



# THE COMMUNICATOR



## President's Message

Well, it is February again, and that means Hamcation!! It's your chance to pick up some gifts for that special someone. Don't forget the bus on Saturday that you can ride on in comfort, enjoy the events and flea markets, store your new boat anchors underneath, and come home with a good nap on the way.

Winter Field Day appears to have been quite successful. I expect we will have racked up quite a few points. Start preparing for the upcoming TARC picnic and POTA events.

I see activity starting to grow with the new standing committees, particularly the digital committee. There are some interesting new modes in digital including Meshtastic and a new digital voice over upper sideband similar to FT8. I look forward to seeing how these continue to develop.

The board of directors and I will continue to see that these committees flourish, but don't forget

the other committees--- the chairpersons will be looking for participation. Many hands make light work.

If you may be interested in becoming a director or an officer of TARC in the future, please talk to me or other members of the board. Training for these positions is possible, just let me know of your interest.

At the February club meeting we will be taking sign ups for course monitors at the Megalodon 10 and 5k Races on March 7 and 8, 2026. We need about a dozen volunteers with 70cm DMR HTs and we have a few loaner HTs if you need one. You only need a Technician License to operate!

For you DXers, the very rare Bouvet expedition is about to set sail!!

**73 y'all ... OM de KG4IYS**



## KG4IYS

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## Upcoming Events

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["Sarasota Military Academy"](#)  
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- ◆ [Bus to HamCation](#)  
[Saturday, Feb 14, 2026](#)

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- ◆ [Megalodon Race Support](#)  
[March 7 and 8, 2026](#)

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- ◆ [Club Meeting 3/11/26](#)  
["The Prodigal Sun"](#)  
[Steve W4SNW](#)

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- ◆ [5th Annual BBO\\*Q](#)  
[picnic at Oscar Shearer](#)  
[March 22, 2026](#)

## Welcome New Members

01/05/26	Member	Richard Valenti	Extra	KN4PWF
01/01/26	Member	Joseph Reich	General	W3WAW
12/27/25	Member	Eric C. Brown	Extra	KD9DAK
12/11/25	Member	Robert 'Bob' Inglis	Technician	KR4HBT
12/8/25	Member	Dan ODonovan	Extra	W4DOD

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:bod@tamiamiarc.org)

Secretary

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Treasurer

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Volunteer Examiner Team

[VE-team@tamiamiarc.org](mailto:VE-team@tamiamiarc.org)

Ask Elmer ham assistance

[askelmer@tamiamiarc.org](mailto:askelmer@tamiamiarc.org)

The Communicator submissions

[communicator@tamiamiarc.org](mailto:communicator@tamiamiarc.org)

Quartermaster (equipment mgr)

[quartermaster@tamiamiarc.org](mailto:quartermaster@tamiamiarc.org)

Librarian (ham book library)

[librarian@tamiamiarc.org](mailto:librarian@tamiamiarc.org)

Membership Coordinator

[membership@tamiamiarc.org](mailto:membership@tamiamiarc.org)

Ham Club Online HELP

[hcolhelp@tamiamiarc.org](mailto:hcolhelp@tamiamiarc.org)

Webmaster—report a problem

[websupport@tamiamiarc.org](mailto:websupport@tamiamiarc.org)

## Tips for Using Ham Club Online (HCOL)

This month we want to describe the “Skills” feature provided in HCOL. Club administrators can define certain “skills” that they think members should have or that they want to assign to members to keep track of certain qualifications. Most importantly, the club leadership would like to keep track of those members that are Volunteer Examiner certified and who have offered to participate with the TARC VE Team.

Equally important is to know which of our club members are also ARRL members. TARC is an ARRL affiliated club and as such we are required to have a club membership that is a minimum of 50% ARRL members. This has really never been a problem in the past with TARC consistently averaging over 70% of our club members also being ARRL members. But that has dropped to just 60% recently.

Unfortunately, ARRL does not make their membership database available to third parties. Unlike the FCC

ULS database that is public record and allows HCOL to match your call sign to your FRN and mailing address of record, there is no way other than your self declaration to know if you are an ARRL member. We have created a “Skill” in HCOL called “ARRL Member” and we are asking each club member to please log in to your HCOL account and assign yourself the “ARRL Member” skill if you are an ARRL member.

