter net controllers Tony W4RFV, and Steve KN4NFX for keeping a great rotating schedule. I'm sure Frank W2ZYX and Steve NS4P would like to have occasional guest net controls to relieve them on the Tuesday DMR and Wednesday 10 meter nets.

Being a DXer by K2GSJ

I have been a Ham for about 69 years and I always enjoyed chasing DX since I first started operating. I never thought I would actually be a DX station but when I bought a home on the island of St. Martin I became a much sought after DX station. What a thrill it was. I lived on and off in St. Martin for about 37 years and have had many great ham radio experiences over the years. I have been visited by hams I have spoken with overseas in Europe and the USA and have met a few of the ham radio locals as well. I even took my boat over to the islands of Anguilla and Saint Eustatius to meet local hams there, as well as participated in a DXpedition on the island of Monserrat. What fun!!!!

It did not take much to make contacts, even when I thought the bands were dead. If I spotted myself on a band I thought was dead, it would come alive with many contacts from all over the world. One big advantage other than my PJ7TM call sign was the "liquid amplifier" from the lagoon that resided at the back of my home.



My back yard liquid amplifier

My station was very basic and com-

prised of a Kenwood TS 440S, running 90 watts and a basic Buddipole vertical that worked on 40 thru 10 meters.



My Shack

I enjoyed operating a pile-up and being in such high demand. Most stations followed the DX Code of Conduct. However, the country that had the worst operators was Italy. Many of them had no manners and it was so bad at times I would tell the pile-up I was going QRT because of these stations. I got tons of QSL cards and answered all that I received.

I was able to set up the Buddipole in several configurations to experiment and even got a long wire up to operate on 160 meters. When I was not fishing or working on my boat or other projects, ham radio was always there to fill any gaps - morning, noon or night. As a result of being a DX station and knowing how to operate a pile-up, the knowledge has been a great help to me now that I am back in the states and being in a pile-up trying to work a DX station.

From the age 14 to 83 years old, Ham Radio has been a great hobby!!!!!!!

73, de Tom Metz K2GSJ



I loved my Buddipole

Arthur Wester, age 82, passed away at home in Sarasota on September 11th, 2025. The cause was mesothelioma. During his illness he had the opportunity to share remembrances of his robust, active life with his many friends and family.

Art was born in Paterson, NJ, on January 25, 1943, to Henry and Martha Wester. He grew up in North Haledon, NJ and throughout the years he enjoyed staying in touch with many New Jersey school friends. His parents nurtured a love of the outdoors, including camping and hiking in the Adirondacks. Art was active in scouting and at 16 became an Eagle Scout. His love of outdoor adventures stayed with him throughout his life and was something he enthusiastically shared with family and friends.



Art and his wife Susan moved to Sarasota and it became their permanent home. In Sarasota, Art discovered kayaking and pursued it with the same enthusiasm and passion that he brought to hiking, skiing, climbing, sailing, and cycling. In May 2023, Art rediscovered his teenage hobby as a ham radio operator. He upgraded his licenses, joined the local club and activated K4NUM,

once again meeting interesting people and sharing experiences with folks from all over the world.

Art is survived by his wife, Susan Smitten; a son, Brian Wester (Lea); a daughter, Christina Wester (Steven); five grandchildren-Brian, Madison, Alex, Rebecca and Kasey; and a brother, Brian (Sylvia).

Art was an active club member until his illness began to take a toll in June 2024 and he resigned as club Secretary due to health reasons. Art was the only club member to step up as the new club secretary in the summer of 2023 when Gary W8SKI resigned unexpectedly due to health reasons. He is fondly remembered by many of our club members who called him "friend".

The family suggests any donations in Arthur Wester's name be made to Doctors Without Borders.

POTA Open House—Learn How to Do It!

I will be hosting an "Introduction to POTA" event on Saturday, November 15th from 9:00am to 11:00am at Myakka State Forest. I will stick around after the event for anyone who wants to take the opportunity to activate the park or observe a park activation.

I will cover the following:

- Basic Rules
- Researching a Park to Activate
- Equipment Setup
- Activating a Park, making QSOs
- Submitting Logs



It doesn't take much equipment to get started and there are no HOA antenna restrictions!

