

**TAMIAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**  
**Membership Meeting Agenda for April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @ 6:30 PM**

At Venice Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall

825 The Rialto, Venice, FL 34285

*(Sale of 50-50 tickets)*

**Note, Elmer assistance hours are from 6 - 6:30pm for information and mentoring of interested ham radio operators. So that we can be better prepared, tell us what you need help with; [askelmer@tamiamiarc.org](mailto:askelmer@tamiamiarc.org)**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

**PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONES AT THIS TIME, THANK YOU.**

**Flag Salute.**

**Visitors** – One visitor tonight, Ted from Port Charlotte, a newly minted Extra class ham. Ted is so newly minted that he has not yet received his callsign!

**New members** - None

**Remaining Introductions** - Introductions from all remaining people.

**Before Meeting Presentation: Marie and her students from Pine View School on their amateur radio program**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**- Request for motion to accept the Secretary's Report for March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, as published on the TARC website.

1st – Steve KN4NFX

2nd – Paul K1YOU

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Donation Thank You letters sent to Tom N2UD and Mary Jane Zirolli, Dan O' Donovan W4DOD, and Art Wester (SK) K4NUM's widow.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**- Request for motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as published in the Members only section of the TARC website.

1st – Al K0AL

2nd – Steve NS4P

**A moment of silence for Silent Key Eric Owen KD4MZM**

**Old Business:**

1. Sunshine Report
2. QCWA Report
3. PIO Report – Follow the club Facebook page and share the videos
4. Shark's Tooth Festival Activation April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> @ Legacy Park
  - a. Sign-up sheet passed around

- b. Activation will be held at Legacy Park across from the Venice train station
  - c. 10 am to 4 pm both Saturday and Sunday
  - d. This is the 16<sup>th</sup> year for our special event station
- 5. Patterson Giving Challenge April 15<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm to April 16<sup>th</sup> 11:59am, SERC Club has qualified for matching donations  
<https://www.thegivingpartner.org/organizations/sarasota-emergency-radio-club-inc>
  - a. The club approved a \$100 donation to SERC
- 6. Florida State Parks on the Air April 17<sup>th</sup> thru the 20<sup>th</sup>, Two Club Activations
  - a. Club activations Friday and Saturday, a minimum of 2 club members required for an activation
  - b. Friday activation at Myakka River S.P. led by Jim N7JIM
  - c. Saturday activation at Oscar Sherer S.P. led by Paul KN4BAR
- 7. Florida QSO Party April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at AI K0AL's QTH
  - a. Sign-up sheet passed around
  - b. Saturday 12 pm to 10 pm
  - c. Sunday 8 am to 6 pm
  - d. Rules @ <https://floridaqsoparty.org/rules/>
- 8. Repeater Updates
  - a. Both repeaters operating nominally, microphonics on the 2 m repeater may re-occur with the warmer weather
- 9. TARC Financial Audit Complete
  - a. John ELH & Frank W2XYZ completed the audit with no discrepancies found
- 10. Attendance Recording Process
  - a. TARC will stick with the online attendance recording, it worked well

### **New Business:**

1. County Wide CERT Radio Exercise; Vern (Buzz) Conrad KN4UQV
  - a. Community Emergency Response Teams, about 80 teams in the area
  - b. Primarily FMRS/GMRS for communications
  - c. The exercise will consist of emailed ICS-209 originated by local CERTs, backed up by Winlink or email via Starlink to the EOC @ Red Cross
  - d. No Hams in the EOC
  - e. Not a formal club activity currently
2. Proposal to Spend BBQ&Q Profit for PVS Satellite Communications setup
  - a. This will fund the purchase of a duplexer and feedlines for full-duplex operation
  - b. This was approved without dissent by membership
3. Pico Balloon Launches/TARC and PVS
  - a. 2 launches by PVS, 1 by TARC for a launch on Field Day Sunday
  - b. PVS launches will be later this year
  - c. 3 teams, one for power, one for the tracking system, and one for the balloon envelope
4. Christmas Party Venue update

- a. December 2<sup>nd</sup> is the date
  - b. Hotel Venezia is the venue
  - c. John N3PQD and Lou KC4LR will review menu choices in June
  - d. A motion to spend \$300 to reserve the venue passed without dissent
5. Field Day June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Planning
- a. Venice Gardens Civic Center is the venue again this year
  - b. The building has been reserved

**Any Other New Business or Comments from Our Membership?**

1. Nancy N4ZM has rehomed her Cushcraft R-9 vertical antenna to Dave KZ4UU

Motion to adjourn by Steve KN4NFX, seconded by Paul K1YOU, at 7:45pm

Next TARC meeting – May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:30 pm

Submitted by,

Lou Ronnau KC4LR

TARC Secretary