If you would please be so kind, log in to your HCOL / TARC account and update your “Skills” to include a VE certification and/or an ARRL membership skill in your club profile. If computer stuff is not your forte’, then you can send an email to either of the these email addresses asking that a skill be recorded in your profile. Need help:

[hcolhelp@tamiamiarc.org](mailto:hcolhelp@tamiamiarc.org)

[membership@tamiamiarc.org](mailto:membership@tamiamiarc.org)

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## Groups.io (Gio)

TARC uses the Groups.io email messaging service to keep in touch with our members and for members to communicate with each other to share news, announcements, technical tidbits, rare Dx spots, etc., etc. It is a subscription based service and you must request a subscription to participate.

If you aren’t subscribed and are feeling a bit like a club mushroom who is kept in the dark about club events

and activities, THEN you should consider subscribing to the service. It is easy enough to do. Just send an email to this address using the email address you wish to subscribe with:

[main+subscribe@TARC-](mailto:main+subscribe@TARC-VeniceFL.groups.io)

[VeniceFL.groups.io](mailto:main+subscribe@TARC-VeniceFL.groups.io)

If you are a club member in good standing, then your request will be approved. Only club members need apply.

*de Paul KN4BAR*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Sunshine**  
Shaun KQ4YAX

**VE Testing**  
Steve NS4P

Last Test Date: 01/10/26  
Number tested: 3  
Passed: 3  
New Members: 0  
Member Upgrades: 2  
Next Test Date: 02/07/26

**QCWA Liaison**  
AI 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: 01/27/26**

**Total Membership:..... 180**

161 Regular Members  
1 Associate Member  
1 First Year Members  
17 Life Members

<https://www.hamclubonline.com/>

REVIEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP RECORD FOR ACCURACY. SEND CHANGES TO:  
[membership@tamiamiarc.org](mailto:membership@tamiamiarc.org)

**Public Information Officer**  
Karl K4RLX

The club is pleased to announce the appointment of Karl Downing K4RLX as our new Public Information Officer. Karl is a new club member but an experienced amateur radio operator. Please join us in welcoming him to this new position in the club.

**Repeater / Technical**  
Frank W2XYZ

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

On 10/09/25 we noticed a problem with the 146.805 MHz repeater. After much investigation, it appears to be an antenna or feedline issue on the tower. On 12/10/25 the membership approved a \$3,000 budget to schedule a tower climber as soon as possible to make repairs.

**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 W2XYZ and Steve NS4P would like to have an occasional guest net control to relieve them on the Tuesday DMR and Wednesday 10 meter nets.

**Florida State POTA Contest**  
Jim N7JIM

<https://fspota.org>

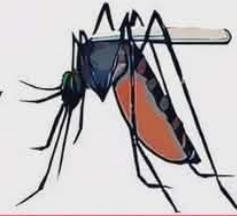
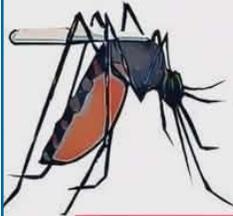
TARC sponsored POTA event will be April 17-20. The event rules are complete and posted on the web site. To help promote the event we spent \$106.50 for 500 flyers to hand out at local HamfestS and Hamcations. We are also working to set a date and location to have a TARC POTA "club" activation at a local state park during the event.