The Myakka State Forest is located at 2000 S River Rd, Englewood, FL 34223. Drive down the gravel road about 1/2 mile and there is a covered pavilion on the left just after the park offices. It would be very beneficial if you registered with the parksontheair.com website before attending and that way any contacts you make or if you make the minimum number of 10 contacts required you could actually "activate" the park under your own call sign.

73, de Jim N7JIM

Pine View School Update



The students returned to classes the end of August at Pine View School (PVS) in Osprey. The ham radio club members were eager to get their radio station, on loan from TARC, up and running again after the

long summer break. Steve NS4P and Paul KN4BAR visited the school on September 13th to get all the equipment back online and to review operating procedures and practices with the 13 active club members.

Unfortunately, the permanent antennas for the club's station at PVS did not get installed over the summer as anticipated. The teacher leading the club, Marie KQ4ZVO has again asked for installation help. TARC will use remaining ARRL grant funds to pur-



chase the needed antenna hardware; but the school must do the work. In the mean time, we will be setting up a portable antenna (1/4 wave vertical, ground mount) each Friday when the club meets.

The next big event for the PVS ham radio club will be participation in the upcoming ARRL School Roundup contest. This event is held twice each year in February and October. This year's dates are October 20-24. Club members and their teacher are excited about competing in the event for the first time. Steve and I will be working with them each Friday before the event to help the club members hone their operating skills. And we have two new club members now helping: Mark KQ4EKK and Jon W4OMX.

For now, TARC is providing the control operator for each club station activation. With only Technician class club members they would otherwise be limited to 10m. The teacher and three of the student club members are working on getting their General class licenses soon.

73, de Paul KN4BAR

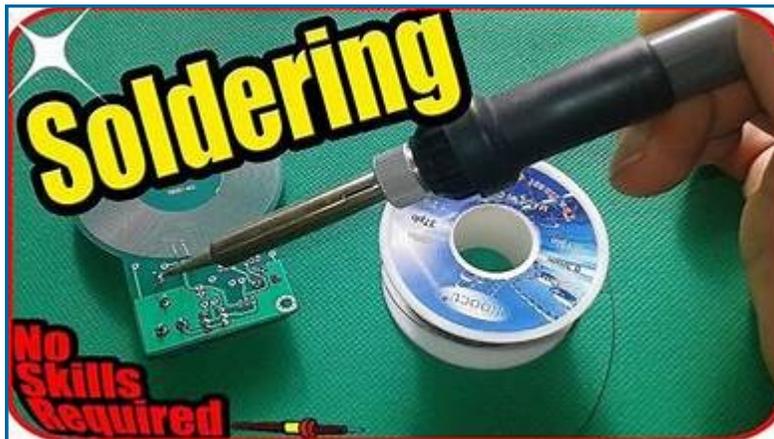
Learn How to Solder

You asked for it.....you got it. Jim N7JIM has volunteered to teach a how-to-solder class for those club members interested in learning how to do it. He has a short PowerPoint presentation to go over the basics. He purchased some very simple soldering kits on line for you to practice with after the presentation.

He will also be demonstrating how to solder two wires together. You know...like when you cut that expensive antenna wire too short for the frequency you want to tune to! After this, you'll know how to "add back" those few inches needed to tune that antenna.

We will be using Fellowship Hall at the Venice Presbyterian

Church on the island before the regular club meeting on Wednesday, October 8th, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Jim will have everything you need for the class. Just bring yourself and any questions you may have about soldering.



Of course we will need to know how many soldering kits to buy and how many soldering irons to bring for everyone to enjoy. SO, please RSVP ASAP to let Jim know how many participants to expect. Deadline to RSVP is October 3rd. An announcement about this was posted to Groups.io

on 9/27/25 to give everyone plenty of time to decide if they want to attend.

73, de Paul KN4BAR

Take a Trip Down Memory Lane



Th-th-th-
that's all
folks!



Inside The N9RM Ham Shack: A Sanctuary for Radio Enthusiasts



On the Left top is a Flex 6600 HF rig covering 6M – 160M HF Rig. Below that is a PALSTAR HF-Auto Tuner, and sitting below that is an Ameritron AL-1500 Amplifier (a full legal limit amplifier) that covers 10M-160M, amazingly with about 30-40 watts input, it can achieve 1500 watts output.

To the right of the auto tuner is the power-pole distribution from one of the 35Amp power supplies to the Flex Radio and supporting antenna switching equipment for the Flex.

