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

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It's been almost exactly two years since our world was turned upside-down. Here on the Suncoast, it seems that we are finally on the downhill side of the pandemic, although other parts of the world are not there yet. Activities here have generally resumed, with some changes here and there. All available indications are that Hamcation in Orlando was a success. I attended Bike Week in Daytona Beach, and the crowds were back to normal. Reserva-



tions and confirmations for Hamvention in Xenia indicate that 2022 should be a good year for them also.

President's message.....NS4P

While we get back to a new normal here, we are still facing challenges. The supply chain is still under a great deal of stress, with increased demands for goods, difficulty in retaining truck drivers, and new lockdowns in China, among other factors, all contributing. The chip shortage, also the result of multiple factors, continues to bedevil amateur radio manufacturers, causing no end of headaches for system designers. The war in Ukraine has disrupted both transportation networks and cut off the supply for raw materials vital to many industries.

But through it all, amateur radio has helped keep us together. I like to call ham radio "The Original Social Network", and the last two years have proven this more true than ever. Our weekly nets, breakfast meetings (Zoom and live), and monthly meetings have helped hold our club together.

We have competed as a club in several major contests, continued our public service activities, upgraded our club repeaters, held our holiday party, and even took a bus trip to Hamcation. Speaking for myself, ham radio has been a true light in the darkness of the last couple of years, so for that, I thank all of you - the members of TARC.

While we are by no means completely out of the woods, I think we can all look back on the last couple of years with a feeling of satisfaction that we have kept our club together, and even moving forward in many areas. This is a tribute to you, the members of TARC, for finding the time and energy to participate in club activities and make this club a success.

With a bit of luck, better days are ahead. I see a bright future for TARC and am excited to be a part of it. Thanks for having me along. 73, Steve, NS4P

Next meeting 7:00 PM, Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at Venice Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 825 The Rialto, Venice, 34285



April, 2022



TAMIAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Minutes of the 2/09/22 Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Vice Pres- net on 28.460 USB begins when the 2M net conident, Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR,

American flag salute, with the pledge of allegiance Current HF antenna is a dipole at 125' agl, and runs followed.

Introductions

Visitors – Autumn Decker, KJ4UMY, David Berger, KC1LRU

New members – Shaun Helgesen, KO4YAX, of North Port.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR -Requested a motion to accept the minutes of the February 9, 2022 meeting as published in The Communicator. The motion was made by Peter Boers, KV4LR, and was seconded by Tony DiCenzo, KX1G, and was passed by unanimous voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Frank Wroblewski. W2XYZ – gave the Treasurer's report for the period ending 2/28/2022, with a beginning balance of \$17,069.72, receipts of \$1,390.50, expenses of \$1,734.83, and an ending balance for the month of February 2022 in the amount of \$16,892.39. A motion to accept the report was made by Gary Youngberg, W8SKI, and was seconded by Dwight Sullivan, KT4DDS, and was passed by unanimous voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SUNSHINE: Jim Shortill, KJ4NDO, reported that Dick Engel, AA4PE, has improved and has appreciated the club's concerns.

VE TESTING: Paul, KN4BAR, gave information that eight candidates took tests at the Venice Library on Saturday, February 19, 2022. Four VE's were present. Results were: one passing Tech and General, four upgrading to General, and one upgrading to Extra.

LIAISON TO QCWA: AI Culbert, K0AL, reported that 23 members attended the February QCWA meeting at Denny's in Sarasota. QCWA will continue to meet thru May 2022, breaking for the summer months. Meetings occur on the first Monday of each month.

REPEATER / TECHNICAL: Frank, W2XYZ, reported that repeaters are working normally. Upcoming nets, DMR Digital Repeater on 440.100 with Talk Group 310442 opens Tuesdays @ 7:30pm. Analog FM 2M 146.805- 100PL, on Thursdays @ 7:30pm; HF 10M

cludes.

100w, plans are to add an MFJ AV-680 vertical 9 band antenna with a remote means of switching antennas. Mentioned HF remote station is reserved for TARC members.

MEMBERSHIP: Paul, KN4BAR, informed that 36 members had dues outstanding as of March 1st, which has resulted in termination. This included loss 10 free first year members, who did not continue their renewal. Membership now stands at 120 members.

OLD BUSINESS:

Repeater Maintenance Committee: Paul, KN4BAR, stated antenna height for AREDN antennas will be increased to 150' when tower climbing specialist completes site visit, late this month.