# Titusville Amateur Radio Club

*The Mosquito net meets each Wednesday on 28.333 MHZ 7:00PM*

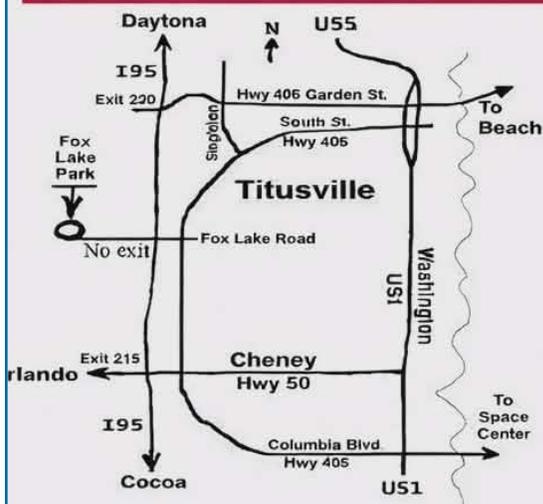
*with George WG4ES*

**COME CELEBRATE OUR 34th. ANNIVERSARY**



## **MOSQUITO NET TAILGATE 2026 FOX LAKE PARK MARCH 28th at 7AM**

**Fox Lake Park is located at 4400 Fox Lake Road  
Titusville, FL. Free Tailgating**

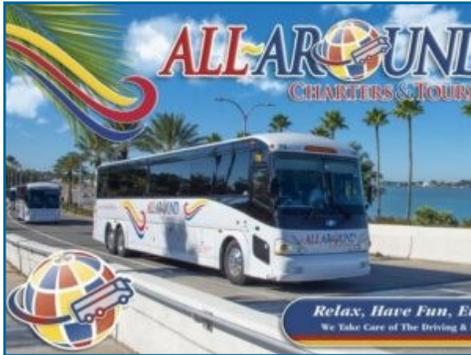


**146.970 tone 107.2**



**CONTACT  
President@K4KSC.com**

# Bus to Hamcation!



**Saturday, February 14, 2026**  
**Departs at 6:15 am – Returns 7 pm**

**Location:** Beach Parking Lot north of Sharky's on Harbor Dr. S.

**RSVP:** by February 6th please

**Cost:** \$60 pp

**Info:** <https://tamiamiarc.org/events/event/hamcation-bus-trip/>



**REGISTER AND PAY  
 ONLINE  
 AT THE TARC WEBSITE  
 STORE**

[\*\*<CLICK HERE>\*\*](#)

**Or at any club meeting  
 or function in person  
 by cash, check, or  
 credit card**

W4AC POTA Activation

1pm Sunday Oscar Sherer State Park

March 22, 2026 1843 S. Tamiami Trl.

[www.tamiamiarc.org](http://www.tamiamiarc.org)

Osprey, FL

*TARC is an ARRL affiliated club. Are you an ARRL member? We are.*

## Love Old Radios? You'll love The Golden Age of Television!



# The Golden Age of Television

*Take a trip down memory lane with a tribute to the most memorable theme songs of the 1950's and 60's.*

Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 at 7pm  
Riverview Performing Arts Center, Sarasota, FL  
Tickets \$35



For tickets, scan the QR code or visit:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-golden-age-of-television-tickets-1976457482535>

**Editor's Note:** This notice was submitted by a club member for publication. It is not the normal kind of thing published in The Communicator. I am asking members to please email me with your comments about future publication of "local interest" items as opposed to just ham radio related stuff. Email: [communicator@tamiamiarc.org](mailto:communicator@tamiamiarc.org)

## SK Stew Haag, W4MO – March 31, 1931 - January 11, 2026

### From Mark Haag:

Stewart Earl (Stew) Haag was born on 3/31/31, a nice and easy to remember date, in Louisville, KY. He grew up within a several block radius in Louisville. His parents were Edward William (Eddie) Haag and Ruth Elizabeth Squire. He was one of two boys of Ruth and Eddie. He attended high school at DuPont Manual (trade school at the time), graduating in January of 1949. Shortly after graduation, he started working for Bell Telephone in Louisville and completed his working career there.

During his time at Bell, he prided himself on the fact that he helped set up the first ever national TV broadcast of the Kentucky Derby. This required him to fix a number of loaned microwave relay systems to set up the number of hops needed to make the broadcast a reality.

He was married to Esther Elizabeth Bielefeld in December of 1956. They have four children - Mark (Sharpsburg, GA), Leah (Louisville, KY), David (Venice, FL) and Stewart Robert (Louisville, KY). Esther passed away in August of 1997. Stew has eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

In the amateur radio world, Stew was very proud of the fact that he got his Extra Class license by copying code at 20 WPM while a bunch of other Speed Scientific School graduates couldn't. (Speed Scientific is the engineering school of the University of Louisville (the MIT of the Louisville area in that day). Stew held his Amateur Extra for a number of years under the call sign of W4MOP (August 1947). Whiskey four Meat Onions and Potatoes, the STEW station. In addition, Stew had an Advanced Radio Telephone license. In 2016, the W4MO call became available and Stew was granted this vanity call sign.

