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

# THE COMMUNICATOR



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November, 2023

## President's message.....KN4BAR

It's never too soon to welcome back our seasonal club members. We have missed you! Please try to attend a meeting or two while you are here in the Venice area so we can remember what you look like (hi hi). Our annual Holiday Party is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 10 pm at the Plantation Golf and Country Club in Venice. Details and reservation information can be found on our website.



I did two POTA activations in October and the weather was fantastic. We had several club members come out and visit or set up their own stations. Lots of questions were asked and answered and a lot of good information was exchanged. If you plan a POTA activation and would like some company, please post the date, time, and location on Groups.io. We have many members that are interested in getting on the air and you could be a great mentor to them.

Big doins in the 10 meter world. Yes, propagation is GREAT and will only get better in the next year or two; but I'm referring to the 10 meter world here in Venice. Steve NS4P is moving his 10 meter chat net to Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm on 28.460 SSB +/- for QRM. His net exists to encourage new Technician Class amateurs to get started in HF radio since they have voice privileges in a large part of the 10 meter band. Ground wave propagation seems to be working well from North Port to Venice to Englewood, to Nokomis and beyond.

New club member Tom KE4RXM is also leading an effort to encourage Technicians new and old to get on HF. The membership at large has expressed interest in becoming active with the Ten-Ten International Net. This means TARC may be hosting a weekly publicized 10m Net with worldwide DX appeal! Stay tuned for more on that net. This effort will begin at 7:30 pm Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> when Tom will run a local area, ground wave net for the sole purpose of our club members obtaining the requisite 10 QSOs with an existing 10-10 club member to qualify for their own membership in the International. Tom has lined up several current club members with 10-10 membership numbers to facilitate this. Read Tom's article in this edition of the Communicator for more details. Everyone....get Radio Active!

***Next Issue***

**San-K3SY**

**will continue as your extraordinary  
Editor**

**Next meeting 6:30 PM, Wednesday, November 08, 2023 at Venice Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 825 The Rialto, Venice, 34285**

**TAMIAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Minutes of the 10/11/2023 Meeting**

**NOTE:** The Elmer Assistance time, 6-6:30 PM is for information and mentoring of interested Ham radio operators. So that we can be better prepared, please tell us what help you need by sending an E-mail to: askelmer@tamiamiarc.org.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM, by Paul, KN4BAR, followed by the flag salute.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** N2WVP, Allen, Auburn, NY, new member.

**STANDARD INTRODUCTIONS** - Introductions from all remaining people.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The minutes of the September 13 meeting as published in the Communicator were accepted by motion made, seconded and approved.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** The Treasurer, Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ, discussed the financial health of the club, noting that our current balance was \$26,262.51. The Treasurers report was accepted by motion made, seconded and approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SUNSHINE:** Jim Shortill, KJ4NDO, reported that there were no club members in Hospital or sick at home.

**VE Testing:** Steve, NS4P, is on holiday. Tom, W4IEE, managed the testing while Steve is away. The test was held on October 14, 2023, at the Venice Island Library. Tom reports that two candidates passed the Technician exam and one of the candidates also passed the General exam.

**Liaison to QCWA:** Nancy, N4ZM, advised the club that the next meeting would be at Denny's restaurant on Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL on November 6, 2023 at 11 AM.

**Repeater / Technical:** Frank, W2XYZ. Frank reported that all systems are working properly. DMR net is on Tuesdays @ 7:30 PM. Analog 2M net is on Thursday @ 7:30 PM, with a 10M net following on 28.460 MHz USB. Our nets are performing well and are used by an increasing number of operators.

**Remote Station:** Frank, W2XYZ, reported that the remote station is working well.

**Public Information Officer:** Dwight, KT4DDS. Dwight reported that the ARRL magazine noted and publicized our upcoming Library/Ham Radio

event on the 14 of October at the Venice Island Library.

**Membership:** Paul, KN4BAR, total membership is 168. The attendance at the club meeting was 34.

**Election:** John McEnerney, KQ4ELH, is the chair for the Nominating Committee for next year's Officers and Board members. The election will be held on December 13, 2023. Please contact John if you have an interest in supporting and serving the club.

**Announcements:** Our annual Holiday Party will be held on Wednesday, December 6, at the Plantation Golf and Country Club, 500 Rockley Blvd., Venice, FL. More details are included on the Club Website: tamiamiarc.org.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**TARC Club Ham Reference Library Books:** Brian Jacobson, W1JBD, noted that the Ham Reference books donated to the library system have now been distributed throughout the system.

**October 14, Ham Radio Day in Venice:** Special event station call is N4V. Please look for us on 20M on Saturday, October 14, from 10 AM to 5:00 PM Eastern time.

**Solar Power at the repeater station:** This improvement is ongoing. However the heat and humidity are slowing the work.

