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President's message.....NS4P

I want to start this month with recognizing the exceptional effort that TARC put forth on Field Day 2021. We had an excellent turnout from both our FD veterans as well as many of our new members. I noticed that several of our newer hams got their first taste of HF operations, and I saw many smiles as they worked their way through the pile-ups; well done to all of you!



We also had a much higher than usual number of visitors who stopped in to see our operation. I was especially delighted to see a number of young people who were clearly very interested in ham radio. Hopefully we will see them again when they participate in license classes or a VE session.

I want to thank our "Mode Captains" – Frank - W2XYZ, Andy - WB2HIP and Chet - KG4IYS for working so hard to get our stations set up and running. We had no problems integrating the rigs, computers and amplifiers which certainly made getting the stations set up a true plug-and-play operation. Despite the best efforts of Mother Nature we were able to operate almost the entire 24 Hours. We certainly were reminded that there is no such thing as too many guy ropes, especially on the tents. My thanks to Tom, KN4ONE, for his superior MacGyvering skills in creating a new center insulator for the beam antenna after it was destroyed Friday evening.

And a huge "Thank You" to all of the operators and loggers who came out to operate the radios. I know that I have missed someone I should have mentioned, but I want to thank everybody who participated – we could not have done it without you. We set a club record for contacts and points, which is a testament to the skill and tenacity of the membership. This was a great effort and I know that many of you are looking forward to next year.

On a very sad note, I want to acknowledge the passing of one of our very active members, Jerry Spears, W9PB. Jerry always had a smile on his face and never had a cross word to say. He was an accomplished home-brewer, and I know we at the breakfast meetings always looked forward to seeing his latest creation. He was an expert at repairing and tuning older solid-state gear, and several of our members have benefited from his ability to bring old rigs back to life. I recently asked him to rejuvenate an old Radio Shack shortwave receiver for a shut-in from Sarasota. In just a few days Jerry was able to completely realign the receiver and made the owner very happy. Jerry was an expert CW operator and regularly contributed to club station operations. He will be missed. 73 Jerry.

Thanks & 73, Steve

**September
Fox Hunt
Preview**

Next meeting 7:00 PM, Wednesday, September 08, 2021 at the Coast Guard Auxiliary Training Center, 1200 South Harbor Drive

The minutes of our June 09, 2021 TARC meeting will be published in the September issue of The Communicator prior to the September 8th meeting.

TARC has successful 2021 summer field day operation

By Frank, W2XYZ

Ask any Ham what is the biggest event of the year and he'll not say Amazon Prime Day, or even Black Friday. Any Ham worthy of his ticket will immediately respond, "Field Day." Rightly so. Field Day is sort of the Super Bowl/Stanley Cup/World Series of amateur radio. Technically, Field Day is not a contest but rather an exercise to demonstrate to the public that we are willing and able to provide communications in times of emergencies. True, that's what the 'book' says about Field Day, but since points are given, scores are recorded, and standings are published in QST, Field Day is more than just an exercise.

We are fortunate to belong to a club that treats Field Day seriously. Since 2017, this club has actively participated in Field Day and participates in many other activities, like the Shark Tooth Festival since 2007, lighthouse activations, organized runs, regattas, et cetera. Sorry about the digression, but getting back to Field Day, we just completed our most successful Field Day to date. A lot of planning and testing went into preparation for Field Day, but what really made it successful is the cooperation and participation of club members. Field Day is a group activity and our group performed extremely well.

Preparation for the next Field Day actually starts minutes after Field Day ends. We begin with cleaning equipment, rolling coax, and packing things away. Most of it gets put away in Jim's (KJ4NDO) garage until needed again. Using his garage saves the club more than \$100 a month. Hopefully Jim doesn't look in his garage and find out we sold his car to have more room for storage. (Just joking Jim, you don't have to check. In fact, please don't check).

At our Directors' Meeting, we'll discuss what our strong points were, and where we can make improvements for next year. We even test out some of the ideas at Winter Field Day in January, to see if they will improve our effectiveness. In 1 b.c. (one year Before CCOVID), our two digital stations made a lot of points for us. Unfortunately the interference they caused to the other two stations rendered phone and CW nearly impossible to use. In January 2020 we tried some different configurations and power levels and came up with a workable solution we planned to use in the June 2020

Field Day. Our regular club Field Day was canceled that year due to COVID, but we did apply those principles this year.