Over the years in Louisville he operated 6m, 2m and 432 repeaters. He was one of the early operators of the OS-CAR satellites. He loved to attend the Cincinnati Ham-

fest, even when the weather didn't cooperate, which was most years. He also enjoyed attending the Central States Conventions and other hamfests in the KY and IN area. Stew had memorable adventures to Germany for the Friedrichshafen hamfest. His friend Zippie would typically meet him there and they would travel around Germany to visit the various "Haag" towns.



### From Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ:

We can also note that Stew was one of the first members of TARC and was very instrumental in establishing our repeater in Englewood, originally with all his own equipment. He also introduced the club to the latest technology at the time, such as Windows 10, Flex Radios, and the WSPR Network, as well as DMR repeaters and DMR hotspots. Stew was always ready to help others with his time and often with his equipment. He was licensed for nearly 80 years, first

getting licensed in 1947.

### From San Yoder, K3SY:

I initially met Stew at the first meeting of TARC that I attended in 2006. We quickly became friends, and he was always willing to help with any radio/computer problems I encountered. His workshop was always open for consultation.

Stew served as president of TARC for four years from 2008 to 2011. He especially loved to introduce new technology to the club.

Some of the more memorable moments with Stew happened at breakfast at Peaches. He was quick to set you straight if you expressed an opinion about ham radio or any other subject that he thought might be out-of-line. I will not forget his go-to breakfast order – scrambled eggs with grits on top. He would then proceed to unscrew

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## Stew Haag, W4MO (Cont'd)

the cap from the pepper shaker and blacken the entire top of his food.

### From Jack Sproat, W4JS:

Here are some incidents of Stew giving Yuli and me very kind assistance:

I had a Henry 3-K full bore amp for several years. One day, it gave symptoms of not feeling well, so I called Stew and he was soon at our doorstep. We opened up the outer cover, Stew ran a couple tests and determined that the bleeder resistor in the power supply was shot. He hopped into his car, drove up to Sarasota Electronics (a mom and pop operation now gone), bought a replacement resistor, returned here, installed the resistor, and we were back in business--with charge for "parts, shipment and services"

One time I started using my transceiver and, for some reason, it had a SWR of infinity on 10 meters. So, I called

Stew for assistance and he came right down. We opened up the outer cover but couldn't determine the cause, so I was ready to send the rig to ICOM for service. But first I gave it another trial while checking the controls. As I switched through the bands, I noted that the rig indicated "ANT 1" was shown for all bands, except for 10 meters, which showed "ANT2". As there was no antenna connected to the ANT 2 output, the SWR was infinity. I called Stew after he got home and joked that two Old Extras missed that easy fix to my problem.

In 2009, Yuli and I took a Holland-America Central America cruise, sailing from Tampa Bay port, and Stew offered to take us to the port and pick us up upon our return. When we got back close enough to the Florida coast, we called Stew and gave him a probable time for us to be picked up. After some confusion Stew found his way to the pick-up area. It sure was great to see him.

**We miss you Stew!**

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## Coming in April—Florida State POTA Contest!

Mark your calendars and get your POTA gear ready for action! TARC is now the sponsor of this annual contesting event that has been around since the inception of the Parks on the Air phenomena back in 2016. It began as a one-off contest promoted by ARRL to incentivize amateur radio operators to visit our great national parks and operate portable. It proved to be so successful and wildly popular with the ham radio community that it rapidly has become a fulltime aspect of ham radio operations ever since.



Many states now have their own annual state-wide POTA contests to encourage local amateurs to get out into their state park systems and operate remotely in a contesting event. Florida was among the first states to begin doing this in 2017 and was off to a great start when Covid hit in 2019. In 2020 there was no contest due to state parks being closed that year. Recovery of the event after Covid was slow and the sponsorship was less than active in subsequent years. By 2025 the event was all but dead.

TARC took over the sponsorship of this event in July 2026 with a new committee of club members dedicated to re-booting the Florida State POTA contest. The committee members drafted new rules, updated the event website and began to promote this Florida contest among the

three Florida ARRL Sections and the many amateur radio clubs throughout Florida.

The 2026 contest will be a 4 day event from Friday April 17th through Monday April 20th. Information about the event and the rules for it can be found on the new website:

<https://fspota.org>



TARC members are encouraged to participate as individuals, and the club will compete as a club station (W4AC) on

Friday April 17th from Myakka River State Park and again on Saturday April 18th from Oscar Shearer State Park. More details about the planned club station will be published in March and April.