**Scholarship:** Steve, NS4P, is on vacation and will address this matter at the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Donations:** A 10 meter radio has been donated to the Club to be given away to the membership. If interested, send an E-mail to Paul at W4AC@tamiami.arc and tell the Board why you want the radio. The decision of the Board is final.

**Donations:** Dennis Huston, KN4YNF, donated 4 Baofeng radios to the Club. The Club will award a radio to Technician candidates who pass the current Technician test held on October 14, 2023, and who join TARC.

**POTA:** Paul, KN4BAR, will run POTA station activation from 9AM to 3 PM at the Myakka River State Park, located at 13208, State Road 72, Sarasota, FL 34241, on Wednesday, October 18th and Saturday, October 21st. Paul will talk you through the POTA procedure and guide operators who wish to start PO-

## TARC Minutes, continued

TA activities. This is a great opportunity to learn how to be a POTA operator, taught by an expert teacher. Suggest TARC members send Paul an E-Mail or give him a brief telephone call so he will know how many pre-POTA operators will attend the class.

**10 - 10 .Com Program:** This program is a worldwide network using the 10 Meter net. We will set up a TARC net for 10 - 10 number exchange on November 16th on frequency 28.460 MHz, upper side band, after the end of the 10 Meter Club net. Tom Waters, KE4EXM, will set up a flyer for our web site in order to develop contacts. Please note that the 28.460 MHz frequency is within the Novice and Technician (200 W) portion of the 10 Meter band.

**Barbeque:** We are planning for the second annual Barbeque sometime in early March. More details to follow.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM

**Tonight's program:** The Evolution of Ham radio from the 1930s, presented by AI, K0AL.

Respectfully Submitted, Jim Shortill, KJ4NDO, acting Recording Secretary.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS .....

Date Joined	Memb.Type	First Name	Last Name	Call Sign	FCC License Class
16-Oct-23	Member	Joe	McElroy	KD2PVQ	General
4-Oct-23	Associate	Ernesto	Rodriguez	CM7ELR	None
14-Oct-23	Member	Louis	Ronnau	N0MUQ	General
27-Oct-23	Member	Gary	Mattox	KO4IHQ	Technician

**CHASING DX** CQ DX CQ DX....

DX Editor: Tony DiCenzo, KX1G

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KX1G@ARRL.NET

Announced Top-100 DXPEDITIONS scheduled in NOVEMBER 2023

DATES	ENTITY	CALLSIGN	QSL INFO	INFO
Oct 2- Nov 6	North Cook Is #74	E51JAN	ClubLog OQRS	By SP9FIH; HF
Oct 25- Nov 4	Chatham Is #81	ZL7/sp5eaq	Via SP5EAQ	10-80m SSB; also QRV in CQ DX CW test
Nov 9-22	Chatham Is #81	ZL7A	Via JF1OCQ	160-10m SSB CWQ FT8 FT4
Oct 26- Nov 9	Temotu #43	H40WA	LoTW and	160-10m, SSB CW FT8; QRV in CQ WW SSB test
Nov 2-15	Cameroon #88	TJ9MD	IK2VUC Buro/	160-6m; SSB CW RTTY FT8
Nov 3-7	Cocos Keeling #38	VK9QO	J11LET	Mainly satellite, some HF
Nov 3-10	Niue #96	EA6J	DF8AN Buro/ Direct	CW FT4 FT8 RTTY Maybe PSK31, holiday style operation 100 Watts
Nov 4-19	Marquessas #56	TX7L	Direct EA5GI;	160-6m; CW SSB FT8 FT4 RTTY
Nov 21- Dec 5	Christmas Is #63	VK9XGM	Via N3SL; OQRS	80-10 SSB CW FT8 FT4

Check **Announced DX Operations** at <https://www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html>**'Chasing DX' is 1 Year Old**

With 12 issues of Chasing DX under my belt (this being issue 13), I can now say, without a doubt, it was amazing Jack, W4JS, found time in his life to do the page for 20 years. I hope you have found the page interesting and valuable, especially you new Hams out there, or anyone who has caught the DX Bug and is chasing DXCC AWARDS. This column is for you! 73! KX1G

**The Bands do not read the forecast!**

When bands are flagged as Yellow or Red it pays to use your own judgement! LISTEN! LISTEN! The bands are often very much open.

**Important DX Contests in November and December**

- Worked All Europe, RTTY Nov 12-13
- CW WW DX CW Nov 26-27
- ARRL 10 Meter Contest, Dec 11-12

Source: [www.contestcalendar.co](http://www.contestcalendar.co)**Answer for October Question of the Month!**

The question was 'How many ways are there to QSL?'