Remote Station Update: Tom Shrilla, W8QJF, explained development of user access requirements, among which include requirement of member attending four club meetings, and other rules which would be developed. Note - new HF antenna to be installed in future.

Amateur Radio Emergency Data Network

(AREDN): Paul, KN4BAR, explained that AREDN is a ham radio digital communications mode on the 2, 3, and 5 GHz bands with channels reserved for ham radio use only. The development of AREDN links between the SERC and TARC clubs over the last 12 months will provide AREDN in the South County.

Bus to Hamcation: Frank, W2XYZ, mentioned 27 tickets for the bus ride to and from Hamcation at Orlando were sold. A voluntary collection was taken to reduce the shortage, with the Club absorbing about \$200.00 of the shortfall.

Jerry Spears Memorial Update: Frank, W2XYZ, informed that seeking original second amplifier likely not feasible since WFD now has a 100W maximum. Under consideration is an automatic antenna tuner.

Shark's Tooth 10K Races at Rothenbach Park March 5 & 6. Paul Nienaber KN4BAR, reported fifteen volunteers from TARC were on hand for the event. Thanks were extended to the club for their assistance. TARC has supported this event for ten years.

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TARC Minutes, continued

Financial Audit The audit by Peter Boers, KV4LR, found the record keeping by the treasurer has been conducted well. The letter stating this result has been received by the Recording Secretary and has been filed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Training / Mentoring New Hams: Paul, KN4BAR, created a one page handout to be given to newly licensed hams to inform of resources for ham radio. An hour (starting at 6 pm) before TARC's meeting can be set aside for education and help for all hams. A list of Elmers can be mentioned in The Communicator. Local operating events can be scheduled by the club on the third Saturday of the month to assist hams in need of mentoring.

FLSPOTA Event: Paul, KN4BAR, checked into operating as a club station at the Oscar Schearer State Park, Osprey, April 3. This event is for ham radio contacts with other state parks within the state of Florida. Modes are CW and SSB. Admission to the

Share your knowledge with the club

Meeting program schedule

April 13 - POTA, What is it, and how do I participate? Chip, WO0S

May 11 - Using N3FJP and N1MM Logging Software, Frank W2XYZ

June 08 - Sarasota ARES, Gary, WB9AYD

September 14 - NXDN Digital Radio, Paul Toth NB9X,

October 12 - Open

November 09 - Open

December 14 - No program

January, 2023 - Open



park is \$5.00 at the gate, park opens at 8am. Paul will establish registration for the event.

Fox Hunt: Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR, Gave information of the Fox Hunt event on Saturday March 19 at North Jetty Park, 9am – 12pm.

QSL cards can be given to Brian Jacobson, W1JBD, who will send them to ARRL QSL Bureau for bulk distribution. Cards will be sent to the Bureau on March 15.

ARRL Grants: Paul, KN4BAR explained the request procedure for funds (\$3,000.00), next period is June 1 - 30.

ADJOURNMENT: Time of motion 7:46 PM

Attendance: Number of members 25, Number of guests 3

Program: AREDN, an overview by Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR. (Note: This PowerPoint presentation also viewable through TARC's website).

Respectfully submitted, Gary Youngberg, W8SKI, Recording Secretary

FCC to initiate amateur radio license fees April 19th.

If you are thinking about taking a license exam, or have a license renewal coming up, now is the time to do it.

The FCC has announced that they will start collecting the \$35 fee effective April 19th.

FYI - our next VE session will be April 9th.

You snooze, you lose (\$35).

The FCC staff explained that the new fees will apply only to applications for a new license, renewal, rule waiver, or a new vanity call sign.

The \$35 fee will <u>not</u> apply to most license modifications, including those to upgrade an Ama-

teur Radio Licensee's operator class and changes to club station trustees.