**73, de Paul KN4BAR**

## Volunteers Needed to Assist SRQARES During Hurricane Season

Amateur radio operators here in Sarasota County are fortunate to have access to many radio repeaters that cover a variety of digital modes. Several of these are maintained by TARC and the Sarasota Emergency Radio Club at the Sarasota Memorial Hospital (SMH) locations. What is not as well known is that SMH doesn't just do this as a public service, but rather to support a long standing partnership with the local ham community which provides emergency communication during natural disasters, such as hurricanes. The Sarasota ARES

sites. The main requirements are a minimum technician level license, training in emergency communications, particularly WINLINK proficiency, and the ability to relocate to the operating site for up to three days. SRQARES provides the equipment and training; the Red Cross issues comfortable electrically operated air mattresses; and SMH provides shelter and excellent food. You can also bring your spouse or partner along to join you. In the case of the main hospital in Sarasota, you can even bring your dog, cat or other family critter to be sheltered in their pet center.



Sarasota Memorial Hospital campus in Sarasota

group (SRQARES) has established an emergency radio network connecting the four SMH locations with Red Cross Headquarters in Sarasota that has a wire link to the County Emergency Operations Center (911). Antennas and radio equipment are provided for operator positions at each of these sites. The network was last activated during Hurricane Milton in 2024.

SRQARES has a continuing need for volunteer radio operators to support this effort. We need at least one and hopefully two operators at each of the five current sites which may be increased in the near future. TARC members are well situated to staff the SMH locations in Venice and North Port, but can also deploy to the other

Participation is completely voluntary. If you train for one of the positions and later decide during the next hurricane alert that it's a good time to visit your relatives in Atlanta, that's no problem. This is why we need alternate operators to back up our team.

If you are interested or have any questions, please email me at

[dciborowski@aol.com](mailto:dciborowski@aol.com). Feel free to attend the monthly SRQARES meeting at 10 am on the first Saturday at Red Cross Headquarters, 2001 Cantu Court, Sarasota.

73, de Dennis W9CIB



ARES is a field operating activity sponsored by the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL). The local Sarasota County arm of ARES operates under the directions of the West Central Florida (WCF) section of ARRL. INFO:

<https://srqares.org>

## Winter Field Day 2026



I love Field Days. Both the Winter Field Day and the ARRL sponsored Summer Field Day. Apparently I am not the only club member enjoying the events as roughly 30-40 club members participated this past weekend (January 24-25) in our Winter Field Day Event. It's called an event rather than a contest because the real purpose is to insure and

improve our ability to communicate in times of emergencies. It's great to get a high score, but how much your station improved over previous times is even more important. The emphasis in the Summer Field Day is to let the public know, when the chips are down, Amateur Radio is there to help. The Winter Field Day is more for us than the public. It's a proving ground for us to experiment with different antennas, radios, operators, methods, and modes. It's designed so when the chips are down, Amateur Radio is there to help, and is able to get the message through. We are doing exactly that. Each year we have improved our set-ups and operators. I've seen operators that were shy in front of a mic a few years ago now running strings of QSOs on SSB, and our CW operation has also greatly improved with several very fine CW operators participating in the event. Talk is cheap, but the proof is in the pudding, um, I mean in the numbers. So, let's talk about that.



This year we ran generator power as opposed to last year when we only used commercial power. Last year the rules stated radios, computers, lighting, and HVAC must all be on generator to qualify for that multiplier. The rules changed this year to only the radios and computers must be on generator power to qualify for alternate power. This year we also used two Buddipole Hex beams (second



antenna loaned by NS4P) instead of assembling the two element Yagi. Doing this, we saved at least an hour of assembly time and had fewer people involved in the assembly. We also put up our 80m End Fed Half Wave wire antenna that helped us get 40m contacts. We again had a nice spacious operating area with most of the comforts of home to operate in with using the Venice Gardens Civic Association clubhouse. The support we got from club members in erecting the antennas and later with their disassembly, plus the VHF and UHF QSOs made from members unable to physically attend Field Day were great. The only problem we had, and it's a good problem, is we nearly ran out of stations to talk to. As you recall, on Saturday, a massive storm system was making its way across the central US. It seemed many stations didn't bother to activate and some shut down early. By 7 PM on Saturday, we pretty much ran out of stations to contact. We essentially worked everyone we heard and only were getting dupes on our CQs. A little after 8 PM we decided to call it quits for the night.



