

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

THE COMMUNICATOR



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Next Month FLSPOTA Report

President's Message - - KN4BAR

A few weeks ago I had to rummage around in the club's website file system to fix a problem. While there I realized that before the website existed in 2005 there really isn't much of a club history to be found or told. This set me on a mission; recover and document as much club history as possible. This won't be easy either. A review of the club membership roster shows only five current club members whose membership goes back to at least 1995: Jack, W4JS - 1998; Bob,



K1NOK - 1999; and from an old 1995 published club roster I found Gary, W8SKI; Bryon, K5AIA; and Dick, AA4PE.

We have a few more old timers including Stew, W4MO, Roger KY4RS - 2003, Konrad, WA3RRS - 2006, and San K3SY - 2006. Most other club members are newer than 2010! . For some more recent club history spend a few minutes on the website's newsletter archives page. We have issues going back to 2005. If you have any historical (pre-2005) club documents or you would like to write a short essay on some aspect of club history please email that to me.

What a great success the first annual TARC BBQ&Q was. All said and done, we had 71 attendees at the event. The weather was great, the food was even better, and our very own Dwight, KT4DDS, provided some really great live entertainment! I still hear the "QSO" song in my head! Thanks to the pit masters, Tom, W4IEE, and Chip, WO0S, our very own "Walmart Greeter", Shaun, K04YAX, the raffle MC, San, K3SY, and the POTA control operator, Steve, NS4P.

Also highly successful was the ham radio demonstration booth at the Sarasota County Fair March 17th thru 26th. Hosted by SERC, TARC supported the activity with volunteer operators in the booth to meet the public and promote ham radio.

April is a big month for ham radio operations. As you read this, W4AC should be operating multiple POTA stations at Oscar Scherer State Park from 10 am to 6 pm on April 1st and 2nd. Our special event station, K4S for the Venice Shark's Tooth Festival will be operating from member's home QTHs on April 22nd and 23rd on 20 and 40m SSB/CW and everywhere FT8. The month ends with the Florida QSO Party on April 29th and 30th. A club station, W4AC will be operated from Al's K0AL cottage as in years past. Everyone please come out and support these great club events and grab the microphone (key/er) and get on the air. Isn't that why we chose amateur radio as our hobby?

Spring is a time of renewal, reflection, and for many, religious observances of Passover, Easter, or Ramadan. Lets all enjoy this wonderful time of the year and get us some good DX!

73....Paul

Next meeting 7:00 PM, Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at Venice Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 825 The Rialto, Venice, 34285

TAMIAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Minutes of the 3/08/23 Meeting

Note, Elmer assistance hour from 6-7 pm for information and mentoring of interested ham radio operators. So we can be better prepared, tell us what you need help with;

askelmer@tamiamiarc.org

Meeting called to order at 6:59PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions:

Visitors - Tom Metz K2GSJ, Lakewood Ranch, Fla., Terry W4YBV, Georgia, Jim N4SEC, Georgia

New members - Keith Wolfe N3YUA

Remaining Introductions - Introductions from all remaining attendees.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Paul, KN4BAR – Request for motion to accept the minutes for February 8, 2023 as published in The Communicator. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Paul Abuchon, K1YOU, and was seconded by Art Wester, K4NUM. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE: Gary Youngberg, W8SKI

Mentioned receipt of Membership welcome letter from Michelle Harm of Venice Main Street, a local community organization. This correspondence was forwarded to Dwight Sullivan, KT4DDS our club's PIO.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ -- The beginning balance as of February 1 was \$20,033.14. Receipts were \$4,141.64, Expenses were \$17,925.41 (Note transfer to Vanguard Money Mkt. Acct \$15,000.00).

The ending balance for the period \$25,063.37. Club will now earn interest on its reserve funds. Receipts are mostly from sale of donated equipment resulting in a large surplus of operating cash for this year. Paul, KN4BAR asked members to submit suggestions for club equipment purchases or other uses for these excess operating funds.

A motion was made to approve by Mike Lechky W0MJL, and was seconded by Al Culbert, K0AL. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SUNSHINE; Jim Shortill, KJ4NDO

Bob Marchese K1NOK, experienced a broken hip. Joe Field WA1VNP has left the area, following the passing of his XYL.

VE TESTING; Given by Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR, due to absence of Steve Phillips, NS4P.

One candidate was tested last month, several more expected for next testing session.

