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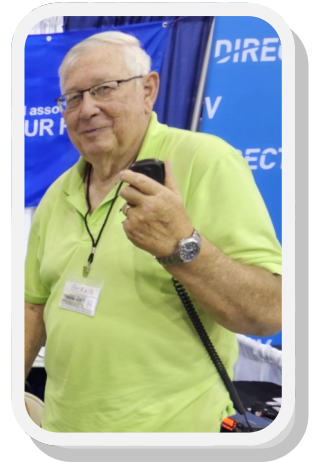
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President's message, KN4BAR

We done good in April! What a great month for W4AC and amateur radio. We had lots of fun at Oscar Scherer State Park on April 1 and 2 participating in the FL State POTA event and making a respectable score despite very bad band conditions on the 1st. More ham radio fun took place on April 22 and 23 with our distributed K4S special event station operation for the Venice Shark's Tooth Festival. Kudos to Steve, NS4P for coming up with the concept, and for coordinating the operation of multiple stations on multiple bands and multiple modes. And, a big thank you to all the club members who operated as K4S during the event.



Hopefully, next year we will be able to do this with a real, live station presence at the fair as in past years since 2005 when TARC first did the K4S event. The FLQSO Party was on April 29 and 30 and as I write this I am sure that Frank, W2XYZ will have done his customary great job of organizing and conducting the W4AC station operations for this event with support from many club members.

April also was the time when TARC took the big step of renting public storage space for our club equipment. After many years of accumulating lots of good "stuff" for club field day and special event operations, and keeping it stored in multiple members' homes and garages, it was finally time to take the plunge. As of April 14 TARC now has all of its "stuff" in one, 10x10 foot, climate controlled location with 24/7 access.

We also have a Quartermaster now to help the club keep track of all that we own. Congratulations and many thanks to Richard, KK4AHZ for taking on this role. I expect that the club will publish a comprehensive list of club equipment sometime in May, and perhaps establish a procedure for the loan of club equipment to club members for POTA or other short-term temporary uses. Not much club activity is scheduled for May so charge your batteries and get ready for Field Day in June! I'll be in New York and Boston on vacation from May 16 thru Jun 1.

It would be really, really, nice if we had a club member that was interested in developing a youth ham radio interest in Sarasota County. We aren't doing anything and neither are the other clubs. ARRL has an active support program for this. We just need a point person to spread the word. Call me. I know there's someone who wants to take on this challenge. Call me.

73....Paul, KN4BAR

Next Month
Florida QSO Party Report

Next meeting 7:00 PM, Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at Venice Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 825 The Rialto, Venice, 34285

TAMIAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB *Minutes of the 4/12/23 Meeting*

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 by email to: askelmer@tamiamiarc.org

Meeting called to order at 1900 local time, followed by flag salute.

Introductions:

Visitors – Jack, K0VAR from IA; Kevin, KC9QXV; Allen McNeisch; Scott, KE2BDG; Jim Landers;

New members – Jim Miller N7JIM

Remaining Introductions - Introductions from all remaining people.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Paul, KB4BAR – Accept last meeting minutes as published in the April Communicator. Moved, Steve, NS4P, seconded, Dwight, KT4DDS, APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE: None. Reported by Paul, KN4BAR.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ. Frank reported income of \$1,902, and expenses of \$1,840.17. Paul asked for a review of the various funds maintained by TARC. Frank explained the Operating Fund had a balance of \$11,640; the General Reserve Fund for club equipment had a balance of \$6,509; and the Site Reserve Fund (for tower, repeaters, and HF radio) had a balance of \$7,200. Frank thanked Chet KG4IYS for his generous donations in past years to tower refurbishment and establishment of related reserve funds. Motion to approve the report from Steve, NS4P, Seconded by Steve, KN4NFX, APPROVED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SUNSHINE; Jim Shortill, KJ4NDO. Our Secretary, Gary W8SKI is in hospital with a TIA. Recovering nicely. Expected to be released today.