More details as I get them. 73, Steve,

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MAJOR CURRENT/UPCOMING DX ACTIVITY & PROPAGATION HIGHLIGHTS CURRENT and/or SCHEDULED DX ACTIVITY										
ACTIVITY BEAR- HF BANDS and BEST OPENING TIMES						ES (UT	C)			
COUNTRY – CALL SIGN	PERIOD	ING	80	40	30	20	17	15	12	10
Bolivia – CP1XRM by EA5RM, SB/FT Senegal – 6W/ON4AVT, SSB/CW/Digital	Now to 22 Apr Now to 10 Apr	155 87	01-09 00-07	23-11 22-09	22-12 21-10	20-08 18-04	12-07 13-01	12-04 15-24	14-01 2200	18-24 17-19
Aland Is – OH0EG by 4-op team, CW/SB/Dg	01 to 09 April	31	01-05	23-07	23-02	11-14	NO	NO	NO	NO
Monaco – 3A5M, Club SES, CW/SB/Digital	01 Apr – 31 May	50	00-05	22-08	22-09	18-23	12-21	18-21	NO	NO
Nepal – 9N7MK by S57MK, 10w CW/SB/Dg	02 to 23 April	13/ <u>193</u>		NO		23-01	14-16	1500		
Galapagos Is – HD8MM & MD, CW/SB/Dig	07 to 14 April	196		22-13	21-15	13-11	15-12	15-09	13-24	15-18
Burkino Faso - XT2MAX by DK1MAX	07 to 20 April	83	00-05	22-08	21-08	19-08	17-02	18-01	18-22	NO
Azores – CQ84AS by CU8AS, **	13 to 19 April	61	23-09	21-11	20-12	10-05	12-24	16-23	NO	NO
Maldives -8Q7DX by E77DX	13 to 27 April	40	NO	NO	23-02	20-02	17-22	14-22	NO	NO
Norfolk Is – VK9NT by 3-op team, ** SB/FT	14 to 25 April	250	NO	07-12	05-13	04-15	03-14	01-06	20-03	20-02
Austral Is – TX5N by 7-op team, all modes	15 to 28 April	239	05-10	03-12	02-13	00-15	23-10	16-09	16-04	17-02
Dominica – J79MN by DF8AN,**, some Digi	19 to 24 April	116	22-11	21-13	00-24	00-24	12-07	12-02	13-24	14-23
Svalbard – JW0Z by 3+ ops, all modes	19 to 26 April	12	03-04	00-10	23-08	22-23	NO	NO	NO	NO
St Kits & Nevis – V47JA by W5JON, SB/FT	20 to 28 April	114	22-12	20-13	00-24	00-24	12-07	12-01	13-24	14-23
Aland Is – OH0EG by 3-op team, all digital	22 to 29 April	31	02-04	00-07	23-01	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
St Lucia – J6??? By DF8AN, **, Digital	24 Apr – 01 May	119	23-11	21-13	00-24	00-24	10-08	12-05	13-01	16-24
Botswana – A25VR by VE7VR	28 Apr – 26 May	103	NO	23-05	22-06	20-02	19-23	18-19	13-18	16-18

Prepared 30 March 2022 based **on** <u>https://www.ng3k.com/</u>, *The Weekly DX* 22-13, <u>info@dxnews.com</u>, and *Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin* No. 1559. <u>Notes:</u> Times shown are for S-5 or better signals and 50% opening probability. ??? = Call Sign or Date not yet known; ++ = Mostly SSB; ** = Mostly CW; NO = No Opening forecast, NIL = band is open but signals below S-5 threshold. <u>underlined</u>. All forecast opening times are calculated using VOACAP <u>http://www.voacap.com/hf/</u>.

-- MARCH SOLAR ACTIVITY --

From 01 through 30 March, the 10.7 cm Solar Flux ranged from 94 to 156, with a mean value of 116.0. The A_p index was \geq 7 on 19 days during that period. Sunspot regions were visible on every day, varying from two to seven groups. There were 153 C-class flares on 24 days and 14 M-class flares on seven days thru 29 Mar.

-- APRIL FORECAST --

Solar activity is likely to be low, with a slight chance for R1-R2 (Minor-Moderate) radio blackouts, throughout the month.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to reach high levels on 04-07 Apr, with moderate levels expected during the remaining portion of the period.

Geomagnetic field activity is likely to **reach a**ctive levels on 03, 20-21 and 23 Apr due to recurrent CH HSS influence. Quiet to unsettled levels are anticipated throughout the remainder of the month.

The solar flux should range from 105 to 125, and average 116.2 for the month of April.

From NOAA Weekly Highlights and Forecasts, 28 March 2022, NOAA 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table, 28 March 2022, and 45 Day AP Forecast, USAF, 28 March 2022.