LIAISON TO QCWA; AI Culbert, K0AL

QCWA meets on the first Monday of the month, at the Bee Ridge Denny's restaurant.

Attendance was about 20 present. QCWA membership is available to hams who have been licensed for 25 years or more. Visitors are welcome.

REPEATER / TECHNICAL; Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ

The repeaters are working well and enjoying good activity. DMR net is on Tuesday @ 7:30 pm, 444.1 MHz. 2 M analog repeater 146.805- PL 100 net is Thursday @ 7:30 pm with the 10 M net following on 28.460 MHz, USB.

REMOTE STATION UPDATE; Tom Shrilla, W8QJF

The XCVR is an Icom 7300, and antenna is at a height of 150' at the repeater site. Contact Tom Shrilla, W8QJF for instructions and usage policy.

PIO INFORMATION AND REPORT; Dwight Sullivan, KT4DDS

Dwight reported the club's Facebook page now has 253 followers. Membership with Venice Main Street started two weeks ago. Explained aspects of its new outreach, and will post additional club events. The weekly email blast of Venice Main Street reaches about 18k recipients. Explained that our current 3-fold brochure is in need of updating, and would invite suggestions for the new brochure from the membership.

MEMBERSHIP; Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR.

The membership roster was recently purged of non-renewing members. Total roster stands at 142 members. The roster consists of 124 individual members, 3 associate members, 4 first- year members, and 11 life members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BBQ&Q at Oscar Scherer State Park March 25th. Tom Porada, W4IEE.

Mentioned deadline date; Sunday, March 12.

This is the first BBQ put on by TARC. There are 57 signed up so far for the BBQ. Steve, NS4P has set-up arrangements for POTA station event during the BBQ. Cooking of the meals will start at 12 noon, please bring a side dish to pass. Plates and plastic ware will be provided. Entrance to the Oscar Scherer State Park is free to those who have signed up

TARC Minutes, continued

and are on the list. Location in the Park is called Lake Osprey Pavilion.

Update: TARC has acquired a BuddiHEX Antenna and related support tripod as well as a DuneStar 10 M Band Pass Filter (on order) & acquisition specifics; Frank Wroblewski W2XYZ.

The BuddiHex will be at the BBQ mentioned above. Gave information that the DuneStar Band Pass Filter is on an 8 week back order status.

Also mentioned that Chet Fennel, KG4IYS, found and purchased a 40/80M dual band antenna and personally donated it to the club. Thank you Chet!

Florida State Parks on The Air (POTA), April 1 & 2; Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR.

Hours of this POTA event will be 10am – 6pm at Oscar Scherer State Park under the club license W4AC. Please see guidelines and rules on the club's website.

Florida QSO Party, April 29 & 30; Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ.

More information on this event will be available at the April 12 membership meeting. Expected location will be at Al, K0AL's cottage QTH.

Ham Radio License Upgrade Incentive; Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR

Any license upgrade, (Tech to General, General to Extra, etc) for TARC club members; incentive will be one year of free TARC membership, upgrade exam fees at no cost, and \$50.00 gift card toward ham radio related purchase. There was a suggestion that upgrade from Advanced to amateur Extra should be included in the incentive. The board of directors will consider this at the April board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bus to Hamcation, Feb. 11, Follow- up; Frank, W2XYZ

Trip to Hamcation Orlando went very well with no problems. Everyone had a good time. Cost over-run was only \$35.00. Some riders were from Englewood and Sarasota. The charter bus is expected to be planned for next year. It was reported that about \$2,000 of used equipment was sold at the Ham-Cation.

Shark's Tooth 10K/5K runs, March 4 & 5. Follow-up; Steve, NS4P. Event went very well with Steve's setup and planning. 320 runners participated on Saturday (10K), and 350 runners on Sunday (5K).

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. **Update on Sarasota County Fair Ham Radio Demo Station.** Participation by TARC March 17-26, 2023; Paul Neinaber, KN4BAR. The booth of the demo station is an interior 10' X 10' booth in the Robarts Sports Arena. TARC members will be manning the booth Monday, March 20 and Wednesday March 22. Steve White, W4SNW is the organizer. Club members are encouraged to attend the fair and stop by the booth to support this event.
- 2. ARRL Program, outreach to school board administrators and educators; Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR.