VE TESTING; Steve Phillips, NS4P. Steve reported on the testing results from the April 8th testing session and acknowledged two club members for answering the club upgrade challenge; John, KQ4ELH to Extra, and Eric, KO4ESX to General. Gift certificates from DX Engineering have been ordered and their 2024 club dues are now paid in full. Congratulations!

LIAISON TO QCWA; Al Culbert, K0AL. Al reported QCWA meets at 11 am on the first Monday of each month from November thru May at Denny's in Sarasota. Everyone is invited to attend.

REPEATER / TECHNICAL; Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ. Frank reported all repeaters operating well.

REMOTE STATION UPDATE; Tom Shrilla, W8QJF. Tom

reported the remote HF station was working well. Directed members to our website for information and tutorial videos for using the station. Club policy is you must have attended at least 4 club meetings to be eligible for a user name and password. IF you use the remote HF station YOU are the control operator, using your call sign and associated operating privileges.

PIO INFORMATION AND REPORT; Dwight Sullivan, KT4DDS. Dwight reported our follower numbers on Facebook are increasing and that he is feeding planned event information to our Venice Main Street partners

MEMBERSHIP; Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR. Paul reported 151 total club members; 132 full members, 4 associate members, 4 first year free members, and 11 life members. He is reaching out to the associate members regarding their efforts to take the Technician exam.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ham Radio License Upgrade Incentive; Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR. Paul reported that the deadline is extended to July 8th to coincide with scheduled VE testing for that date; upgrade from Advance to Extra is included; and if you test out of the area we will honor the incentive if you provide proof of testing.

HELP WANTED: Paul, KN4BAR asked for volunteers to take on the following positions in the club: Historian, Librarian, Youth Engagement Coordinator, Quartermaster, Webmaster Asst., and Membership Coordinator.

OLD BUSINESS:

Florida QSO Party, April 29 & 30; Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ. Frank confirmed we will be operating from Al's K0AL cottage for the contest from noon to 10 pm on the 29th and from 8 am to 6pm on the 30th. Frank circulated a sign-up sheet for 2-hour operating blocks. Operators and loggers are needed for all shifts and for operating SSB, CW, and Digital on 4 bands during the contest. This is a great opportunity to get some quality operating experience using a first class amateur HF station with great antennas!

Shark's Tooth Festival, K4S Special Event Station, April 22 & 23; Steve, NS4P. Steve reported that we will be operating from individual club member's home QTH stations using the K4S call sign. Steve is scheduling operators for SSB, CW, and Digital stations to operate in 2-hour shifts from 8 pm Friday (21st) through 8 pm Sunday (23rd). The special event station has been publicized in the April QST magazine and on QRZ. TARC has done this since 2005 and we have an almost cult like following of contacts. Great opportunity to attract pileup attention to your CQ calls!

Continued >>>>>

TARC Minutes, continued

NEW BUSINESS:

Redesign of TARC tri-fold Brochure, Dwight, KT4DDS and Tom, W4IEE. Dwight reported that the redesign of the brochure is almost complete. He asked member with photographs showing club activities or “people having a good time” to send him their pictures. He’s planning on full panel of the brochure as a collage of photographs. Deadline to respond is end of April. The board will review the final brochure draft on May 8th for approval and printing. Members asked that sufficient numbers of the brochure be printed to allow for members to have a small supply for handing out during POTA or other activities.

VPC Donation for use of Fellowship Hall, Frank, W2XYZ. Frank announced a \$1,000 contribution to the Venice Presbyterian Church for the use of their facilities for our monthly meetings. Going forward this will be an annual payment to the church in the May-June time frame of each year.

2023 Holiday Party Plan, Patti, N4IGI
Plantation Golf and Country Club in Venice on December 6 from 6 PM to 9 PM. Dinner will consist of salad, choice of entrée (chicken, fish, vegetarian, or prime rib), and three mini desserts. Coffee, iced tea, and lemonade, along with gratuity, are included. The cost is \$46; \$57 for prime rib (\$2 surcharge for PayPal per entrée). Access to a cash bar for alcoholic drinks will be available. It is a long walk from the parking lot to the banquet room. After some Q&A about the proposal, a motion to pay a deposit for this event was made by Steve, KN4NFX, seconded by Steve, NS4P and APPROVED.