Here's what we did; Bob (W5GJ) made his RV available to us. He and Chet (KG4IYS), the Digital Captain for FD, parked it near the main road. They used 100 watts to a TW vertical antenna located about 600-700 feet from the other antennas and ran FT4/FT8 as W4AC, or when GOTA operators were present, as W2XYZ. The results were great. W4AC digital made 272 contacts. The digital GOTA stations made 125 contacts.

Our phone and CW stations were setup inside the Coast Guard Auxiliary building. Under the leadership of Andy (KB1HIP), the phone station ran 500 watts to either a two element Yagi or an end-fed half-wavelength wire antenna, depending on the time of day and frequency. The phone station amassed a whopping 436 contacts - many of them down in the mud and hard to copy. Two of the 436 were made by the GOTA operator and one prize phone contact worth 100 points was made via satellite by Steve (NS4P). CW did well too, making 300 contacts. That gave us a total of 1830 QSO points.

We also excelled in the area of Bonus points, racking up 1740 bonus points. These points came from things like running generators instead of commercial power, and having an elected official (County Commissioner Nancy Detert) visit the site to see a demonstration of what we can do in an emergency. Paul (KB4BAR) sent messages via radio to the ARRL Section Manager and other individuals, and he also copied the ARRL Field Day message for an additional 100 points. We made contacts via a battery that was charged from solar power for more points - plus a host of other things ranging from having a Safety Officer (NS4P) to keep us safe, to sending a press release about the event in the local newspaper, et cetera, et cetera. The final result is a total of 3570 points for the Tamiami Amateur Radio Club, a far cry from the total of 815 points made in 2017.

All of the planning, antennas, equipment, visitors, and such would be a waste if we didn't have operators.

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Field day, continued

The true heroes of FD 2021 are the 19 operators who gave up part of their weekend to sit in front of a radio. I say 19, because that is what I counted in the Work Schedule Log. I might have missed some that didn't sign up but showed up just the same, and I'm sure there have been helpful hands on Friday afternoon to set up or Sunday afternoon to take down that I haven't identified.

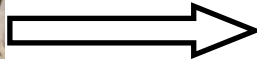
In no particular order, hats off to: KO4QFQ, KN4UQV, KB1HIP, WO0S, KG4IYS, W5GJ, K3SY, KN4ONE, KJ4NDO, N1COC, KN4NFX, W1JBD, KC9JBA, KC9JAZ, W9CIR, AA4TI, KO4RFO, NEP3D, KO4HHC, KY4GH, KE4PPN, KE4PPN, N9OU, K4EU, KO4AEA, N4ZM, KC4UYR, & W2XYZ.

73, Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ

And here's a photo flow-chart of the goings-on as TARC put another successful Field Day in the record books



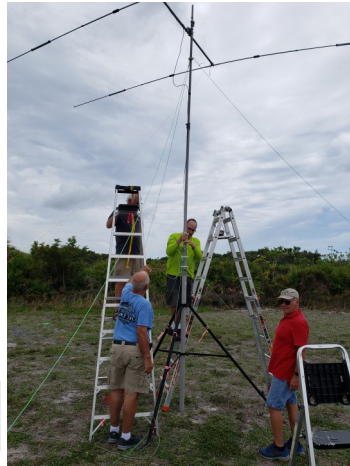
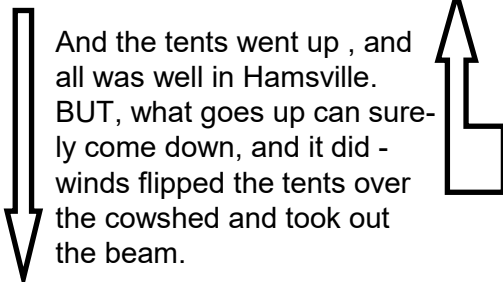
With months of planning ahead of time the set-up started Friday 6/25 with breakfast at Perkins, and then moved to the Coast Guard site.



Steve bought the gas. Please don't try this at home with full cans! He's a pro.



And the tents went up, and all was well in Hamsville. BUT, what goes up can surely come down, and it did - winds flipped the tents over the cowshed and took out the beam.