On the table is another power distribution from another 35 Amp power supply/battery backup system for all the other equipment to the right.

On the right shelf there are 2-24 inch monitors, a dual zone clock and camera.

Next shelf from left to right is a Kenwood TM-D710G 2M/70CM APRS, Kenwood TS-480SAT 6M-160M HF Rig, a voltage monitor, a Uniden BCT15X Trunk Tracking Scanner, and a Uniden

BCD996XT Digital scanner, below the two scanners are a Kantronics KAM XL TNC and a Kantronics KPC-3 for Packet and Winlink communications.

On the bottom shelf from left to right is the CDE Ham IV Rotator Control Box, ICOM IC-7300 6M -160M HF rig, and a Kenwood TM-281 2M rig used for Packet and Winlink.

I run several computers in my ham shack. A desktop computer on the floor is tied to the TS-480, TM-281, IC-7300, Flex 6600 and TNC for digital communications like Packet, Winlink, FT-8, PSK-31 and all the other digital modes on the FL Digi Suite. I can also run HF VARA and FM VARA with that computer. The laptop is my backup for the desktop and can be used with my portable GoKit set up as needed. Also on the desktop is my Polycom 411 used for HAMS Over IP and Hamshack Hotline.

My entire ham shack has temporary

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UPS and/or Battery Backup along with a 22KW Generac generator.

Outside the shack is my 40-foot tower (with a backup 68-foot tower in the barn).

Starting at the top reaching 1000 Feet above sea level is a Diamond X700 2M/70CM antenna, below that is a Cushcraft A4S Beam with the 40 M kit covering 10M, 15M, 20M and 40M.

Below the beam is a pulley offset for the two wire antennas. On the left side is a 102' G5RV covering 10M-80M and on the right is a 160 Windom covering 10M-160M.

Below the wire antennas is a Discone multiband antenna used for the two scanners and, if needed, 220 MHz and 6M communications.

I also have LED Lighting to light up the entire yard and cameras to watch all the deer and other critters around the property.



At the bottom of my tower is the lightning protection using poly-phasers for each antenna and being grounded by an array of 12 8-foot ground rods bonded together.

I have multiple portable antennas to include HT verticals and HF Loop Antennas that can be deployed on my 10 acres here in northern Indiana.

My newest addition to the shack is the Flex Maestro which is great for wandering around the property working HF, works pretty slick and have been using it quite a bit as my ham shack is close to where the XYL sleeps so I can go anywhere and play radio without bothering her.



Here is a photo of me with my old call sign in the shack.



73, de Roger N9RM

Editor's Note: I have to wonder just how homesick Roger gets when he snowbirds here in Florida, away from this great station for a few months each winter!

AA4TI 2025 FQP Expedition Station Saga (Cont'd)

NOTE: This article is a continuation of the one started in the October Communicator.

One other important thing that needed to be built was a Quick Deploy Vertical antenna.



QD Antenna ready to go

The Quick Deploy antenna is a 19 foot tall telescoping tripod/mast. Beneath the tripod sits a homemade pad that contains an UnUn and four 17 foot ground radials on spools. I use a 1:1 current balun as an UnUn which is not very ideal - I let the autotuner figure out the best match. I use a single $\frac{1}{4}$ wave wire for each band (10/15/20) which is attached between the Unun and top section of the mast; then the mast is raised and each section is locked in place as it is being raised. The Quick Deploy antenna can be set up in just a few minutes by one person while the other person is starting the generator, driving some short ground rods and powering up the CW station. At each new county line, we always

started the CW station on 20 meters. The SSB station would then come online in about 15 – 20 minutes using the “big” antenna, usually on 15 meters. The Quick Deploy antenna worked quite well, but did not cover 40 meters due to the short size of the mast/tripod.

The big antenna is a 33 foot tall telescoping mast and military tent pole tripod. This also has a 1:1 UnUn which is definitely not the best choice here. Unfortunately, since this antenna is used for all bands from 10 – 40, the characteristic impedance is all over the place depending on frequency, so a properly selected UnUn that would work on all bands is not possible.