VE moving to online testing system, Steve, NS4P. Steve explained the ARRL approved, virtual testing protocol available from Ham Study. His VE team has experimented with it and done a training session using the virtual system. Steve has decided to move forward with a TARC conversion from the “old” paper based system to this “new” digital, virtual system. He said that TARC will most likely NOT engage in remote testing sessions. Member Roger, N9QCL stated that his home club in Indiana sponsors a regular, online, virtual VE session every Monday evening at 8pm for those interested in testing that way. The cost to take the test is \$14.00. To sign up for a Test Session visit: <https://hamstudy.org/sessions/N9QCL>.

Purchase of 12, 8-inch Kindle tablets, Steve, NS4P. To implement the new virtual VE testing TARC will need to

purchase 12 Kindle tablet computers for examiners and candidates to use during test sessions. Frank found these at Amazon as refurbished units for \$55 each, and he said we already had \$316 set aside from VE testing fees that could be used for the purchase only requiring another \$344 as a “loan” to the VE fund to pay for the purchase. TARC will hold back \$7 from each testing fee to repay this loan to the club as well as to build up a reserve fund for the eventual replacement of the tablets as they break or age out.

Storage Space Rental, Frank, W2XYZ and Paul, KN4BAR. Paul reminded everyone that the subject of storage space rentals had come up several times in past years and always been dismissed as too expensive. Now TARC has dozens of equipment items, stored at multiple member’s homes, and totaling over \$20,000 in value. We recently had a potential access issue to club equipment needed for a POTA event that could have caused a cancellation of that event if we hadn’t got access at the last minute. Frank told everyone that we now are earning a nice interest return on club reserve funds; \$56 this month and perhaps as much as \$75 next month when additional funds are transferred from the operating account to the reserve account. He stated that a new storage location in Venice was offering a greatly reduced first year rate of \$118 per month for a 10x10 foot climate controlled space and that the club budget could easily support this expense. He and Paul recommended the club move forward with storage space rental. Motion to do so by Steve, KN4NFX, second by Steve, NS4P, APPROVED.

Other new business: Paul - Is there any other new business to discuss?

Comments: Paul - Are there any comments from the floor?

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Steve, KN4FDX, seconded by Steve, NS4P. PASSED. Adjourned at 2023 local time.

50/50 paid \$101 to the “lost ticket” that was never claimed.

Attendance: Number of members 43, Number of guests 5

Tonight’s Meeting Program: Home Brew Solar Generator, Steve, NS4P

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at VPC @ 7 pm.

Respectfully Submitted this 9th day of April, 2023

Paul Nienaber, President, KN4BAR

MEETING SCHEDULE

May 10 - Winlink and VARA emails KN4BAR - Paul

June 14 - The use of the new data program that will be used during Summer Field Day W2XYZ - Frank

CHASING DX CQ DX CQ DX....

May 2023

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Announced Top 100 DXpeditions in May

Dates	Entity	Call Sign	QSL info	Comments
April 30 – May 9	Spratly Is. #50	DX0NE	TBD	4F2KWT will be active as DX0NE from Spratly Islands Operation on 160 - 6m, using 100 watts.

Plenty of other DX to chase, including Uganda, 5X2I, Maldives, 8Q7KB, San Andreas, HK0S, Market Reef, OJ0, Rwanda, 9X. Be sure to check your favorite DX newsletters and tracking apps.

Source: Announced DX Operations <https://www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html>

Tool of the month: ClubLog

DXers learn very quickly that some entities are harder to work than others. It is one reason why this column references the ClubLog Most Wanted entities list. Another is that Clublog contains a bunch of other important DXing tools, such as tracking your own progress with DXCC, producing DXCC tables, expedition tools, QSLing assistance, and log search services. (ClubLog is free!)