The antennas went up

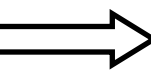
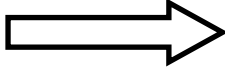


But with quick work by our dedicated crew chiefs and a 3-D printed center piece for the beam by KN4ONE, things were reassembled and the stations were ready to go on Saturday.



CQ Field Day

Captain Bob, W5GJ, brought his motor home to house the FT-8 station.



Chet brought his stuff to equip the FT-8 station



Brian at the CW post



And it all came down on Sunday.



We had visitors. The Ham seed has been planted!



The Tamiami Amateur Radio Club in Venice, FL is pleased to announce its first **ANNUAL CLASSIC FOX HUNT** event to be held at the T. Mabry Carlton Reserve in Venice on Saturday, October 23, 2021. Event details and pre-registration form (required) for the event can be found at our website: <https://tamiamiarc.org/annual-fox-hunt/>

We have been trying our hand at Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) for over a year now. What began as a "lets give it a try" activity by a few of our club members has turned into a much anticipated and fun outdoor activity for many club members to engage in. ARDF is a simple and inexpensive part of our ham radio hobby that looks easy, but can be very challenging in the execution. In the last two decades, ARDF has become a more and more popular part of the amateur radio hobby in the US. We want to do our part to introduce WCF Section hams to this aspect of the hobby.

Tamiami Fox Hunt



Venice Florida

2021

Registration is \$25, and event logo embroidered hats will be given to all participants. Hunters **MUST** be pre-registered for the event by October 10, 2021. No on-site registrations will be allowed on the day of the event.

73....Paul, KN4BAR

TARC to activate station at Port Boca Grande Lighthouse to celebrate National Lighthouse Day August 7th. *by Andy, KB1HIP*

Coinciding with the US National Lighthouse Day, the US National Lighthouse-Lightship Weekend (NLLW), sponsored by the Amateur Radio Light house Society (ARLHS) (www.arlhs.com), is an annual lighthouse operating and activating opportunity celebrating the anniversary of the establishment of the United States Federal Lighthouse Service.

TARC will be activating the Port Boca Grande Lighthouse on Gasparilla Island, FL. on Saturday



August 7, 2021 from 9AM to 5PM. The ARLHS has cataloged and named 15,522 lighthouses around the world and has designated the Port Boca Grande Lighthouse as USA910.

We plan to set up our radios on tables under the lighthouse building, and

we will install portable antennas on the park grounds. For this outing we will use the club call, W4AC, and our ARLHS member number 2006.

Please notify Andy Durette, KB1HIP at af_durette@hotmail.com if you would like to participate.

FOR THE ZULU CHALLENGED

by Tom, KN4ONE

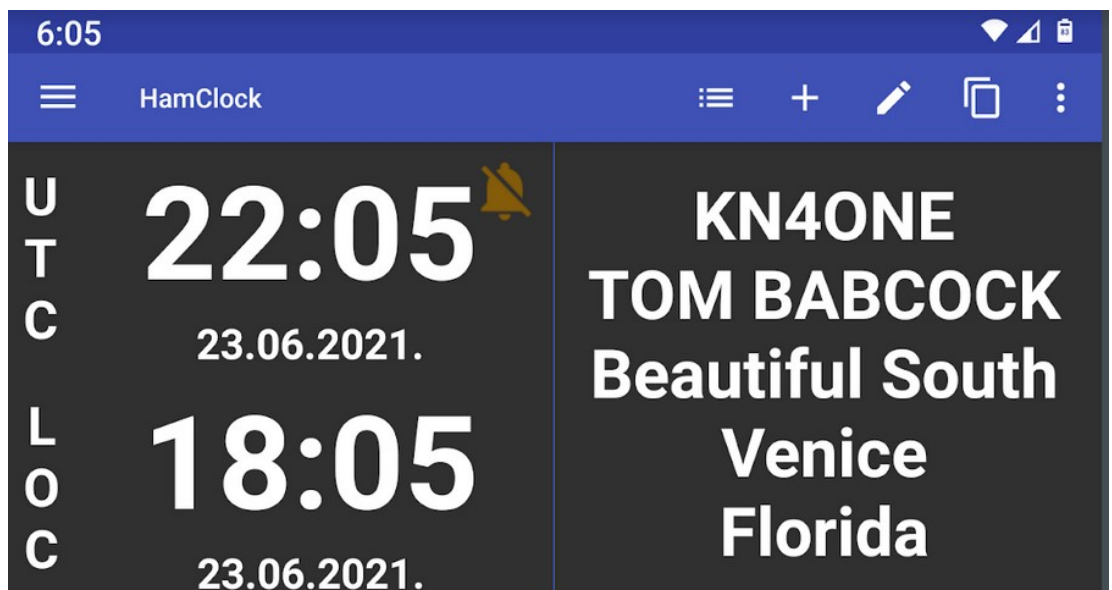
If you combine new HAM, slacker of an operator, military time challenged, and UTC challenged, you have my situation. There are some really nice HAM clocks available, but I didn't want to dedicate a Raspberry PI and monitor, or spend a bunch of stimulus cash on one. Space is also limited on my radio desk and I just need a simple clock.