There was only one response! Paul, KN4BAR, suggested there might be 14, but supplied only 10. Putting together Paul's list and mine, here are 13 ways to QSL! bnh

1. Direct Postal mail
2. QSL Bureau
3. LoTW
4. QSL Manager
5. OQRS
6. eQSL
7. QRZ "My logbook"
8. ClubLog
9. Email
10. SMS
11. POTA Log
12. WSJY-x Log
- 13 Hand it to the contact in person

**Question of the Month for November**

This month's question was submitted by TARC member Steve Hawley, K4EU.

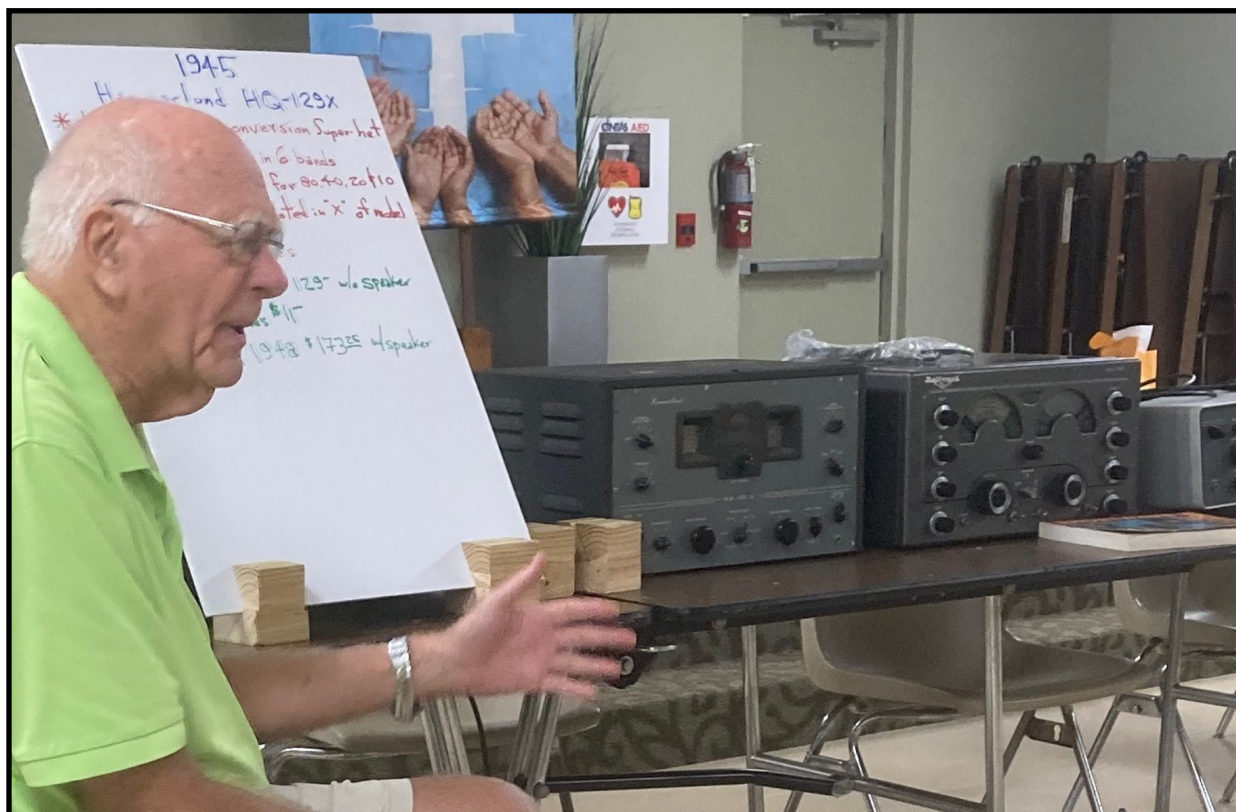
- 1) What international organization has authority to issue callsign prefix blocks (i.e. AAA-ALZ, WAA-WZZ, etc)?
- 2) What U.S. organization issues callsigns per the world guidelines and which specific prefix blocks may be used?

If you have a suggestion for a question, please send it to KX1G@ARRL.net. Questions may be edited to meet space considerations.

## *Vintage Ham Radio Presentation by*

**Al Culbert - K0AL**

What a great presentation from Al on radios that go back to the early 1900's. There sure was a lot of history on Ham Radios from the early days until now. He provided a lot of information on how the technology evolved.



## Nominating Chairperson – John McEnerney

10/12/2023

- List of current officers for 2023, potential for 2024.
- The number of directors has been reduced to 5 by normal attrition.
- We need a new candidate for Vice-President since Jim Shortill resigned.
- All other office holders have indicated that they wish to continue, but the offices are open for contestants as per the bylaws.
- Please send me email should you wish to be considered a candidate.