ClubLog webpage <https://clublog.org/loginform.php>.
 ClubLog Top 100 Most Wanted List
<https://clublog.org/mostwanted.php>

Answer to April's Question

The April question was:

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.

Since there were many ideas, here are a few that sound pretty good! But you should check out all the answers on Groupsio.com.

"I'd pick the "Rookie Roundup." The mode of choice would be CW and I would spend 90% running and 10% S&P. My reasoning for doing 90% running is experience shows you make the most Qs per hour running. S&P would be to search for multipliers."
 – W2XYZ

"(I am) New to HF but if I was in a contest and doing awards such as "Worked all Continents" or "Worked all States" I would choose the "search and pounce"

because it allows you to get your foot in the door and you can quickly move on to the next contact.
 – GQ4DVD

"I'd operate Single Op, Low Power in the ARRL 10 meter Contest. I'd operate mixed mode, SSB & CW, probably spending 75% of my time operating CW because each CW QSO is worth twice as many points of a SSB QSO."
 - K4EU

K4EU also posted a link to the results of the very first ARRL 10 Meter Contest, held in 1973. This year's contest in December will be the 50th running of the 10 Meter. Look for WA4UAZ in in the 1973 contest results as that was K4EU's call sign at that time.
 – Editor

Question of the Month for May 2023

The staff at Chasing DX wants you to have an interesting summer, so they cooked up a hum dinger of a question for the Month of May. If the heat doesn't keep you from sleeping, this question will.

Which continent has the greatest number of active entities (aka countries), which has the least, and which two entities count for 2 continents?

Confused? You won't be after you've read the answer in the June Newsletter.

73!
KX1G

Parks On The Air

at Oscar Scherer State Park

by Frank, W2XYZ

For the second year in a row, TARC established a multi-operator QRP and QRO presence at Oscar Scherer State Park in Nokomis on April 1 and 2, 2023. Thanks to all who participated and who showed up on Saturday to visit and wish us well. Band conditions on Saturday were terrible!! They were much better on Sunday when the bulk of 20m SSB contacts were made. W4AC club results:



1 Satellite (thank you Steve, NS4P) DX to Mexico



160 SSB on 20m (thank you Paul, KN4BAR)



0 SSB on 10m QRP (thank you Jack, W1JJR for trying your best)



19 CW on 20m (thank you Frank, W2XYZ)

180 QSOs, Multiplier of 2, and 15 bonus points for SAT QSO, and 34 bonus points for out-of-Florida park-to-park contacts. Total Score Claimed: 409.

We had the high Multi-Op 100W score for the 2022 event with 352 points. Maybe we can be the high score again this year, but the official results have not yet been posted to the event website.

<https://flspota.org/>



Welcome New Members

Date	Memb. Type	First Name	Last Name	Call
April 8, 2023	Member	Phil	House	KD8HTS
April 6, 2023	Member	Stephen	Padar	KI4MTL
April 11, 2023	Associate	Bruce	Truesdell	None

K4S Special Event participants accumulate 1255 QSOs


Individual stations sub for traditional field operation at Shark's Tooth Festival

The Venice Shark Tooth festival is an arts and crafts fair held in Venice, FL, the "Shark Tooth Capital of the World". First held in 1992, the Tamiami Amateur Radio Club has operated a Special Event Station, K4S, from the festival site every year since 2005. The K4S Shark Tooth station has a dedicated following in the amateur radio community, probably due to our tradition of including a genuine fossil shark tooth with every QSL card we send out.

After a 3-year hiatus for COVID-19, the festival returned this year at a new location in Centennial Park in downtown Venice. Due to very limited time available to plan, TARC elected to operate K4S from our home stations (like what is done for Rt 66, 13 Colonies and 12 Days of Christmas) in honor of the festival.