This outreach effort was originated by Patti Phillips, N4IGI last year. The ARRL has developed a wireless tech educational class intended for educators in the school systems as a means of familiarizing school students in the world of Ham Radio. This program is available at no cost to qualified educators / teachers at the ARRL, Newington, Ct. TARC needs a "champion" to lead this outreach effort with the local school board and school administrations. A club member with background or contacts in education would be the ideal person to do this. If interested, contact Paul, KN4BAR.

3. **Explain Shark's Tooth Craft Special Event**, April 22 & 23; Paul Nienaber KN4BAR.

Steve NS4P will schedule this event to be conducted from home QTH's under Special Event Call Sign K4S. It was decided to operate this station from home QTHs due to the lack of space for antennas and equipment at the City's Centennial Park.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

None.

COMMENTS:

San Yoder, K3SY requested clarification of license incentive details.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to Adjourn was made by Tom Porada, W4EE at 7:58 PM and was seconded by Nancy Heinrich N4ZM. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Attendance: Number of members 39 Number of guests 2

Meeting Program: DX & DX Clusters~ Tony DiCenzo. KX1G

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at VPC @ 7 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Gary Youngberg, W8SKI, Recording Secretary

CHASING DX CQ DX CQ DX.... April 2023

Announced Top 100 DXpeditions in April

Dates	Entity	Call Sign	QSL Info	Comments
4/12-4/19	Austral Is. #79	TX5XG	QSL via	By JA1XGI from Raivavae I (IOTA
			Buro	OC-114); 40-10m; CW SSB RTTY
				FT8 (f/h)
4/1-4/9	Mayotte #99	FH prefix	QSL via	By F4IFF as FH/F4IFF; 80-10m;
			EB7DX	FT8; 100, 250w; verticals,
				dipole

Source: Announced DX Operations https://www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html What makes a Ham into a DXer?

Most hams work DX (distant stations). But not all hams are DXers. I was privileged to be invited to speak at two Sarasota County ham clubs in March, the Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA) and the Tamiami ARC (TARC), and the theme of my talk was exactly this. DXers are a special breed of ham operator. They equip and educate themselves in many ways to find and work DX stations, usually, but not always, guided by the quest to get as many confirmed contacts with the 340 ARRL DXCC 'entities' as possible, and often on as many bands and modes as they can. Being a DXer is not a competition, however. There no prizes given out for achievements. But they do get 'wallpaper', certificates and plaques that confirm they have met their goals. Think you are up to the Chase?

Two corrections in March issue

3Y0J worked 18,623 Qs. Their log shows 11,750 CW contacts, 2,229 SSB contacts and 4,644 FT8 contacts. If you ever needed evidence that being able to work CW is important this is it. 63.1% of 3Y0J's contacts were CW.

I used the call 3Y0B rather than 3Y0J in the march Question of the Month.

TARC DXers report in....

"...the Czech ops at TN8K did such a great job that I got them on eight bands, 10m, through 80m CW.
- Jack W4JS

"I (was) at least was able to hear 3Y0B on 30 CW the second night, but never again with any strength approaching readable/workable." - Al, K0AL

"I worked the Congo but not Bouvet." - Frank, W2XYZ

"I never heard 3Y0J, so no joy." - K4EU

And there was other DX to be worked in March.

"I just made an FT8 contact in Perth Australia (11337 miles) doing 50w with my new antenna." - Jack W1JJR.

DX Editor: Tony KX1G

KX1G@ARRL.NET

Contests in April

While there are *no major DX contests* scheduled in April, every TARC member should be aware that the Florida QSO Party is the last weekend in April and DX will be looking for a QSO with YOU!

Answer to the March Question of the Month

The question was: "Name three or more DX Clubs. You must include a club in Florida."

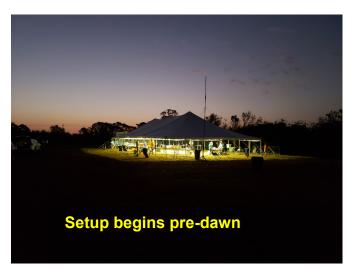
There are plenty of clubs with DX in their name. There are several clubs in Florida dedicated to DXing, including The North Florida DX Assoc.; Mid-Florida DX Assoc.; South Fla. DX Assoc.; Florida East Coast DX Club. And do check out the Mid Fla DX Assoc web page, which has a good list of DX related links. http://www.w4fdx.com/

Question of the Month for April 2023

You have chosen to use 100 watts ("barefoot") in the latest contest. Tell me if you have chosen to Search & Pounce or sit on a frequency and run 'em, and why.