At the bottom of the junk drawer lurked an ancient 7" Android tablet. We're talking the first Google tablet made. After charging, it came to life and will stay alive if powered. I downloaded an app called HamClock by Zoran and got it running. Of course this will work with any old An-

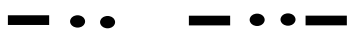
droid device like an old cell phone. The result shown below is exactly what I needed. And the price was right! Zero \$ for Zulu.

There are several other apps like this one. To get the screen to stay on all the time on an Android device you have to put it in Developer

mode. Google how to do it for your particular device. It usually involves something like tapping the build number in the About Phone area several times. Once you turn it on you will have an option for Stay Awake (or the like). Turn it on and the screen will never sleep while it is plugged in.



DX Jack's page



By Jack Sproat, W4JS



MAJOR CURRENT/UPCOMING DX ACTIVITY & PROPAGATION HIGHLIGHTS

CURRENT and/or SCHEDULED DX ACTIVITY

COUNTRY – CALL SIGN	ACTIVITY PERIOD	BEARING	HF BANDS and BEST OPENING TIMES (UTC)							
			80	40	30	20	17	15	12	10
Antarctica – 8J1RL, CW/FT8	Now to 31 Dec	158	NO	02-04	0700	NO	1400	NO	NO	NO
St Helena – ZD7GB by G3WIP, SSB/FT8	Now to 30 Sep	110	01-05	22-08	21-09	18-04	11-01	15-24	17-22	2100
Senegal – 6W1/EA4ATI, ++ “Now active”	No spots to date	87	00-07	22-09	20-07	17-23	16-22	17-22	NO	NO
Nicaragua – YN2RP by NN3RP, SB/CW/FT	Now to 15 Aug	194	23-12	20-16	00-24	11-04	17-02	19-01	NO	NO
Guatemala – TG9AWS by K4IM, CW/SB/Di	Now to 15 Aug	213	23-12	20-16	00-24	11-04	17-02	19-01	NO	NO
Brit. Virgin Is – VP2V/K3TRM, SSB/FT8	Now to 17 Jul	114	23-12	19-16	17-15	10-05	15-02	20-01	NO	NO
Svalbard – JW0W by 6-op team	21 – 26 July	12	NO	01-08	00-04	12-19	NO	NO	NO	NO
St Vincent – J88PI by GW4DVB, SB/FT/CW	24 Jul to 01 Aug	121	22-11	20-13	00-24	00-24	12-03	15-02	18-24	22-23
Azores – CT8/W6QPL, FT8 all bnds/20m SB	25 Jul to 04 Sep	61	23-09	21-11	19-05	11-02	21-23	NO	NO	NO
Peru – OA7/DD5ZZ, SSB/FT8/FT4/CW(?)	30 Jul – 17 Sep	170	00-10	22-12	22-13	12-02	18-01	19-24	22-23	NO
Dominican Rep. – HI9/HB9TUZ, ++	01 – 30 Aug	124	--	00-24	--	11-02	17-01	2300	NO	NO
Fr. Polynesia – FO/F1SMB, SSB/FT8	02 – 23 Aug	243	--	03-12	02-12	23-10	16-03	17-03	01-02	NO
Bermuda – VP9EE by OZ2I, **	11 – 16 Aug	67	22-12	00-24	15-06	11-02	21-01	NO	NO	NO
Cape Verde – EA7KNT/D4	23 Aug to 05 Sep	89	23-08	21-10	20-11	16-03	15-23	18-22	NO	NO
Market Reef – OJ0D by AD7D, QO-100 + HF	25 – 28 Aug	31	01-04	23-07	22-01	12-22	NO	NO	NO	NO

Prepared 13 July 2021 based on <https://www.ng3k.com/>, *The Weekly DX* 21-28, and the *Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin* No. 1522.