Over the weekend of April 22 and 23 band conditions started out bad, and then got a lot worse. However, our dedicated team of volunteers buckled up their headphones, put on an extra pot of coffee and soldiered on. Despite a historically severe solar storm they would not be deterred.

With Frank, W2XYZ, and Steve, K4EU pounding the brass, Paul, KN4BAR, Arthur, K4NUM, Brian, W1JBD, and Steve, NS4P operating high-speed phone, accompanied by San, K3SY and Alex, W2GAN sending out the sweet, warbling tones of FT8, TARC was able to log 1255 QSOs - 244 CW, 178 FT8, and 833 SSB.

Hopefully next year we can operate from the festival grounds, but it was good to put the teeth back on the air. **73, Steve, NS4P** 

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



**2023 Dayton Hamvention is
May 19-21**



**2023 ARRL Field Day is
June 24-25**

The Glorious Society Of The Wormhole

2023 WORMFEST

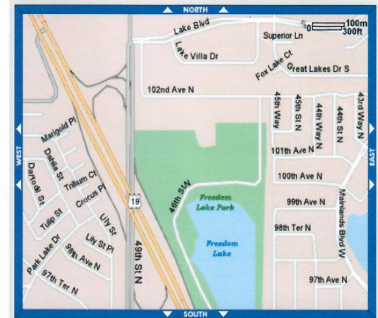


Free Tailgate

**Saturday May 27th, 2023 at:
Freedom Lake Park in Pinellas Park Florida
7:00 AM to ???**

Talk-in on 146.850—PL. 146.2

Freedom Lake Park is located on the southeast corner of US19 and 49th Street. On 49th Street go to the light just north of US19 overpass. Turn east into Lake Blvd and then immediately turn right onto 102nd Ave N. Follow 102nd Avenue N around till you come to 46th Street N. Turn right and the park is straight ahead. The tailgate is under the trees on the right as you enter the park.



Due to new restrictions at the park we will not be selling food or coffee. Bring a table and sell some stuff or bring lots of money and get in on some terrific Ham Bargains. We have reserved the Park for the day and look forward to seeing all of our ham friends. Maybe you are just curious about Amateur Radio—this event is definitely for you. See what Ham radio is all about and make some new ham friends.

Jesse Snyder KW4IT Silent Key

[The following is excerpted from Jesse's Farley Funeral Home obituary.]

Jesse George Snyder of Venice, FL, aged 80 years, passed away on Sunday, April 16, 2023. He was born on October 23, 1942, in Chicago, IL, son of the late George and Alyce (Bechtel) Snyder.

Having put himself through college, Jesse graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1964 and soon after began his illustrious career at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as a trainee bank examiner.

During the next 38 years, his knowledge, skill, and perception was recognized with many and varied responsibilities within the FDIC's bank regulatory apparatus. On his professional journey, Jesse, like others before him, relished the semi-autonomy and being entrusted with the responsibilities of the position of Regional Director, an office he held first in the New England Regional Office and, later, the San Francisco Regional Office, FDIC's largest geographical jurisdiction. In both offices, he met and dealt with a panoply of 1980's-type bank regulatory challenges and was instrumental in the resolution of a number of bank failures.

Returning to executive positions in the Washington headquarters, Jesse represented the FDIC on the Capital Group of the standing international Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, was a member of the International Monetary Fund's Indonesia ad-hoc banking review served on the President's Council on Y2K, was Chairman of the Appraisal Subcommittee, and served as a Director and Chairman for many FDIC-operated Bridge Banks formed to facilitate failed bank receiverships. Jesse also frequently lectured at various national and international training venues.

Following his career at FDIC, Jesse spent several years in the private sector in various roles, in-



cluding serving as the Chief Compliance & Risk Officer for Synovus, one of the largest banks in the Southeast. Concurrently with his earliest 12 years with FDIC, Jesse served in the U.S Army Reserves and was honorably discharged while carrying the rank of Chief Warrant Officer II.