One of the other things that I have discovered is that using insulated wire for the radiating element may not be a good choice. Normally, insulated wire does not have a “velocity factor rating” like coax, but the use of insulated wire makes a big difference on where the wire resonates – calculations for length just don’t work. Insulated wire works just fine for ground radials and may actually be preferable to bare wire. Once again, the auto tuner comes to the rescue.

Dave K8DV arrived on Thursday evening 4/24 and we immediately started to assemble the two stations. I had “pre-staged” the equipment in the garage and test fit everything in the car earlier, so the actual setup went fairly quickly. We wanted the

two stations to talk to each other in real time, so Dave went to work on the network using an iPhone as a Hotspot. This proved to be a much bigger problem than expected.

On Friday afternoon, we had both stations assembled in the car; drove up the street to a convenient spot of real estate and gave everything a shakedown. The radios and computers all behaved well and interference between the radios was very minimal. We were good to go. This seemed like a good time to come back home, hop in the pool, and chill out with a couple of adult beverages.

Saturday morning arrived and, we packed the cooler and headed out. When we arrived at our first location on the Polk/Hillsborough line, we got set up and were ready to rock well before noon. At the starting bell, we ran into issues almost immediately. The network was very unstable and crashed right out of the starting gate. Rig control for the SSB station was not working and contacts from the CW station were getting dropped as the logbooks tried to update. Our Hotspot was basically useless, likely due to our somewhat remote location and the overhead that two clients put on it. At that point, we felt that using separate logs without the network was the fastest way to get into the action. The SSB station was on the air at 12:08 pm and the CW station was finally back in action at about 12:20 pm. Being a successful Expedition requires planning the

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AA4TI 2025 FQP Expedition Station Saga (cont'd)

work, and working the plan – and then improvising when everything goes to crap.

Most of our work plan still remained in place. In particular, we wanted to maximize the amount of on-air time that we had. So the plan was that when it came time to move to the next county, the CW station would remain on the air using the Quick Deploy antenna while the SSB station operator would tear down the bigger antenna and get it stowed in the car. At the very last minute the CW station would shut down, and both operators would finish the tear down, which included shutting down the generator, pulling up the ground rods, and stowing the Quick Deploy antenna system.

Upon arrival at the next county line, both operators got the generator, ground rods and Quick Deploy antenna system set up and the CW station would start operating while the SSB operator set up the big antenna system.

This part of the plan worked well, and we were able to have the CW station actually on the air for about 13 of the 20 available hours of the FQP. The SSB station was actually on the air for about 10 hours out of a possible 20. The balance of time that each station was not on the air was taken up with travel time, set up time, tear down time and Murphy visitation. And, Murphy did make a number of visits to our locations ... but we managed to

cut his visits fairly short whenever he showed up.

Sunday morning was one of the dumbest Murphy visits of all. I had the exact GPS coordinates programmed into WAZE, so all we had to do was click on the “stored location” and go. Unfortunately, I clicked on the location for Hendry/Glades, which I used three years ago. I did not have the location for Hendry/Lee in the stored location folder. Without thinking, I navigated to the wrong county line, which would have a big bearing on the rest of the day. So, once we discovered that we were arriving at the wrong county line, I plugged in the correct GPS coordinates and WAZE insisted on taking us to a location that was 752 miles away. We ended up pulling out the paper Florida road map and manually navigating to the closest point the Lee/Hendry lines crossed. When we got there, there was no good place to set up shop, so we moved on to another place where the lines crossed. Fortunately, there was a dirt road where we could pull off and split the county line. Even though we left home 30 minutes early, we ended up being about a half hour late getting on the air from Lee/Hendry. Operator error stinks!

Murphy was not finished with us yet on Sunday morning. Dave started a run on the CW station and I proceeded to set up the SSB station. Right off the bat, I noticed that the antenna

tuner was doing something weird. As I talked, the SWR seemed to be spiking at the tuner. I could also see the spikes on the IC7300 control screen. I’m not sure how this sounded at the other end of the QSO, but we were making contacts so I ignored the issue thinking that the antenna was actually tuned and the issue was “mostly cosmetic”.

When the smoke cleared, we managed to activate 5 county lines (10 counties) and one single county at the end of the FQP. For the most part, we were able to maintain the schedule that we published prior to the party. We threw in the towel about 20 minutes before the end of the contest. In Highlands County, we only set up the Quick Deploy antenna and operated a single station and when the contacts started to dry up, we called it a day.

