

**TAMIAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**  
**Membership Meeting Minutes for September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
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** – We had one visitor this evening; John KD2PLY from Buffalo, NY

**New members** – We had three new members this evening; Denny N4ETZ from North Port, Ming KR4NAH from Nokomis, and Jay W4MBM from Venice

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

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**- Request for motion to accept the Secretary's Report for June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026, as published on the TARC website.

**1st – Steve NS4P**

**2nd – Paul K1YOU**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The club received a donation of technical books from a retired EE Paul Doupont. Relevant titles will be added to our library and the rest donated to a local library.

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

**1st – Steve KN4NFX**

**2nd – Randy KO4PIV**

**Old Business:**

1. **Sunshine Report** – Brian W1JBD and his XYL are both having health challenges, Roger N9RM is having shoulder surgery.
2. **QCWA** – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month lunch meetings will now be at the Perkins on the Bypass at 11 am.
3. **PIO Update Field Day** – We were visited by both the S.C. Sheriff's office and Venice F.D. during operations.
4. **We're an ARRL affiliated club** – We need to maintain 51% ARRL membership among TARC club members to maintain that affiliation. Please consider joining if you're not a member already!

5. Christmas Party December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Hotel Venezia – same venue and menu as last year with no price increase. Winter Field Day venue set for the VGCC, same as last year.
6. Officer elections at the November Meeting – John ELH announced the slate for next year. Board of Director meetings are open to any club member.
7. 13 Colonies Special Event Station – Frank W2XYZ handed out certificates to our club contest winners.

### **New Business:**

1. TARC and PVS Pico Ballon Launches this Fall – We have plenty of supplies for the next few launches. The goal is to launch two balloons with Pine View School once the rainy season ends in November.
2. SMA ARISS QSO – Steve NS4P talked about the prep work needed for October QSO. Steve is accepting volunteers to participate in the setup.
3. Meshcore Repeater – Lou KC4LR we have a new repeater ready for a donated space on a tower in East Venice. The tentative install date is Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> WX permitting.
4. N.P. Repeater News Next Month – Final (hopefully) hearing set for later in October. We have been promised that our equipment (the former North Port 147.120 repeater) will returned as a donation.
5. TARC Ambassador Program; Dan W4DOD – A process to welcome new members into the club and get them up to speed to participate in club activities, special events, and club projects. Dan has started a committee and is looking for volunteers as committee members and ambassadors. Contact Dan W4DOD if interested.
6. TARC Makers Program; Dan W4DOD – Designed to bring members together to learn and complete a common project together. The groups would be kept small, led by a more experienced person. Everyone would work on the same project through completion. Kits would be self-funded by the participants and purchased in bulk. Dan will be gauging interest in project ideas, as well as collection names of interested parties. Please contact Dan W4DOD.

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

1. After meeting presentations via Zoom – Dr. Ed Fong will present at the October meeting via Zoom (since delayed).
2. RT 66 Contest special event beginning

### **After Meeting Presentation: Jim N7JIM on Pico Balloons**

Motion to adjourn by Steve NS4P, seconded by Steve NFX, at 7:24pm

Next TARC meeting October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:30 pm

Submitted by,

Lou Ronnau KC4LR

TARC Secretary