Characteristically, hobbies were plenty for Jesse with many being revived after his retirement. Jesse was an avid amateur radio enthusiast, reclaiming his childhood callsign KW4IT and becoming active in radio clubs in both Fredericksburg, VA and Venice, FL [TARC] - even becoming the proverbial gray beard that administered licensing tests.

A memorial service will be held on May 6th, 11:00am at Farley Funeral Home, 265 S. Nokomis Ave, Venice, FL 34285. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to Tidewell Hospice. To share a memory of Jesse or to send a condolence to the family please visit www.farleyfuneralhome.com

[This comment from Steve, NS4P - Jesse was a long time club member, who was a regular presence at meetings, breakfasts, VE sessions and QCWA. Jesse was famous for flummocking servers by paying with fresh \$2 bills.]

Library proposal by Brian, W1JBD

Recently, I accepted the position of club librarian. At one time the club had a library that focused on our members needs for acquiring or upgrading their licenses, constructing projects to enhance their stations, and experimenting with new technology, something hams have been involved with since the early days of radio and electronics.

I am interested in ways that we could provide new hams in Sarasota County, and those who would like to become ham radio operators, information on what it is that we do when operating our stations and the public services we provide in our area.

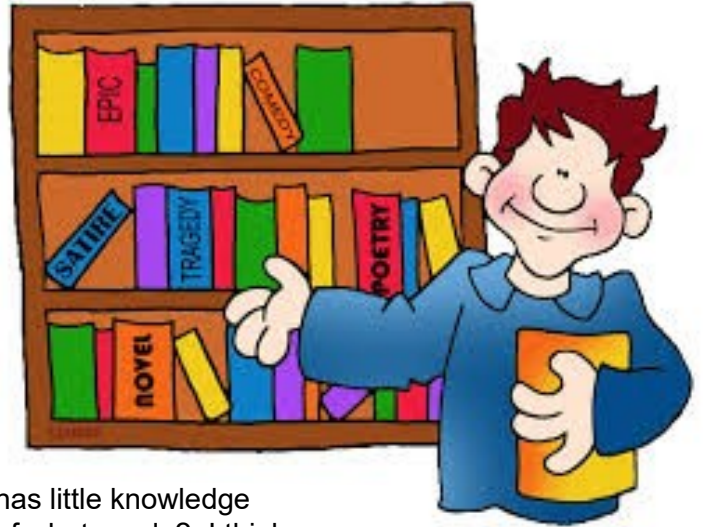
While we have some outreach projects at the present time such as providing communications coverage for events in view of the public and information on what we do to those who ask for it, one part of our new program would be assisting the Venice Public Library in updating the ham radio books and manuals they have on their shelves.

In a recent meeting with the library director I was asked to prepare a list of titles that we felt should be on their shelves. And I was told that shelf space is limited.

Additionally we are focusing on a library for our members' use which, given time will have many titles that will benefit the individuals who wish to upgrade their licenses, provide data and information in completing projects of their own, and operating tips and techniques, for a start.

So, I would like to know what you think. What type of books and materials should we concentrate on?

What would you recommend for a lay person who



has little knowledge of what we do? I think we need to provide more than just a license manual full of questions and answers. Those of you who recently received your tech licenses, what did you use to determine that ham radio was for you?

Next, what advanced books and other materials should be in a reference library that would be of interest to the general membership? There are a number of books out there that may be too generic. I should think we'd want good technical volumes that would aid us in building small and large projects including a variety on antennas, building accessories for our radios, VE testing, contesting, etc.

Also, do you have any books you would be interested in donating to our project?

The next club meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10. I will be present for the Elmer hour from 6 to 7 PM so come and see me and bring your ideas with you.

Brian Jacobson, W1JBD



What you missed at Peaches It's not just about breakfast!

<< Steve, NS4P displays his "Triple Play WAS" certificate representing worked all states on CW, Phone, and Digital, all confirmed via LOTW.

Tom, W4IEE, shows off his "Japan Century -Cities Award" representing 100 cities worked in Japan. >>

Nice work, guys!