Office	Office Holder	Call Sign	email	Willing To continue	Candidate	Call Sign
President	Paul Nienaber	KN4BAR	paul9aber@gmail.com	Yes	self	
Vice President	Jim Shortill	KJ4NDO	JNMNShortill@Netscape.net	No		
Recording Secretary	Art Wester	K4NUM	artw0125@gmail.com	Yes	self	
Treasurer	Frank	W2XYZ	w2xyz@arrl.net	Yes	self	
Director	Tom Shrilla	W8QJF	tshrilla@gmail.com	Yes	self	
Director	Brian Jacobson	W1JBD	odyssey922@earthlink.net	Yes	self	
Director	Dwight Sulli-	KT4DDS	dwightsull@gmail.com	Yes	self	
Director	Steve Phillips	NS4P	sphillips3@gmail.com	Yes	self	
Director	Gary Young-	W8SKI	gary.kb8ski@juno.com	Yes	self	

John McEnerney KQ4ELH

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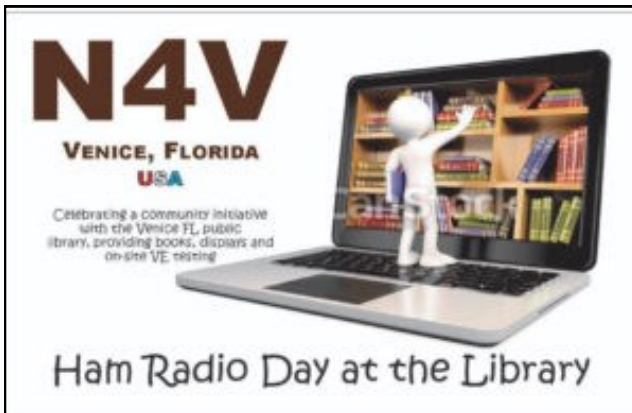
### Ham Radio Day at the Library



The Tamiami ARC (TARC), Venice, FL is promoting a “Library Day” at the local public library to make the community aware of amateur radio in general and the addition of 15 new volumes of ham radio related books into the library system. TARC was awarded a \$1400 grant from the ARRL Foundation this summer to purchase and make available these new books. During the month of August, TARC also stocked a ham radio display in the library lobby to make the community more aware of ham radio and its many benefits for public service and as a hobby.

### Special Event Station N4V


Please look for us on 20 meters on Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 10 am to 5 pm Eastern time.



Ham Radio Day At The Library – October 14, 2023  
William Jervais Library  
399 Nokomis Ave S.  
Venice, FL 34285



### Setup 7:30 AM to 10 AM

1. K7ONE Tom B.
2. N7JIM Randy C.
3. N7JIM Jim
4. W4IEE Tom P.
5. KQ4IOI Dave
6. KN4YNF Dennis
7. KK4AHZ Richard



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 USA

*Special Event Station location:*  
 William H. Jervais Jr.  
 Venice Library  
 300 Nokomis Ave. S.  
 Venice, FL 34285  
 Grid EL87sc  
 ITU Zone 8  
 CQ Zone 5  
 Sarasota County

Call \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mode \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Report \_\_\_\_\_ Freq. \_\_\_\_\_



# Ham Radio Day at the Library

October 14, 2023 - Sunshine was the order of the day for TARC's first Ham Radio Day at the Library event at the William H. Jervy Library in Venice. TARC setup volunteers arrived at 7:30 AM and by 7:45 AM we were hard at work unpacking and setting up our tents and radio stations. By 9:13 we had everything assembled and ready to run, but there was a problem.

The generator we were to use that day was running but not fast enough to produce the power that was needed. But Bob Schneider, W5GJ, had brought a battery with him that was used to power the CW station until it ran out of juice just before the replacement generator arrived. Once the generator was in place the stations ran flawlessly for the rest of the day.

We learned a lot from this experience. It was not like Field Day because we only had 2 ½ hours for setup. This was more like having to assemble an emergency station on the site of a disaster with no time to lose. And we passed that test.

Club participation for this event was outstanding. We had 15 members for setup, plenty of operators and loggers to keep both stations on the air throughout the day, and at least 12 people for teardown.

Our operators were competing with Pota and Vota stations for activity. Both 15 and 20 meters were busy all day and there was a lot of QRM on adjacent frequencies. We wound up with 32 CW contacts and 39 SSB contacts. So, the next time we do this type of event we will have two generators and amplifiers for the stations.

The best thing that came out of the day was the fact that there is still a great deal of interest in ham radio. I spoke at some length with two individuals, one who listens to short wave radio and the other a lady whose father was a ham. The SWLer was more than eager to get a tech license and get on the air. I sent them both into the library to look for Technician exam books and I expect we will see both of them in the near future at a VE session.

There were others as well. One said he had once been a ham and wanted to get back into it, and some others who were entering or exiting the library, saw our tents, and stopped by.

So, a good time was had by all. I would like to do another event like it in the future perhaps in conjunction with a school affair or maybe a scouting event. What better way for a scout to get a Ham Radio merit badge? Suggestions would be appreciated.