Notes: Times shown are for S-5 or better signals and 50% opening probability. ??? = Call Sign or Date not yet known; ++ = Mostly SSB;

** = Mostly CW; NO = No Opening forecast, NIL = band is open but signals below S-5 threshold. Long Path bearings and opening times are underlined. All forecast opening times are calculated using VOACAP <http://www.voacap.com/hf/>.

-- JULY SOLAR ACTIVITY TO DATE --

From 01 through 13 July, the 10.7 cm Solar Flux ranged from 72 to 95, with a mean value of 82.6. The A_p index was ≥ 7 on four days during that period. Sunspot regions were visible on all days, varying from one to four groups. There were 17 C-class solar flares on five days, three M-class flares on two days, and one X-class flare during the period.

-- MID-JULY & AUGUST FORECAST --

Solar activity is expected to be at very low levels throughout the outlook period. There is a chance for elevated activity from old regions as they are expected to rotate back onto the visible disk on 16 Jul, 20 Jul, and 21 Jul, respectively.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at quiet to active levels. CH HSS are expected to elevate geomagnetic activity to active levels on 12-14 Jul and 08-10 Aug, with unsettled levels on 15-16 Jul, 02 Aug and 11-12 Aug. The remainder of the period is expected to be at quiet levels.

In contrast to earlier optimistic forecasts, the solar flux should range from 73 to 81, and average 74.8 for the period.

(From *NOAA Weekly Highlights and Forecasts*, 12 July 2021, *NOAA 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table*, 12 July 2021, and 45 Day AP Forecast, USAF, 12 July 2021.)

-- PANAMA SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS --

(From OPDX #1522) Operators Jose-HP2AT and Emilio-HP2NG are using the special call signs 3F200AT and 3F200NG to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Panama independence from Spain (1821-2021). Activity actual started on

June 1st, but will end on November 30th. All QSOs will be uploaded to QRZ.com, Clublog, eQSL and LoTW.

If you want a paper QSL, “It is strongly recommended for 100% safety to use the OQRS and PayPal payment to request the printed QSL card.”

-- FUTURE NEPAL OPERATION --

(From OPDX #1522) Roobert-S53R (T6AA and T6A), reported on July 7th: “T6AA/T6A is closing down. Today the SpiderBeam and 6m yagi are being dismantled. All equipment will be shipped to 9N.”

If Robert is as active from Nepal as he was from Afghanistan (123,000 QSOs), we should have good opportunities to get Nepal into our logs. Nepal is #33 in the ClubLog Most Wanted ranks for East Coast North America.

-- WHERE DO WE GO NEXT? --

In 1991, Martti Laine, OH2BH published his seminal book for DXers: “*Where Do We Go Next?*”. More than 12,000 copies have been published and translated into four languages. It describes many of Martti’s secrets: What it’s like to be on a DXpedition from the planning through to its completion. What makes a good DXpedition. What’s necessary to bring together the right operators for a successful team. How to operate and handle the pile-ups. Both beginning and seasoned DXers have benefited from this book over the years.

The NCDXF pleased to release Martti’s book free for both new and seasoned DXers to enjoy in PDF format from the NCDXF website. Go to <http://ncdxf.org/pages/oh2bh.html>.

Amateur Radio Emergency Communications *by Paul, KN4BAR*

OK. It's hurricane season, and all us amateurs are anxious to fulfill our public service duties and help with disaster communications. Then come the questions: Who do I talk to? What frequencies do I use? What do I say? When do I call? How do I fit in?

ANSWER: GET INVOLVED NOW!

Don't wake up the day after a big storm and think that you can just jump right in and help save the world. There are a number of organizations in the Sarasota County area that are dedicated to providing amateur radio emergency communications. Pick one or more now, and get involved with them during the "blue skies" time. Learn who the other operators are, where and how they operate, and what role you can play in their organization.