Keeping Track of Your Stuff

by Steve, NS4P

It seems that a lot of the energy I put into ham radio involves organizing the gear. Especially when taking gear out for field use (e.g., POTA activations, Field Day) it's difficult to keep everything neat and organized. I've recently found a few things that help me bring some order to the chaos.

Bongo Ties

I found these while perusing the shelves at Ham Radio Outlet in Salem, NH over Christmas. I was immediately struck by the simplicity of these ties. They consist of a bamboo toggle (shaped like a Bongo drum) and a heavy-duty rubber band.



I find them especially good for securing coils of cable such as coax, power cords and microphone cables. The rubber band is gentle (no kinks) but also grips the cable so things don't slip out. Reusable, biodegradable and pretty cheap (\$10 for 10) what's not to like? They even come in cool colors!



[Bongo Ties - Handy Elastic Tie Wraps for Cables and Other Unruly Items](#)

Wrap-It

For larger coils, such as long lengths of RG-8 or heavy extension

cords, I found some very nice large straps on Amazon - Wrap-It Heavy-Duty storage straps.

These work well for the big stuff and come in a variety of colors and sizes. I especially like that each strap has a stainless-steel grommet for hanging on a hook which helps keep my garage a bit less messy.



[Heavy Duty Storage & Cable Straps | Wrap-It Storage \(wrapitstorage.com\)](#)

Velo Ink

I've been looking for a good way to mark my stuff for a long time and have never been happy with the typical solutions. I don't like to mark things with permanent markers since the markings are, well, permanent and I want to be able to clean things up for sale. The normal office-type marking tape doesn't hold up well in the field and needs to be replaced frequently. Using an engraving or etching pen is a non-starter with me. I finally found a solution that seems to work. Bicycle racing teams need to be able to distinguish between many sets of identical-looking gear. They need something that holds up well to water and dirt and has a

professional look. A small company in Maine has been selling custom vinyl stickers to meet this need for many years and it occurred to me that this might work for my radio gear as well.



Velo Ink has a website that allows you to design your own custom sticker choosing from a wide variety of graphics, colors and typefaces. I chose a simple but colorful combination in a size big enough to see, but small enough to fit on most pieces of gear. Forty stickers cost under \$25 shipped. I got them in about a week after I placed the order. If you want to know the specific options I picked talk to me and I'll get you the information.



[VeloInk - Personalized Decals for Bikes, Helmets and More.](#)

I hope you find this helpful and that some of these devices might help you in your search for organization. I have no relationship with any of the companies mentioned here except that I bought their stuff.

73, Steve Phillips – NS4P



Editor's Musings

by San, K3SY

Thursday morning, April 6th, my next-door neighbor informed me that "Nancy died yesterday".

Nancy Detert was my neighbor, not next door, but a few doors down at the end of the cul-de-sac where we both resided for the past 18 years. Over that time I came to know and respect her.


As noted in the newspapers, Nancy served on the Sarasota County School Board from 1988 to 1992, in the Florida House of Representatives from 1998 to 2006, in the Florida Senate from 2008 to 2016, and on the Sarasota County Commission since 2016, including one year as commission chair, and currently Vice Chair.

When TARC began operating field day about 2014, extra points could be garnered if an elected official visited our operation. It was then that I wrote a personal letter to Nancy inviting her to check us out. To her credit, she took the time from her busy schedule, and came out to see our setup, where I took her photo with Frank, W2XYZ.



That photo ended up being published in *The Gondolier*, and led to some good-natured banter between me and Nancy. When I asked her if she saw the photo, she replied "yes, I got fined for that". It seems that one of the clubs she was a member of had a policy that if your picture appeared in the newspaper, you would be fined a dollar. She turned down my offer to pay her fine.

I continued to invite her each year, and she did make a second appearance a year or so ago. I had the opportunity to thank her for her visits last year when she attended one of our block parties held in front of her house. →

I will miss conversations with Nancy, and her waves as she drove by on her way out or in. 