Brian W1JBD

# New ARRL Foundation Grant Recipients

Thank you Brian W1JBD for your hard work to submit a grant request to the ARRL Foundation for purchase of ham radio library books. According to this article in QST magazine, your grant request was one of only six requests accepted and funded by the foundation in the last grant round. **Well done!**

Christina Lessard, KC1TDM, clessord@arrl.org

## At the Foundation

# New ARRL Foundation Grant Recipients

Following the June 2023 grant submission period, the ARRL Foundation Board of Directors voted to approve funding for six grant proposals.

### ARRL Grant Recipients

The Cleveland County Hamsters in New Edinburg, Arkansas, received a \$1,430 award for their project, Hamsters Teach Radio! The Hamsters will hold at least 10 classes in their county to expose students to amateur radio using hands-on demonstrations, equipment, and online resources.

The Meriden Amateur Radio Club in Meriden, Connecticut, received more than \$1,000 to bring experienced and newer hams together through five balloon launches that will utilize WSPR technology to return tracking and data from additional sensors.

A \$3,000 award was given to Rocky Mountain Ham Radio, serv-



ing Colorado and New Mexico, to ensure that New Mexico's largest hamfest could resume after a 4-year hiatus. The club is enthusiastic that this event will rally the New Mexico amateur radio community and enhance and advance the hobby and service of amateur radio.

The San Angelo Amateur Radio Club in San Angelo, Texas, received 10 ARRL Ham Radio License Manuals to support the club's efforts to provide opportunities to individuals interested in obtaining their Technician license, by partnering with mentors to prepare for the exam.

Forty-five ARRL-published amateur radio books and manuals were awarded to the Tamiami Amateur Radio Club in Nokomis, Florida. These books and manuals will update and expand the number of amateur radio resources available in the Sarasota County, Florida, library systems.

The Yavapai Amateur Radio Club in Prescott, Arizona, received 20 ARRL Ham Radio License Manuals and ARRL General Class License Manuals to expand their training and testing program. The club estimates that they will be able to license more than 75 new hams in the coming year.

To learn more about the ARRL Foundation Grant Program and the next time the Foundation will be accepting proposals, please visit [www.arrl.org/amateur-radio-grants](http://www.arrl.org/amateur-radio-grants) or [emailfoundation@arrl.org](mailto:emailfoundation@arrl.org).

## Strays

### QST Congratulates..•

Hal Kennedy, N4GG, on the publication of his book, *Ham Radio Tips & Tales: Amateur Radio Hints, Tips, Techniques, Insights, Opinions, Bemusement*. The book contains 36 chapters covering technical and operating ideas to help every ham get more out of their station and their operating activities, and have fun! The book is available from Amazon.

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- Professional editing
- + Technical illustration
- Book design
- Marketing and publicity



Email your proposal to [qst@arrl.org](mailto:qst@arrl.org) (no telephone calls, please). Send a short outline of your idea, including a list of chapter topics, and a sample of your writing.

# Library Special Event Station N4V



## Myakka River State Park – POTA Activation

### Event Details

This event is running from 18 October 2023 until 21 October 2023. It is next occurring on October 18, 2023 9:30 am

Categories: [Other Events](#)

### Upcoming Dates:

- October 18, 2023 9:30 am – 3:00 pm
- October 21, 2023 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

I plan to activate the Myakka River State Park on **Wednesday, October 18 and Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 9 am to 3 pm**. Anyone interested in learning about Parks on the Air (POTA) or portable HF radio operation is welcome to visit, ask questions, or be a guest operator. My station is a simple FT-450d HF transceiver at 100 watts using a photovoltaic (PV) panel and 80ah marine lead acid battery. Very old school. I will be operating primarily on 20 meters using ground mounted 1/4 wave vertical w/6 radials or a 3-band OCF dipole antenna strung in the trees. I will post my spot to the POTA website: <https://parksontheair.com/>

### Paul KN4BAR

There is a \$4 park entry fee for a single occupant vehicle or \$6 for a car load. I will be in the picnic area by the big lake and near the Outpost Store and Boat Dock. Park address is: 13208 State Road 72, Sarasota FL 34241

# HOLIDAY PARTY



The Tamiami Armature.mp3



TARC Holiday Party for 2023 will be held at the Plantation Golf and Country Club in Venice on December 6, 2023 from 6 PM to 9 PM. Address is:

Plantation Golf & Country Club  
500 Rockley Blvd, Venice, FL

please purchase your tickets early at this URL:

[https://tamiamiarc.org/wp-easycart/parent/store/?model\\_number=xmasparty](https://tamiamiarc.org/wp-easycart/parent/store/?model_number=xmasparty)