## Winter Field Day 2026

We returned Sunday morning at 8 AM. By this time the storm had moved eastward and stations that weren't on previously came on the air. We made a lot of QSO's on phone and CW. All in all, we did very well. Our totals came to 930 phone contacts, 26 PSK-31 contacts, and 481 CW contacts. That earned us 1944 QSO points. But wait, there's more—we also had 18 multipliers, so our total score was 34,992. Is that a good score? I think it will rank us fairly high nationwide, but the real accomplishment is our QSO points. We did 32% better than we did last year. That is the real proof that we have become better communicators than last year. We can feel confident that when the chips are down, we will be able to get information through.

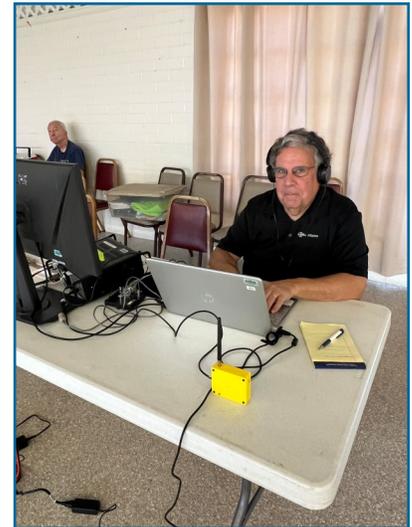
Not to rest on our laurels, we are already talking about plans to make our Field Days better. We're thinking of purchasing a triplexer, which would allow us to use three



transmitters (10, 15, 20) on one Buddipole Hexbeam. We are also considering having several trained operators for our satellite station. We'd like more newbies participating with digital contacts (PSK-31 or FT4/8) and more participants willing to log for phone operators. Your Board of Directors is open to any and all suggestions that you might

help to improve our ability to communicate under minimal conditions. Thanks again to all that participated in the event and to club members unable to physically participate for their continued support.

de Frank W2XYZ



## SHACK OF THE MONTH

### Paul's KN4BAR POTA Shack

Deed restrictions and HOAs got you down? XYL not making room for your shack or liking your antenna in the front yard? Not sure you want to get back into the hobby and work contacts again? There are any number of good reasons not to be an active ham radio operator. If you really want to operate but don't want to invest the time, dollars, space, and resources for a permanent first class "shack" then maybe you can consider a simple portable station and get started with Parks on the Air (POTA). Create an account at <https://parksontheair.com/> and assemble a simple portable station to take out to a local park. Try it....you might like it!



All you need is a battery, a radio, a feed-line, and an antenna. Some POTA operators fit all of that into a small shopping bag size container. My setup is a bit bulkier as I used an older Yaesu FT-450 radio and I like to operate at 100 W so it's a big battery for me. My setup has a wheeled tool box to haul everything around. But that's just me and how I like to operate.

Doing POTA activations is a great way for couch potatoes like me to get up, get out of the house, get some fresh air, get some exercise, and play radio. You also get to meet a lot of interesting people at state and national parks. Everyone always comes over and asks if you are talking to the Martians!



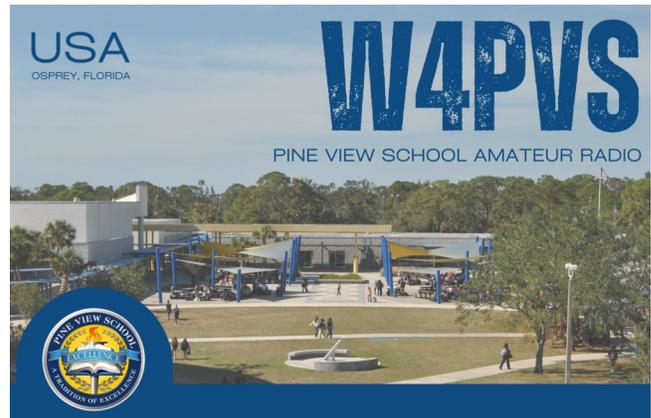
My go to POTA antenna is an Ultimix 100, 24 foot end fed half wave wire that I deploy as a sloper from a 22 foot telescoping carbon fiber mast. It covers 80-10m with SWR under 2:1 using just the internal tuner in my radio. The mast can be easily attached to any fence post with a bungee cord. I use a drive-on base plate to support the mast with my car. Some park rangers don't like you attaching stuff to their fences and all park rangers will tell you to remove any wires suspended from trees.