Start with our very own DARN net run by former club president Andy KB1HIP, af_durette@hotmail.com. The DISASTER AMATEUR RADIO NETWORK is sponsored by Catholic Charities, and it conducts monthly radio nets at 11 am on the second Monday of each month.,

Five different area repeaters are used, one of them being our own W4AC repeater in Englewood. Contact Andy to join and get the list of repeaters used in their net each month. [See page 8.]

We are very fortunate in Florida to have the State-wide Amateur Radio network (or SAR Net) sponsored and maintained by the state DOT. It is a network of 30+ linked repeaters across the entire state of Florida. Want to know traffic conditions in Miami, or weather conditions in Jacksonville, just hop on the SAR Net. Local Sarasota area access is via repeater at 444.800 MHz (+) PL 100 Hz. Get full information about this UHF network at <https://www.sarnetfl.com/>. The network is open to amateur radio use except during times of emergency when it becomes a directed net used by the state EOC to communicate with county EOCs as needed.

Last but not least is the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service or ARES. This is a nation-wide Field Services organization of ARRL organized by ARRL Sections. Sara-

sota County's ARES group falls under the West Central Florida section ARES organization. Check their website at srgares.org for more information and links on how to join. The Sarasota ARES group (SRQARES) has a weekly radio net every Thursday evening at 7 pm on 442.475 MHz (+) PL100 (north county) and 442.400 MHz (+) PL100 (south county). Any amateur is welcome to check in.

WCF ARES Information Net is weekly on Saturdays at 8:30 AM EST on HF:

- ◆ Primary: 3.911 MHz
- ◆ Alternate: 7.281 MHz

WCF also has their Section ARES net on Mondays at 7:30 PM EST on the NI4CE Repeater System Verna Tower: 145.430 MHz – (100 Hz) or 442.950 MHz + (100 Hz) [linked] repeaters.

Visit our club website's repeaters page for more information about these and more emergency communications frequencies and nets:

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

Disaster Amateur Radio Network

Bob Sullenberger , K1RCS (SK) was a Catholic Charities volunteer doing different projects when Hurricane Charley devastated Port Charlotte and Punta Gorda in 2004. All land-lines and cell phones went down, and there were no communications available for many days. Catholic Charities had plenty of supplies, but because of the lack of phones, could not determine where the needs were, and where to send them.

Bob noted that only ham radio could provide fail-safe communications under similar conditions in the future. He studied on his own and obtained his Tech and Gen-

eral Class Licenses. He contacted a group of hams in the Punta Gorda and Port Charlotte areas, and they helped him organize and set up DARN stations in Venice, Port Charlotte, and Ft Myers. Later Bob recruited Andy Durette, KB1HIP, to help him grow the DARN capability.

Base stations were added in Arcadia, Sarasota, Bradenton, Naples and Immokalee. The DARN net is activated the second Monday each month at 11:00 AM to maintain and verify members capabilities to communicate under emergency conditions.

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Each Sunday before the second Monday of the month, this e-mail is forwarded to DARN volunteers:

**From: Andy, KB1HIP, DARN Coordinator & JR, WJ3R, DARN Assistant Coordinator:
DARN NET MONDAY July 12, 2021**

A. 11:00 AM Local Venice Time UHF/VHF Net. For those volunteers operating from Catholic Charities DARN locations or who operate on UHF/VHF from their residence or privately owned vehicle.

B. ECHOLINK NET. After the RF (on air) Drill around 11:35AM to 11:45AM Local Venice time. Intended for DARN Volunteers who are not in range to operate on UHF/VHF Frequencies from their location at time of drill, also intended for use by In-Residence volunteers who do not have UHF/VHF capabilities in their homes. In addition, all DARN members are encouraged to check-in.

THE DARN NET's UHF/VHF REPEATER FREQUENCIES

[Andy, KB1HIP, Jim, KJ4NDO or Ken, KK4IGK,] will be the Venice NET CONTROL Operator for the VHF Net.

DARN Radio's Channel (1) 145.430 (-) PL 100
(DARN starts on this this freq)

DARN Radio's Channel (5) 145.130 (-) PL 100

DARN Radio's Channel (2) 146.805 (-) PL 100

DARN Radio's Channel (3) 146.745 (-) PL 136.5

DARN Radio's Channel (4) 146.685 (-) PL 136.5

Other frequencies available to DARN include:

147.255 (+)PL 136.5 and 147.075 (+) PL 100

DARN Volunteers please check in at the KD4ARN-L call sign on Echolink.

