

TAMIAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Membership Meeting Agenda for June 10th, 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

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONES AT THIS TIME, THANK YOU.

Flag Salute.

Visitors – No visitors this evening.

New members – Phil McCorkle KC7OJS, Jim Eisenhower K7IKE

Remaining Introductions - Introductions from all remaining people.

SECRETARY'S REPORT- Request for motion to accept the Secretary's Report for May 13th, 2026, as published on the TARC website.

1st – Steve KN4NFX

2nd – Paul K1YOU

CORRESPONDENCE: None

TREASURER'S REPORT – Dwight KT4DS - Request for motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as published in the Members only section of the TARC website.

1st – Steve KN4NFX

2nd – Nancy N4ZM

SK: Phil Jung K9PJ

Old Business:

1. Sunshine Report
 - a. No activity this month
1. QCWA
 - a. Monthly lunch meetings are on summer hiatus. Meetings resume the 1st Monday in October.
2. PIO Update
 - a. Karl has uploaded videos of the Pico Ballon launch and lots of other content on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Tamiami-Amateur-Radio-Club/100057400662325/#>

3. Bequest Process Approval by Membership
 - a. A set of documents was sent out for membership review.
 - b. This will keep the club out of any legal difficulties in the future.
 - c. The motion passed with one opposing vote from membership who felt that this wasn't needed..
4. Field Day Plan
 - a. Venice Gardens Civic Center is the venue (thanks to John N3PQD for scheduling) June 27th & 28th are the dates. Setup begins at 9 am Saturday. Tear down at 2 pm on Sunday.
 - b. Frank W2XYZ is the keeper of the sign-up sheet. We'll operate 3 stations and a Get on the Air station.
5. Venice Voyager Pico Balloon report
 - a. Launched on 5/27, successful climb to ~ 41 thousand feet
 - b. Adverse winds pushed W4AC/1 westward overnight into a line of thunderstorms west of Tampa the following evening.
 - c. TARC will make another launch later this summer or fall, possibly in conjunction with Pine View School.
6. W4AC Repeater Update
 - a. W4AC is working well, no sign of the howling lately
 - b. DMR working well
 - c. SDR Receiver's Raspberry Pi is being sent for repair. Expect about 2 – 3 weeks down time.

New Business:

1. Year of the Club QSO Party the weekend before Field Day
 - a. Sponsored by Philly & South New Jersey
 - b. www.clubqso-party.org
2. World Cup Special Event Station K4C
 - a. Sign up link wc2026ses.org
3. 3 Colonies Contest begins July 1st
 - a. 13colonies.us for details and rules
 - b. Contact the 13 colonies with different bands and modes to score.
4. ARRL Year of the Club award status
 - a. Winners were notified in May
 - b. We did not get notified
5. Status of North Port C4FM repeater
 - a. The radio station pledged our equipment during legal action
 - b. June 29th hearing to make a final disposition

Any Other New Business or Comments from Our Membership?

1. Free donated items in the rear of the room!

- 2.

**After Meeting Presentation: Building the Off-Grid Grid: Meshtastic and MeshCore:
Lou KC4LR**

Motion to adjourn by Steve KN4NFX, seconded by Paul KN4BAR, at 7:06 pm

Next TARC meeting September 9th, 2026, at 6:30 pm

Submitted by,

Lou Ronnau KC4LR

TARC Secretary