Last month Pres. Paul, KN4BAR, noted several TARC "old-timers" still in the club. Conspicuous by his absence from that list was Andy, KB1HIP. To correct that omission, here is a clip from the May, 2006 issue of *The Communicator*, which I got when I first attended a TARC meeting. You may note several of those mentioned last month are listed there.

--FINALLY, ON THE AIR!--



Andy-KB1HIP, "The Voice of K4S," goes at it, with Diana-KI4GRF logging, Bob-N1RA thinking of his upcoming cruise, while Bob-KG4VDU and Bob-K1NOK discuss "whatever."






Our operation from the Sharks Tooth Festival ran up some 412 HF QSOs to eight countries and over 30 satellite QSOs—the latter thanks to the efforts of Eric Owen-KD4MZM. Those TARC members who helped set up, operate and take down included Bob-N1RA, Charlie-W4DB, Andy-KB1HIP, Don-WD7A, Diana-KI4GRF, Stew-W4MO, Jon-W4ZW, Blake-KE4SGK, Matt-W2EQV, Joy-N2WUD, Jim-AI4NQ, Bob-K1NOK, Konrad-WA3RRS, Peter-N4RD, Bill-WA2EIL, Roger-WB4HDW, Bob-KG4VDU, Croft-VE3CT, and Jack-W4JS.

While researching this piece, I found a list of club members in the October 1995 issue of *The Communicator*. I recognized only four names. Sec'y Gary Youngberg, W8SKI, LM Bryan Hume, K5AIA, SK Bob Avrutik, N1RA, and SK Bob Murphy, WA1UHG. 





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Peaches opens at 6 AM. Orders taken at 7</p>	<p>1 QCWA 11 AM @ Denny's Bee Ridge</p>	<p>2 Breakfast @ Peaches 6 - 7 AM # DMR net 7:30 PM</p>	<p>3 ~ See Groups.io for ZOOM sign-on ~ ZOOM-breakfast 10 AM</p>	<p>4 * 2 meter net 7:30 PM followed by + 10 meter net</p>	<p>5 Breakfast @ Perkins 9A</p>	<p>6 Breakfast @ DAV 9:30 A BOD 1P</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>8 DARN net 11:00 AM Starts on NI4CE/rpt 145.43 pl100</p>	<p>9 Breakfast @ Peaches 6 - 7 AM # DMR net 7:30 PM</p>	<p>10 ~ ZOOM breakfast TARC MTG 7:00 PM @ Venice Presbyterian Church</p>	<p>11 * 2 meter net 7:30 PM followed by + 10 meter net</p>	<p>12 Breakfast @ Perkins 9A</p>	<p>13 Bkfst @ DAV 9:30 TARC VE session @ Venice Library 10 A</p>
<p>14 </p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 Breakfast @ Peaches 6 - 7 AM # DMR net 7:30 PM</p>	<p>17 ~ ZOOM-breakfast 10 AM</p>	<p>18 * 2 meter net 7:30 PM followed by + 10 meter net</p>	<p>19 Breakfast @ Perkins 9A </p>	<p>20 Breakfast @ DAV 9:30 A </p>
<p>21 </p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Breakfast @ Peaches 6 - 7 AM # DMR net 7:30 PM</p>	<p>24 ~ ZOOM-breakfast 10 AM</p>	<p>25 * 2 meter net 7:30 PM followed by + 10 meter net</p>	<p>26 Breakfast @ Perkins 9A</p>	<p>27 Breakfast @ DAV 9:30 A</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29 </p>	<p>30 Breakfast @ Peaches 6 - 7 AM # DMR net 7:30 PM</p>	<p>31 ~ ZOOM-breakfast 10 AM</p>			

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 * 2 meter net on W4AC VHF repeater - 146.805 MHz, (-), PL 100 or W4AC-R EchoLink
 + 10 meter net on 28.460 MHz +/- 10 MHz (depending on band activity) immediately following 2 M net.

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