## POTA event that was on Oct 18,2023 results

### Ahhhh, POTA Pleasure!

No, not some new erotic thing. It's the pleasure of being in a park on a beautiful fall day surrounded by your portable radio gear and a few like minded fellow club members. On October 18th I activated the Myakka River State Park (K-1904) for Parks of the Air (POTA). We had a number of "firsts" on this glorious day. First, and most bestus was Gerard KQ4DVD who did his very first POTA activation making the minimum required 10 contacts from the park. Second first was Mark KQ4EKK who grabbed the mic and made his very first ever QSO on HF. Mark also brought out his homebrew multi-band end fed 1/2 wave sometimes quarter wave wire antenna. It had multiple segments that could be rearranged for different bands and wave lengths. It worked great getting close to 1:1 SWR on most bands and we even used it to make a few Qs. The last first was the first visits to a POTA activation by Tom KQ4DEP and Dan KQ4EST. Hopefully we have created a few new POTA monsters to get **Radio Active** (ARRL term)! Looking on and giving sage advice to the festivities during the day were Jim N7JIM and Tony W4RFW (EARS member) who spent the day with us. Randy N4TDT came out on Saturday to test out 3 antennas while Patty and I went for an 8 mile bike ride around the park. We all had a great time on the radio, telling war stories, testing/tuning the end fed, and enjoying a wonderful fall day in Florida. Just a perfect day all around! GO POTA (<https://parksontheair.com/>).

### Paul Nienaber

### KN4BAR



# TARC Second Annual BBQ



**TARC**  
Second Annual  
**BBQ**

BarBeQue & Qsos

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**W4AC**  
**POTA**  
ACTIVATION

March XX, 2024  
12:00 noon  
Oscar Sherer State Park  
1843 S Tamiami Trail  
Osprey, FL 34229  
FOR MORE INFO [WWW.TAMIAMIARC.ORG](http://WWW.TAMIAMIARC.ORG)

## BBQQ 2024 Communicator write up #1

Honey, its way too early to put up the Christmas decorations. Heck, its too early to even think about it yet.

Not so for the 2024 TARC BBQQ. We are jumping right on it and going to lock it down early with the expectation of putting together another great event.

If you forgot or are new TARC members, BBQQ is an acronym for BarBeQue and Qso. The QSO part has to do with the W4AC POTA station we set up. Assuming we get access to a state park as we did last year, we'll have an official POTA operation. If not, we'll operate semi-POTA!!

The first annual BBQQ in March 2023 was estimated to sell 40 'plates'. Over 80 were sold with over 70 actual attendees. Super turnout for a first-time event. There's been pent up demand for a BBQ for years.

So, by popular demand we are going to do it again. Here's the outline:

- The date is not set although late March 2024 looks likely
- The price is not set but \$11-12 per plate looks likely
- The location is not set but we are checking on the availability of Oscar Scherer State Park as it has everything we need
- The menu is not set but pork loin, pulled pork, chix breasts, and a better cut of beef are likely. Everyone will be asked to bring a plate
- The entertainment is not set but Dwight, KT4DDS will have that under control



**Ten Ten International**  
You have to make contacts to get results!

Ten-Ten@TARC

By Tom Waters, KE4RXM

As we are all gleefully aware, 10m has opened up. I never did any HF in my past ham life so now I've been poking holes in the air with my antenna and seeing what I can see (hear). I have a great rig and no mic fright so may as well give it a go.

One day, I had a QSO that was a 2-fer, or a 2<sup>nd</sup> Operator and as the first one closed out, he asked if I had a Ten-Ten number. I do not, and didn't even know what it was. I politely took their numbers, made notes, lost the notes, and moved on.

I am now co-Net Control, for the 2m chat net, alongside Steve, KN4NFX and when I host, I pre-plan a Question of the Night because I (hope) think it instills interest and engagement. During a net in September, I threw out the question "Do you have a Ten Ten number?" and gave a brief explanation for the uninitiated, as to what it is. The still on-going response was 100% "YES, or NO, but I want one. What is it?"

TEN-TEN International, NET, INC. as it is formally called, was started by a group of Southern California Hams who, back in the early 60's were concerned. The bands had been good, but waning. Interest in the 10m band specifically had been up and down. There was a fear that the Amateur Radio service could lose the band if the FCC didn't feel it was being utilized or appreciated. (Hello 1.25m ?). They put their brains and pens together and decided to meet ON AIR, at 1800z, on 28.3800 and 28.800mhz "every day, but NEVER on Sunday" with the intent of proving the band was used. Proliferate the hobby. Grow membership and interest.

Well, it worked. I don't know the number of licensed amateur radio operators Worldwide at the time, but by 1975, there were 10,000 members! That is staggering, and the number is over 75k today.