(KD4ARN is DARN's amateur radio call sign.)



Net control is normally located at the Villa San Marco, but that location was closed during the pandemic.

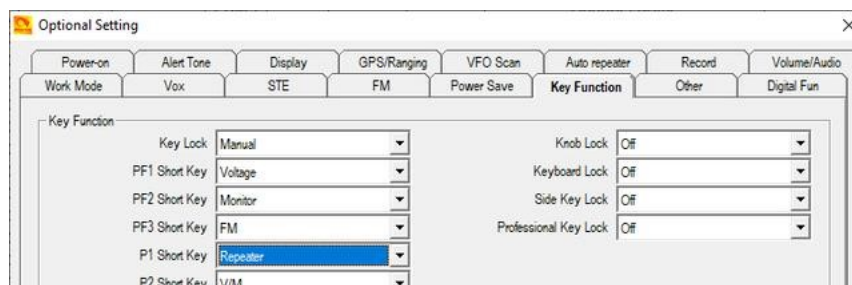
Shown at left: Andy and Jim setting up net control and operating from the top of the Venice Hospital parking garage.

A true test of emergency conditions!

Are you prepared for a repeater malfunction??

The emergency operations presentation by KN4BAR states that in the event a repeater is down you should transmit on the repeater's transmit frequency (the frequency you normally receive on). A lot of radios have a feature called TALK AROUND. This is an easy way to bypass the repeater and transmit on it's transmit frequency. To "be prepared" (the Boy Scout in me) I checked my radios to make sure I knew how to use the feature. The best way to access it is to program one of the buttons for easy access. Below is what I found for my radios. You may want to check yours and program a button for Talk Around.

For the Baofeng radios there is no programmable button to put a channel in talk around mode. Either program a separate channel as simplex on the repeater's transmit frequency, or switch to VFO mode and enter the repeater's transmit frequency.



For the Anytone AT-878 and AT-868 you can set one of the programmable buttons (keys) to put the current channel into Talk Around mode. This function is called "Repeater" in the programming menu. Once a button is set as "repeater", when it is used the radio will display "Talk Around ON" (or OFF). The code plug on the club web site does not have a button set for Talk Around (Repeater).

For the CS-800D a button can be programmed for Talk Around. (Not too many club members have this radio)

For the AT-778UV a button can be programmed for Talk Around. (Does anyone have one of these besides me?)

Be Prepared!

Tom, KN4ONE

Random dits and dahs

If you haven't returned to Peaches for breakfast on Tuesday mornings, you will miss many exciting moments. Here DX Jack, W4JS produces proof of his prolific on-the-air activities. Who among us can match his three CQ worked all zones certificates?



2021 Star Wars special event station
"I have a bad feeling about this"

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away...

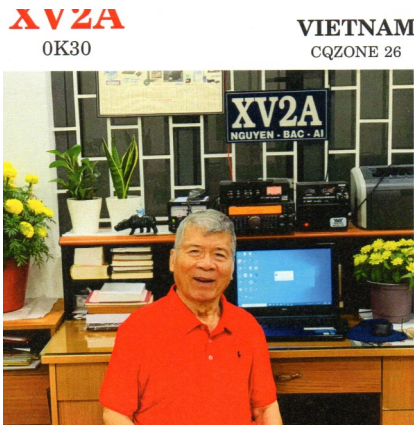
W3S
May the 4th be with you
- ABIA in WPA -

RADIO	DATE	UTC	MHz	MODE	S/R	RST
ICOM 7300 PORTABLE	May 4 th 2021	12:07	40 meter	VOICE	5/9	5/9
	May 4 th 2021	22:39	20 meter			
	May 4 th 2021	23:59	10 meter			
	May 5 th 2021	01:55	40 meter			

W3S Confirming May 2021 QSO with **NS4P**

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away lived a Star Wars buff named Steve with call-sign NS4P and an Icom 7300, and a passion for making contacts, and the perseverance to work the 2021 Star Wars special event station W3S four times on three different bands!