Our goal this year was to exceed 1,000,000 points. So we hoped for 2K CW contacts (actual was 2064), 500 SSB contacts (actual was 1113) and 130 Mults (actual was 120). We came up short on the Mults, but we exceeded our goals on CW and SSB contacts. We never worked AK or HI, and missed a few provinces. We also missed a few DX entities that were active in the FQP on sideband. We don’t know what deductions the robot will make, but we think the final score will be between 1,100,000 and 1,200,000 after deductions and penal-

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ties. When operating from county lines, there is always going to be a sizable score reduction due to other opera-



K8DV running CW from Highlands City

tors not properly logging both counties. And in the heat of the battle, there will be busted call signs and other assorted errors. A “golden log” from an Expedition station is just not likely to ever happen.

Tidbits:

1. The only S&P contact we had was with N8II. I was looking for a clear frequency to run SSB and heard Jeff calling CQ Florida. After I made the contact with him, he gave me his frequency! All of the rest of our contacts were made in “Run” mode. It can be quite tough for a pipsqueak station to find a quiet run frequency so that was very kind of Jeff to give us the frequency he had established.
2. Visits from “Murphy”: Not sure, but at least 5 or 6 - some minor, some major. There were multiple computer issues, primarily in the networking. We had one major navigation error. We let the generator run out of gas once. On the plus side, we had no RF issues at all.
3. Total curse words used: Pretty much all of the “regular” curse words – not many new ones.
4. Total miles driven: 476 - (788 miles including picking up/returning K8DV from/to TPA airport)
5. Total time on road including time to get to first stop and back home each day: 28 hours plus 6 hours driving back and forth to TPA airport.
6. Amount of sleep between Day One and Day Two: ~5 hours
7. Sandwiches consumed during FQP operations: 6 and 2 bags of chips – we were just too busy and “wired” to take the time to eat. We did stop at a real restaurant on the way home on Sunday.
8. Bottled water and soft drinks consumed during FQP operations: 18 bottles/cans – It was really hot sitting in the car under sunny Florida skies. Fortunately, the required visits

behind a bush was minimal due to the dehydrating effects of the heat. We only made one gas station stop and it was quick. We used 30# of ice keeping our drinks cold.

9. Quantity of sweat expended during FQP: Very close to 18 bottles/cans.
10. Estimated time to build operating desks, arrange equipment, install in car: ~20 hours
11. Time to dismantle and stow equipment: 5 hours
12. Cost to repair tuner that crapped out toward the end: TBD – tuner was shipped to LDG and is awaiting repair.
13. Cost to ship “borrowed” equipment to FL and back to OH - \$175
14. Cost of car operation and airfare associated with Expedition: ~\$900
15. Estimated hours devoted to FQP in 2025 including planning and actual operation: ~100
16. Collateral costs: Spouse bought new sewing machine in retribution: Cost was \$ 2,000. She refers to this as “her portion of the prize money”.
17. Best conversation: Dave - (while sitting on the ground working on antenna) “Do you have chiggers in Florida?” Steve – “Don’t know, but the fire ant mound next to your foot could be problematic”.

I think that just about covers this year’s FQP for AA4TI. This was by far the best effort for me. Hopefully the log robot will agree. Many thanks to all of you around the globe who chased us around and gave us so many contacts.

73, de Steve AA4TI



Editor’s Note: The Florida QSO Party is always held on the last weekend in April each year. TARC has operated a club station to participate in the event for several years now and all club members are welcome to participate with the club or as an individual. Mark your calendar’s now!

<https://floridaqsoparty.org/>

Club Repeaters

Tamiami Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

The Tamiami Amateur Radio club was organized in 1960 to serve Venice and the 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 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.



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

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

Dual Mode Yaesu System Fusion (YSF) / Analog 2m Repeater 147.120 MHz (+) PL 136.5Hz (encode AND squelch)

++++PERMANENTLY OFF THE AIR UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. WE LOST THE NORTH PORT TOWER LOCATION FOR THIS REPEATER AND ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME+++++

ALL TARC Repeaters bear the FCC Callsign of W4AC . Repeater trustee is Randy KQ4PIV. Location: 565 Paul Morris Dr., Englewood, FL

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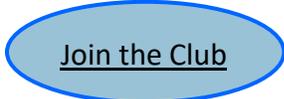
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