-- HAMS WITH HEARTS --

INDEXA has announced a new epitaph for its Humanitarian Aid Fund. The addition will be "The Zorro Miyazawa-JH1AJT, Hams with Hearts Fund" in honor of its founder who died 23 March. Zorro Miyazawa-JH1AJT, established and endowed the INDEXA Humanitarian Aid Fund, which supports humanitarian aid projects carried out by DXpeditions. His generosity enabled INDEXA to begin these grants in January of 2016. The tag for this fund is "Hams with Hearts," reflecting Zorro's character and values. INDEXA is proud and grateful to be able to sustain Zorro's legacy through this fund.

To learn more about this fund, visit INDEXA.ORG and select the "<u>Humanitarian</u> <u>Fund</u>" tab. There is a short video on the page that shows how "Hams with Hearts" has helped spread goodwill through DXpeditions.

-- WHO'S LEAST WANTED? -

There are 340 countries/entities on the current DXCC list. Club Log publishes the entire list based on the most wanted down to the least wanted. Their data are derived from confirmed QSOs uploaded to Club Log. While we're usually most interested in the rare Most Wanted, here's the bottom 10 Least Wanted.

- 331. HUNGARY
- 332. ENGLAND
- 333. POLAND
- 334. UKRAINE
- 335. SPAIN
- 336. FRANCE
- 337. EUROPEAN RUSSIA
- 338. FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
- 339. ITALY
- 340. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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FLSPOTA 2022 will take place April 2-3, 2022 throughout Florida's beautiful state parks. There are no rules or category updates from last year. Full text of the rules is available <u>here.</u>

When: Sunday April 3, 2022

TARC will establish multi-operator stations all operating as **W4AC** from an open use area near the Information Center and rest rooms by the Lake Osprey shore at Oscar Shearer State Park in Osprey. We will operate on all allowed modes and bands during the contest. Any club members are welcome to come and participate in the activation of this park and in the FLSPOTA contest.

Park entry costs \$5 per car and there is no food or drink available so bring your own! **Setup starts at 8:30 am and station will operate until 6 pm.** This is a great opportunity for new licensees or members with no HF station to operate from a portable location.

Contact: KN4BAR, Paul via email at paul9aber@gmail.com if you would like to participate.

Where: Oscar Shearer State Park 1843 South Tamiami Trail Osprey, Florida 34229 941-483-5956



And another POTA opportunity!

plan to try to activate the Myakka State Forest as a Parks on the Air (POTA) entity on Saturday, April 16th from 8 am to 6 pm. Attend our April club meeting on Wednesday, April 13th when Chip, W0OS will end the meeting with a short program about Parks On The Air.

Anyone is welcome to come out on the 16th to help me set up my station or to set up your own station or to operate my station. This is a learning experience for all of us as this will be only my second attempt at a formal park activation. Please bring your own food and water as



there is none available on site.

I tried a few years ago to activate Myakka River Park in Osprey; but could not get the required minimum of 10 contacts. Get more info about POTA at https://parksontheair.com/

Myakka State Forest is park number K-4632. It was first activated in 2005 and has only been activated 18 times since then by other hams. I will be set up in the pavilion off the main park road and about 200 yards east of the Ranger Station. Please remember to PAY for your entrance to the park at the street or online before entering (\$2 per car).

Myakka State Forest is located in southern Sarasota County approximately 10 miles southeast of Venice and 7 miles west of Port Charlotte. The majority of the forest falls within the city limits of North Port. Access is available off of River Road, about 11 miles south of I-75.

park map

Come out and get some fresh air and maybe have some ham fun. Hope to see some of you there

73, Paul, KN4BAR

TOM'S TECH TIPS: Final Entry

I don't think there's any way I can top last month's "Free Geochron" article, so I will be bowing out of these monthly submissions. Hopefully we all can now submit technology or radio related items to San. I'll leave you with a final resource: **Older Geeks** at https:// www.oldergeeks.com/. It's a treasure trove of useful information and downloads. – 73 de W8QJF

The Sharks are running - ten K times two

by Steve, NS4P

For about the 10th consecutive year, TARC provided on-scene communications support for the Shark Tooth 10K runs. These events are traditionally held at the Venice Airport Festival Grounds and surrounding public streets but for the 2nd year in a row they were relocated to Rothenbach Park in Sarasota (because COVID).

On both Saturday and Sunday morning, TARC volunteers worked as "eyes & ears" around the course, relaying real time information about race progress and the condition of participants to Race Control and the standby Paramedic.