And Prez Steve, NS4P can begin his stamp collection with this remarkable card from Viet Nam



XV2A
OK30

VIETNAM
CQZONE 26

Hello Steve Phillips.

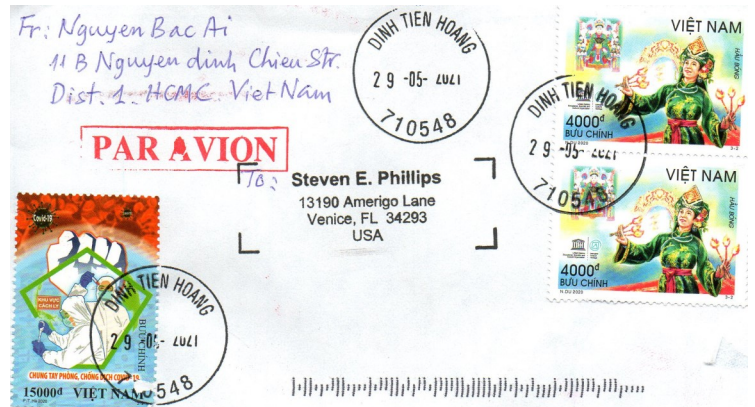
TO RADIO NS4P
CONFIRMING OUR QSO

Day	Month	Year	UTC
09	Apr	2021	13:52

RST Freq Mode QSL
-17 14 F78 PL 8 TNX

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Bob Miller, KJ4NLP, long-time TARC member, featured in Venice Gondolier article

A few years ago Bob presented an interesting program at our TARC meeting about his work at the Mount Sutro TV tower site in San Francisco. He was engaged in installing radio equipment for fire and police on another tower at that site.

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Celebrating 50 years of priesthood

Robert Miller serves as assisting priest at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

By EDIE HAACK
FOR THE GONDOLIER

VENICE — Good Shepherd Episcopal Church celebrated with Father Robert Miller his 50 years of service to the church.

Those years included work for children with disabilities at Camp Meeker, California and the founding of a home for abandoned street children in Tegucigalpa, Honduras which now educates 350 children each year and finds them employment within their country.

Miller has served in more than 10 different churches and missions, always dedicating himself to those in need.

He retired from work in Minneapolis in 2008 and moved with his wife, Margi, to Venice where he presently serves as assisting priest at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church on Center Road.

The celebration marking his half-century of service took place on April 25 in Good Shepherd's memorial gardens just outside the church building.

Well wishers left their congratulations with cards and online notes and donations to the mission he began in Honduras.



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Deacon Michael Kitt, left and Father Joe Hudson offer prayers of thanksgiving for the ministry of Father Bob Miller, seated.



At 2019 Field Day

Jerry Spears, W9PB Silent Key

From K3SY - Jerry and I, along with our YLs, attended the same church. Although I knew Jerry was facing health challenges, when it was announced on Sunday, July 11th that he had passed away overnight, it was a bitter pill to swallow. Jerry was one of the "good guys". We miss you, Jerry. **73, San**

From W4JS - I knew Jerry was down with cancer, but I definitely wasn't ready for this. It truly broke my heart, for I felt close to Jerry through our mutual love of New Mexico and Arizona. However, there is something prophetic about Jerry's and my interactions in recent months. Jerry had offered to perk up my IC-730, which had been my first solid state radio and faithful performer stateside as well as in Jordan and Indonesia. So he worked on it and claimed it was better than new. I delayed going to his place to pick it up so he brought it to Al's radio cottage on the day Al and I were going to the memorial service for Bob-N1RA at the National Cemetery in Sarasota. Jerry was in a happy mood as he and Diana had been to the Arcadia Rodeo and he really was excited about the facility, the event, and the people there. Looking back, perhaps he knew we would not meet again. Via Con Dios Mi Compadre. **73, Jack**

From K4EU - I, too, am very sad to hear of Jerry's passing. Jerry also had a vacation house in Kentucky, and we had many conversations related to our mutual love for the Bluegrass Commonwealth. Jerry was a CW op and that also struck a mutual cord of conversations between us. He will be greatly missed. **73, Steve**

July/August 2021



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Articles of general interest to club members are solicited and welcomed. Please submit photos and/or copy (preferably in Word) to : k3sy@arrl.net. 73, San

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