### **IT's All About The Number...**

The way a ham becomes a member is the ultimate pyramid scheme. An operator works the 10m band and makes QSOs. And as s/he does, asks if the other party has a Ten-Ten number. If one of them does, they make sure to log the QSO, and the "hunter" gets the Ten-Ten number of the other operator. Once the prospective member has 10 Ten-Ten numbers, they submit their log, which is part of the membership application, along with the membership fee. The folks at Ten-Ten will verify the numbers and send out a membership packet, containing the new member's Ten-Ten number.

### **So, Now What?**

Your number is yours. For life. Even in /sk, you're still a Marine, Eagle Scout, Ten-Ten member, etc. After you have your number, you can choose whether to just "ride along" giving it out and/or collecting others' numbers, or, if you continue to pay dues after the initial period., you can "chase paper". Ten-Ten has LOTS of milestones, BARS, awards, contests, and the like. It is highly competitive for those who make it their passion.

### **DO Get Caught In The Net.**

There are NETS! NETS Galore! The original net still operates. Every day, but NEVER on Sunday, as the founders decreed. There are 200+ Chapters around the World, many who run regular nets. And QSO parties. And everything else ham. But all on 10m.





**Ten Ten International**  
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### What's Going On Here?

Because there was so much interest, the Club will be officially supporting member interest in several ways.

- **Number Hunt Net** During one of our regular 10m Chat Nets we will organize a membership drive so that anyone looking to fill their log and submit an application for membership can collect the required 10 numbers from within the membership. There are already over a dozen members who have submitted their Ten-Ten number to me. Depending upon the number of participants, this may require more than 1 Net session. And NO, we can't just do it on the 2m net. That would be cheating. But YES, if I am 2m NCS that night, it will be a very short chat net, to give time to the membership drive on 10m.
- **Technician Jump-Start** I am a big proponent of getting Technicians on HF. Techs DO have privileges, including Voice/SSB on 10m. It all comes together nicely. Encouraging and in-person mentoring of a Tech on a radio (yours, theirs, the Club remote station) and attempting to get their Ten-Ten number. It could be very rewarding for both parties.
- **TEN-TEN@TARC** I will endeavor to start and maintain a roster of numbers, and keep abreast of happenings at the National and International level that may be of interest. If we can integrate a QSO party or contest or whatever comes along into our already active and engaging programs, I'll hope to insert it. Also to be discussed will be regularly scheduled number-drives, mini-nets, etc on a quarterly or semi-annual basis.

**The Nitty Gritty** – Dues are \$10 a year, or \$25 for 3 years. You get your initial membership materials in the mail. All further communications are done via email, *except* award certificates, and other such documents. Remember, you can stop paying dues, continue to exchange your number. and just come along with us if you don't care to "contest".

**TARC as a Club has pledged it's full support of Ten-Ten activities. I believe they see what I see, which is an opportunity to get and keep members engaged in a flexible yet fun side-game. I urge everyone to participate at least in this initial drive. It would be great to write in to the Organization and tell them all about the great success here at TARC.**



# Ten Ten International

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**TEN-TEN INTERNATIONAL NET, INC.**

*This is to Certify that **A.R.S.** **ESBY**  
 Chief Operator **SANFORD YODER** has successfully  
 worked the required number of Ten-Ten Net  
 members and is entitled to this certificate. No. **19896***

APR 30 1978      SIGNATURE **W6ENC-PRES. WA3RBQ-MGR. D3**

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**WEB LINKS:**

Application <https://www.ten-ten.org/Forms/PDF/Application.pdf>

Stuff To Do <https://www.ten-ten.org/activity>

NETS (not all inclusive): <https://www.ten-ten.org/chapters/chapter-nets>

Main Website: <https://www.ten-ten.org/>



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## TEN-TEN at TARC

A small group of Amateur operators in Southern California formed the Ten-Ten International Net, Inc. in 1962, to promote good operating practices, as well as proliferate the hobby and it's usage of the 10m band. The net began operating by meeting Monday thru Saturday, at 10 am (1800 UTC). It still does, 61 years later.

The tenant of membership was decided upon as such; A prospective new member must communicate with 10 existing members, obtain those operator's Ten-Ten number, and then submit their log.

Thirteen years later, there were over 10,000 numbers issued world-wide. It is over 75,000 today!

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Your membership is as active as you want to be. You will receive a number. Then, you can:

- Actively seek/exchange numbers with other members or prospective members *on the 10m band*.
- Check in to the National and/or Chapter nets on the air, which occur daily on published schedules.
- You can "Paper Chase" which means working towards the many International and Chapter- awards and events.
- Get "BARS" which are awarded at specific QSO number levels (1 bar at 500 QSO's etc.)
- Participate in a Chapter and organize events, Elmer or Mentor others, etc.

OR, just *Ride Along*, give out our number if asked, and know you're part of the club.

You must continue to pay dues to participate in any BAR levels, awards, contests, etc. However, you can continue to swap numbers (Or give yours to new membership seekers) after your initial membership period, for life.

## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

\$10 Dues can be paid yearly or \$25 for 3 years. This is the "Electronic" rate where most communications are via email. If you want paper mailed copies of the quarterly newsletter, that is an option. There are no employees, salaries, or commercial interests associated with Ten-Ten International, Inc.

## HOW DO I GET STARTED?

The membership application is attached. You will fill out your personal information, as well as the log for your first 10 contacts which is what it takes to become a member. Once your log is complete, you will mail it in and your number along with membership materials will be sent back to you.

## WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

On the web, visit [www.ten-ten.org](http://www.ten-ten.org)

An excerpt:

*"Ten meters had been roaring during the fifties. Then came the sixties and with it a bad case of the doldrums. Lack of good propagation, and the resulting lack of interest, caused many amateurs to abandon ten meters for greener pastures. This mass exodus from the band was cause for concern on the part of a lot of ten meter enthusiasts, for fear that this lack of activity might cause the FCC to consider reassigning this portion of the radio frequency spectrum to some other service. Sometime in 1961, Irv Hunter, K6PWO, started talking about forming an amateur radio organization to promote activity and every day use of the ten meter band. In March of 1962 word got around that a meeting would take place at the San Dimas Canyon Park, near Irv's home in Glendora, for the purpose of forming such an organization. A picnic lunch was held on a Saturday and several hams from that local area attended....and thus the seed was planted.*

*It was decided by this small group of stalwarts that the net would meet every day of the week except Sunday at "10:00 am local time...or 1800 UTC. (Aha, 'see you on Ten at Ten'....a natural)". So the name quickly became "10-10 Net". The frequency of 28.800 MHz was chosen as the primary daytime net frequency. "*

**These Nets still run, daily, all over the world. Here is a sample of a daily schedule:**

Nets for Tomorrow -- Timezone Offset = -04:00						
ZDay	ZTime	LDay	LTime	Chapter	Freq	Mode
TUE	04:30	TUE	00:30	Aloha	28490	USB
TUE	15:00	TUE	11:00	New Mexico Mud Ducks	28835	USB
TUE	18:00	TUE	14:00	Ten Ten International Net	28380	USB
WED	00:00	TUE	20:00	Possum Trot	28345	USB
WED	00:00	TUE	20:00	Possum Trot	28345	USB
WED	00:00	TUE	20:00	ESCA-ROSA (non chapter)	28375	SSB
WED	00:01	TUE	20:01	Castle Craig	28375	USB
WED	01:00	TUE	21:00	Houston SHOT	28488	USB
WED	01:00	TUE	21:00	Cincinnati Area Ten Tuners	28430	USB
WED	02:00	TUE	22:00	10-Bar-X	28445	USB

**It is TARC's intent to add Ten-Ten Time into our 10m Net, for the purpose of building the organization's membership, and provide one more excellent activity that can bring TARCians together, making each of us, and the hobby better.**



# ~ November, 2023 ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 ~ Virtual breakfast ~ See Groups IO for ZOOM sign-on	2 * 2 meter net 7:30 PM followed by + 10 meter net	3 Breakfast @ Perkins 9A	4 Bkfst @ DAV 9:0 TARC VE session @ Venice Library 10 A BOD 1P
5	6	7 Breakfast @ Peaches 6 - 7 AM # DMR net 7:30 PM	8 ~ Virtual breakfast TARC MTG 7:00 PM @ Venice Presbyterian Church	9 * 2 meter net 7:30 PM followed by + 10 meter net	10 Breakfast @ Perkins 9A	11 Breakfast @ DAV 9:30 A
12	13 DARN net 11:00 AM Starts on NI4CE/rpt 145.43 pl100	14 Breakfast @ Peaches 6 - 7 AM # DMR net 7:30 PM	15 ~ Virtual breakfast via ZOOM 10 AM	16 * 2 meter net 7:30 PM followed by + 10 meter net	17 Breakfast @ Perkins 9A	18 Breakfast @ DAV 9:30 A
19	20	21 Breakfast @ Peaches 6 - 7 AM # DMR net 7:30 PM	22 ~ Virtual breakfast via ZOOM 10 AM	23 * 2 meter net 7:30 PM followed by + 10 meter net	24 Breakfast @ Perkins 9A	25 Breakfast @ DAV 9:30 A
26	27	28 Breakfast @ Peaches 6 - 7 AM # DMR net 7:30 PM	29 ~ Virtual breakfast via ZOOM 10 AM	30 * 2 meter net 7:30 PM followed by + 10 meter net		

# 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 MHz (depending on band activity) immediately following 2 M net.

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 ARRL ? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

2nd Fam. Memb. [or YL/OM] \_\_\_\_\_ Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_  
 ARRL ? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

LOCAL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_  
 ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

For payments by mail send to:  
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Dues:  
 Regular member: \$25.00/year  
 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.

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

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# Pictures That Make You Laugh!!