March Madness TARC Activities

[1] March started off with TARC monitoring the Shark's Tooth 10K and 5K races Communications provided throughout the race courses for 320 to 350 runners













[2] Fox hunt (Feb. 18) enjoyed by several hunters.





[3] TARC members staff the Ham Radio booth at Sarasota County Fair March 20 & 22.







Clockwise from top left: Paul, KN4BAR watches over 8 year old Allie making a 2 meter contact. Allie agog over ham radio. The Monday crew. The Wednesday crew.



[4] QCWA awards service certificates to two TARC members



< Jack, WAJS presents a 60 year award to Nancy, NAZM Nancy, NAZM presents a 45 year award to Tony, NAIG> Tony, NAIG presents a talk on DXing at the March QCMA meeting





[5] First annual BBQQ event a smashing success! 71 attend at Oscar Scherer State Park



These are the guys who made it all happen. Grillmasters Tom, W4IEE, and Chip WO0S did a superb job of cooking up plenty of delicious meats.



Steve, NS4P, set up his POTA station for the extra Q part of the festivities - adorned by one of two W4AC banners donated to the club by Paul, KN4BAR



An abundance of side dishes were brought to accompany the BBQ.









Singer/songwriter Dwight, KT4DDS, provided outstanding entertainment throughout the afternoon



More BBQ



























Spring into Action

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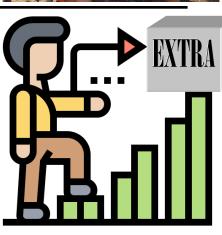
a thing that motivates or encourages one to do something

o, not the Spring season with rain and flowers. The other kind of spring; as in get off your butt and start studying for your amateur radio license upgrade! If you are a Technician now you are missing out on 90% of what the hobby has to offer you. There is more to being a ham than using an HT on a local repeater. Working Dx on DMR or Fusion is not "real" radio. The club has 18 current Technician Class members. Come June 30th, the end of the get upgraded club incentive program, how many of you will be Generals?? We know who you are (KO4ESX, KC4SME, KQ4DRO. KO4RFP, N2NPV, KC6ZPO, KQ4DVD, KN4NFX, KQ4APW, KO4TYM, KN4NBU, KK4AHZ, KO4ETQ, KO4KVS, KN4VCM, KO4BCX, KN4NFW, and N3PQD). There will be a "reckoning" on June 30th. Generals (and maybe Advanced too) - you already know what you're missing.

Why not try to rise to the top of your game with a shiny new Ama-

teur Extra license! VE testing dates with TARC are 10 am on April 8th, May 13th, and June 10th at the Venice island public library on Nokomis Ave. The offer: TARC pays your test fee (pass or fail), TARC pays your 2024 club dues, you get a \$50 gift certificate! If you've left the area for the season that's OK. Just test anywhere and send us your NCVEC FORM 605 showing you passed the test. Visit our website for full VE testing details: https://tamiamiarc.org/events/event/ve-testing/

73, Paul, KN4BAR



APRIL OP OPS

Florida State Parks On The Air - (FLSPOTA)

The club will operate one or more W4AC club stations great opportunity to get some experience and expofrom the Oscar Scherer State Park in Nokomis from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday and Sunday, 4/1 and 4/2. We have entered the contest as a low power, multi-op contestant, so more than one station operating at a time is allowed. All club members are invited to bring their POTA rigs to the park and participate as a W4AC station. Please email me your band and mode operating plans for band coordination. We have band pass filters for all bands to be worked. Everyone is welcome to come out and visit and be an operator at any of the stations at any time during the event. It's a

sure to operating on HF. Hope to see many of you this weekend in person for some POTA fun.

If you can't make it out to the park then fire up your HF Rig at home and talk to us and other Florida parks in the contest. You can even enter the contest and operate from home and see if you can score well in the contest as a single op station.

Read the rules here:

http://flspota.org/files/flspota-rules.pdf 73.... Paul KN4BAR

K4S to be activated April 22nd & 23rd

After a hiatus of several years during the Covid shutdown, the Venice Shark's Tooth Festival will be rein-



stated under new management.. The festival is scheduled for April 22nd and 23rd in downtown Venice - a far more restricted area than was available at the former airport site. As a result, TARC will take a pass on trying to mount a field-day type operation at the festival site. Instead, the K4S special event station will be activated from home QTHs of TARC members. Operations will be initiated on 20 and 40 meters SSB & CW, and FT8 on



multiple bands. Check groups.io for sign-up details. We intend to continue our practice of replying to QSL requests with the K4S card along with a sharks tooth.

