

TAMIAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Membership Meeting Minutes for May 13th, 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 - 6:30 pm for information and mentoring of interested ham radio operators. So, we can be better prepared, tell us what you need help with; askelmer@tamiamiarc.org

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONES AT THIS TIME, THANK YOU.

Flag Salute.

Visitors – Jim Eisenhauer KR4MCS from Englewood

New members – Mitch KR4JOY and Ted AA3ET

Remaining Introductions - 31 attendees for this evening.

SECRETARY'S REPORT- Request for motion to accept the Secretary's Report for April 8th, 2026, as published on the TARC website.

1st – Steve KN4NFX

2nd – Paul K1YOU

CORRESPONDENCE: None

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

1st – Paul K1YOU

2nd – Nancy N4ZM

Old Business:

1. Sunshine Report
2. QCWA
 - a. The monthly meetings are on hiatus for the summer, resuming the 1st Monday in October.
 - b. 11:00 am lunch meeting @ Denny's on Bee Ridge
 - c. Everyone welcome member or not for lunch and an informative program
3. PIO Update
 - a. Visit the TARC Facebook Page @ <https://www.facebook.com/people/Tamiami-Amateur-Radio-Club/100057400662325/#>
 - b. Field Day press releases have gone out to Venice Gondolier, Sarasota Herald Tribune, Englewood Sun, North Port Sun, and Your Observer
4. ARRL

- a. TARC is an ARRL affiliated club, 50%+ ARRL membership
 - b. ARRL provides many benefits to the amateur radio operator
- 5. Shark's Tooth Festival Results
 - a. Legacy Park, very nice place to operate from
 - b. We had several visitors
 - c. Perhaps this is a repeat venue for next year
- 6. Florida State PotA Results
 - a. TARC scored 894 and came in 3rd among clubs
 - b. 34 club members submitted logs
 - c. Jon W4OMX took 1st place overall with 5328 points
 - d. Karl K4RLX came in 2nd overall with 2007 points
 - e. Terrible band conditions this year
- 7. Florida QSO Party Results
 - a. Held at the QTH of AI K0AL
- 8. Pico Balloon Project
 - a. Tracker project
 - b. Balloon envelope project
 - c. Sunday May24th launch date
 - d. Wellen Park near HCA
- 9. Field Day Plan
 - a. Venue will once again be @ Venice Gardens Civic Center, 406 Shamrock Blvd.
 - b. Lots of room for antennas
 - c. 9 am Saturday setup

New Business:

- 1. Vietnam Veterans Memorial Special Event Station – K9V
 - a. Whitley County ARC will operate from 6 pm EDT Friday May 22nd to 6 pm EDT Saturday May 23rd
 - b. Come work us on 7.243, 14.243, 21.343, 28.343 SSB and 10/12/15/17/20/30/40/80 FT8
- 2. Sarasota Military Academy Open House
 - a. Saturday May 16th
 - b. 10 am to 12 pm
- 3. TARC 40 meter chat net
 - a. 1:30 pm on Mondays
 - b. 7.251 MHz
 - c. John KQ4ELH is Host and Net Control

After Meeting Presentation: After Meeting Presentation: “The Venice Voyager W4AC-1” Pico Balloon Project by Karl K4RLX

Motion to adjourn by AI K0AL, seconded by Paul KN4BAR, at 7:13 pm

Next TARC meeting – June 10th, 2026, at 6:30 pm

Submitted by,

Lou Ronnau KC4LR

TARC Secretary