While the races themselves proceeded with very little drama, Jim – KJ4NDO and Peter – KV4LR had to dodge an airplane that crash-landed near their position.
While it was "only" a RC model airplane, it was a jet-propelled model of substantial size and speed (An F-18 Hornet according to observers) from the airfield at the top of the hill. Jim and Peter secured the scene until the recovery crew arrived.

My thanks to the 15 TARC members that came out for the two days, especially the members doing this for the first time. The Sarasota Fire Department paramedic providing coverage commented positively on the very thorough and professional operation. The Race Director thanked TARC for a job well done and said that she hoped to see us back home in Venice next year.

TARC thanks the Sarasota Emergency Radio Club for the use of the 147.39 repeater, which provided excellent coverage for the events.



The first arrivals - pre-dawn, Saturday



Sunrise at Tango 6



The Sunday crew reports for duty. Con't >>

Shark's Tooth 10K runs, continued





Clockwise from top left. Race control The Sunday Crew Awaiting deployment The recovery team A downed jet Approaching Tango 6







INTRODUCING THE "ELMER HOUR"

ach year we take in ten to twenty new firstyear club members following their VE testing with TARC. And, each year we lose 80 to 90 percent of them. We hope that establishing a formal and regular mentoring program will

help to retain some of these new hams. Not so much as dues paying members; but as growing and learning new hams exploring their new hobby.

For a while we have had the email address of **askelmer@tamiamiarc.org** available for anyone at use, but it's use has been sporadic at best. SO, beginning in April TARC will offer the following:

 In the hour before each monthly club meeting (6 to 7 PM) there will be one or more

experienced club members available to answer your questions about the hobby or to help program HT radios with local repeater frequencies. If possible, please use the **askelmer@tamiamiarc.org** email address to give us a "heads up" about your question or problem so that we can be better prepared to talk with you.

 On the third Saturday of each month (excluding July and August) one or more experienced club members will host an outdoor, portable operating event of some type specifically for the purpose of helping new hams learn how to establish and

operate an HF radio station. Anyone is welcome to come out and get hands-on experience with the equipment and in making contacts (QSOs). The April event will be a POTA activation of the Myakka state Forest in Englewood on Saturday April 16th from 8AM to 6PM [See page 5].

Contact Paul, KN4BAR at

041-468-3843 or by email to *paul9aber@gmail.com* for more information about Elmering at TARC.

Some words of wisdom

On August 15, 1935 Will Rogers died along with aviator Wiley Post when their small airplane crashed in northern Alaska. Will Rogers is famous for his many insightful quotes – many of which are still applicable today.

For many years I thought the Wiley Post of ABE airport fame was some sort of kinfolk to the original Wiley, however, the Allentown Morning Call report of his death explains otherwise.

"Wilfred M. "Wiley" Post Jr., 82, of Allentown, the former manager of the Lehigh Valley International Airport and a nationally recognized aviation pioneer, died Tuesday in Lehigh Valley Hospital, Salisbury Township.

"Post, who managed the airport from 1946 until he retired in 1984, was nicknamed after the famous aviator who made the first flight around the world in 1933. He always insisted it was just a nickname, forgetting perhaps that he, too, was an aviation pioneer." In any event, here are some of Will Rogers quotes still relevant:

"The road to success is dotted with many tempting parking spaces."

"Everyone is ignorant, only on different subjects."

"When you find yourself in a hole, quit digging."

"A man only learns in two ways, one by reading, and the other by association with smarter people."

"If you want to be successful, it's just this simple. Know what you are doing. Love what you are doing. And believe in what you are doing."

"Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know "why" I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved."

"The problem ain't what people know. It's what people know that ain't so that's the problem." "Buy land. They ain't making any more of the stuff." *de K3SY*

The Mother Of All HOA Stealth Antennas (The Moa-Hoa® antenna!) by King Nerd Forty-One & Knight III, Scotland Yard

With great sympathy for those hams who are HOA antenna restricted, and for the benefit of all mankind, a team of highly specialized non-HOA hams has embarked on the creation of the ULTIMATE HOA Stealth Antenna. An HF antenna so small that, if your HOA team of inspectors with their arm bands, clipboards, rule books, and binoculars can find it, you deserve to spend time in the small HOA jail in your development.