FL QSO Party on the air April 29 & 30

Come one, come all to K0AL, Al's cottage on Saturday 4/29 or Sunday 4/30 to take part in the Florida QSO Party. TARC will be operating as W4AC in multi-op mode. As you may have noted, our web page proudly displays the certificate earned in 2019 as the top Florida multi-single station in the contest. With a little help from YOU we can duplicate that effort. Check with groups.io for signup details.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Date Joined	Memb. Type	First Name	Last Name	Call Sign	License Class
03/07/23	Member	Irv	Davis	KC6ZPO	Technician
03/02/23	Member	Jim	Paine	N4SEC	General
03/11/23	Member	Jim	Miller	N7JIM	General

Special offer to TARC members!

<u>Gyberdyne Systems Announces</u>

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- 3 TSR is a registered trademark of Thanos Industries
- 4 Unless the Mandalorian wants it back

Submit code TARC to get a 0.00021 % discount (That's more than your bank pays!)



~ April, 2023 ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Peaches opens at 6 AM. Orders taken at 7	- See Groups IO for ZOOM sign-on			Breakfast @ DAV 9;30 A FLSPOTA
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 DAV 9:30
FLSPOTA	QCWA 11 AM @ Denny's Bee Ridge	Breakfast @ Peaches 6 - 7 AM # DMR net 7:30 PM	~ Virtual breakfast via ZOOM 10 AM	* 2 meter net 7:30 PM followed by + 10 meter net	Breakfast @ Perkins 9A	TARC VE session @ Venice Li- brary 10 A BOD 1P
9 Easter	DARN net 11:00 AM Starts on NI4CE/rpt 145.43 pl100	11 Breakfast @ Peaches 6 - 7 AM # DMR net 7:30 PM	12 ~ Virtual breakfast TARC MTG 7:00 PM @ Venice Presbyterian Church	* 2 meter net 7:30 PM followed by + 10 meter net	14 Breakfast @ Perkins 9A	15 Breakfast @ DAV 9;30 A
16	17	18 Breakfast @ Peaches 6 - 7 AM # DMR net 7:30 PM	19 ~ Virtual breakfast via ZOOM 10 AM	* 2 meter net 7:30 PM followed by + 10 meter net	21 Breakfast @ Perkins 9A	22 Breakfast @ DAV 9;30 A Shark's Tooth K4S
23 Shark's Tooth K4S FL QSO Party 30	24	25 Breakfast @ Peaches 6 - 7 AM # DMR net 7:30 PM	26 ~ Virtual breakfast via ZOOM 10 AM	* 2 meter net 7:30 PM followed by + 10 meter net	28 Breakfast @ Perkins 9A	29 Breakfast @ DAV 9;30 A FL QSO Party

DMR net on W4AC UHF repeater - 444.10 MHz - Talk Group 310442

^{* 2} meter net on W4AC VHF repeater - 146.805 MHz, (-), PL 100 or W4AC-R EchoLink

^{+ 10} meter net on 28.460 MHz +/- 10 KHz (depending on band activity) immediately following 2 M net.

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Editor - San Yoder, K3SY, who acknowledges and thanks these contributing writers this month: Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR, Gary Youngberg, W8SKI, Tony DiCenzo, KX1G, and Steve Phillips, NS4P. Also a big Thank You to those who supplied photos of the BBQQ event.

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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NAME	Call Sign	Class	ARRL ? Yes No
2nd Fam. Memb. [or YL/OM]	Call Sign	Class	ARRL? Yes No
LOCAL ADDRESS	CITY	7	ZIP
PHONE CELL	e-mail _		
SUMMER ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
PHONE ALT. e-mail			
Application date PAYMENT: Amount	by: Check	_ Cash PayPal _	First year free

For payments by mail send to:

TAMIAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

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Regular member: \$25.00/year

Please note: After two month grace period thru Feb., non-renewals will be dropped.

After 6/1 - \$12.00 to year end. After 10/31 \$25.00 thru next year. Family membership: \$30.00/year. Non-voting student: \$5.00/year. New licensee: Tested by TARC VE- 1/1 to 10/31 - free to year end.

11/1 to 12/31 - free thru next year.

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