My second POTA antenna is a 17 foot telescoping antenna ground mounted on a spike in the ground and either 2, 17 foot radial wires or a faraday cloth as the counter-poise. Adjusting the length of the antenna allows for operations on 20-6 meters with a near perfect SWR.

**POTA ON!**

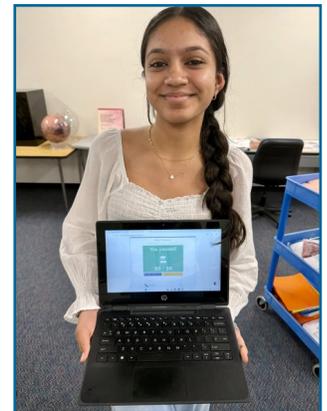
## Pine View School (PVS) Update

We spent the last of the ARRL Club Grant money for PVS in early January. We bought them equipment and supplies to do weather balloon telemetry. Marie KQ4ZVO will be attending the ARRL STEM educators ballooning class this summer. Speaking of the ARRL educator training program, one of our very own, John K4GEI was recently selected by ARRL to be an instructor at future educator training events. John is a teacher at Sarasota Military Academy (SMA) as well as a TARC and SERC club member. Congratulations John!

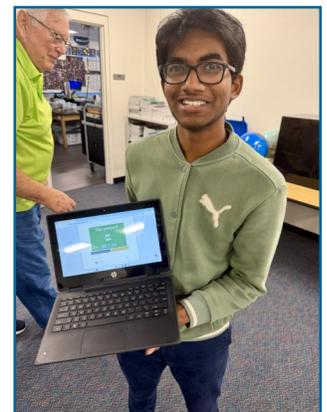
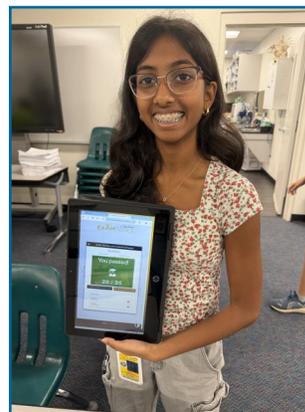


The TARC VE-Team (Roger N9RM, Paul KN4BAR, Jim N7JIM, Al KOAL, and Dave KZ4UU) visited PVS on January 23rd to administer FCC license testing exams. We were very pleased to see a total of 6 candidates for testing. 2 students earned their Technician Class licenses and 2 students upgraded to General Class. Another on-campus test session is scheduled for February 20th to get even more club members licensed. The amateur radio club at PVS is growing and they now have their own control operators for SSB bands other than 10m!

Please keep an ear tuned to the 10 and 20m bands, SSB mode, from about 12 noon to 3 pm from Monday 2/9 to Friday 2/13. The kids at the PVS ham radio club will be on the air calling CQ W4PVS as they participate in the semi-annual ARRL School Club Roundup Contest. In the fall last year they scored 7,020 points and placed 6th in



**Two new Technician Class Operators**



**Two new General Class Operators**

the Middle School category. This time, they have their sights set on a much better score now that they are more experienced.

**73, de Paul KN4BAR**

**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.



**CLUB REPEATERS**

**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 — EchoLink W4AC-R (Node # 513309)

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

<[FULL REPEATER INFORMATION HERE](#)>

**WEEKLY RADIO NET SCHEDULE**

**MONDAYS, 1:30 pm** (HF net)  
7251 KHz LSB

**TUESDAYS, 7:30 pm** (DMR net)  
444.100 MHz, color code 1, TS 1, Talk Group 310442

**WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 pm** (HF net)  
28.460 MHz USB

**THURSDAYS, 7:30 pm** (FM net)  
146.805 MHz PL 100 Hz (-)  
ECHO LINK: 513309 (W4AC-R)

**Net Manager, Paul KN4BAR**

<[FULL NET SCHEDULE](#)>

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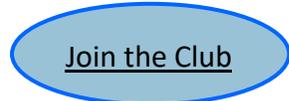
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- Regular member: \$25.00/year      Family membership: \$30.00/year
- Non-voting student: \$5.00/year.
- New licensee: Tested by TARC VE– gets a free first year of club membership.



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