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The 37th prototype is currently undergoing beta testing. Heck, it took WD40 forty tries to get it right. At right are several photos of the prototype in various hiding places. Final placement is the choice of the homeowner. The antenna is rated 3kW+ for all ham frequencies from 2200 meters to 3 centimeters.

It has been determined that the Moa-Hoa® antenna will require a remote tuner and controller. The "secret sauce" within the tuner is the proprietary resistocapaciductor connecting components of the device. The prototype tuner and controller are shown below.

The main criterion in development of the tuner was to devise a workable device in the smallest package possible that beta testers W4IEE and NS4P are not capable of destroying. While this criteria has yet to be met by any commercially available tuner, the Moa-Hoa® tuner is a promising design. It may be noted that the above two BTs have smoked more commercial tuners than Willie Nelson and Snoop Dog have smoked joints combined - so we feel we have the definitive test.

Unfortunately, development has been delayed, as the initial batch of tuner hardware components were sourced in Russia and the Moa-Hoa® developers have declared economic sanctions on Russia for obvious reasons. Also the tuner controller development has ground to a halt due to a shortage of microchips. As luck would have it, the initial tuner design used the same microcontroller chips as GM, Ford, and Chrysler automobiles. Junkets to Lower Elbonia are on deck for the developers to seek substitute chips.

Non-refundable deposits of 1/4 Bitcoin are being accepted to secure your order for the first batch of Moa-Hoa's® to be delivered at an



The developers of the Moa-Hoa® antenna are not responsible for RF burns. * This installation not recommended if any neighbors have Great Dane breed stock.







unknown time. Due to the proprie-

tary nature of the design, the devel-

opers will maintain all ownership

rights to the Moa-Hoa® and can

cancel the project at any time for

any reason and keep all deposits.

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Random Dits and Dahs

A breakfast "new world order" for TARC

Time was when TARC breakfast die-hards met at 6:00 AM twice a week at Peaches Restaurant. Those days came to a screeching halt when Covid 19 hit the country. Things haven't been the same since.

Up until the third week of March, the "new normal" involved Tuesdays at Peaches at 6AM, W1ICU's virtual breakfast 10 AM on Wednesdays, Perkins on Fridays at 9AM, and VFW on Saturdays. Staffing shortages prompted Peaches to close Mondays and



The inaugural Wee Blew Inn contingent



Virtually speaking on Wednesdays



Perking along at Perkins on Friday

Tuesdays, causing hungry TARC members to find a new early-riser venue.

The Wee Blew Inn with its not-so-early opening of 6:30 AM seemed to be a viable option. The trial run happened an Tuesday, March, 22nd, with all attendees giving a thumbs up. So, the current "new world order" for TARC breakfasts will include the Wee Blew Inn Tuesday mornings.

AI, KOAL, showing Chip, WO0S how some black RTV compound provided a sneak semiconductive circuit on one of his antennas sending the SWR haywire.





K3SY, top, KG4IYS, bottom with John, L, and Ed, R hamming it up in homage to St. Pat.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			~ See Groups.10 for ZOOM sign-on		1 Breakfast @ Perkins 9A	2 Breakfast @ DAV 9;30 A BOD 1P
3 Florida State Parks ON THE AIR ON THE AIR OSCAR Shearer	4 QCWA 11 AM @ Denny's Bee Ridge	5 Breakfast @ We Blew Inn 6:30 AM # DMR net 7:30 PM	6 ~ Virtual breakfast via ZOOM 10 AM	7 * 2 meter net 7:30 PM followed by + 10 meter net	8 Breakfast @ Perkins 9A	9 Bkfst @ DAV 9;30 TARC VE session @ Venice Li- brary 10 A
10	11 DARN net 11:00 AM Starts on NI4CE/rpt 145.43 pl100	12 Breakfast @ We Blew Inn 6:30 AM # DMR net 7:30 PM	13 ~ Virtual breakfast <u>TARC MTG</u> <u>7:00 PM @</u> <u>Venice</u> <u>Presbyteri-</u> <u>an Church</u>	14	15 Breakfast @ Perkins 9A	16 Breakfast @ DAV 9;30 A POTA Myakka
17 Happy Easter!	18	19 Breakfast @ We Blew Inn 6:30 AM # DMR net 7:30 PM	20 ~ Virtual breakfast via ZOOM 10 AM	21 * 2 meter net 7:30 PM followed by + 10 meter net	22 Breakfast @ Perkins 9A	23 Breakfast @ DAV 9;30 A
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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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