

**TAMIAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**  
**Membership Meeting Minutes for February 11th, 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, 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** – Eric Brown KD9DAK, Tom Hurley K1TH, Rolf Erickson KD0UBJ, Pressley Smith

**New members** – George Becht N2SQ, Ted Heighington K4KKW, Charles Lenoir KQ4ALQ

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

**SECRETARY'S REPORT-** Request for motion to accept the Secretary's Report for January 14, 2026, as published on the TARC website.

**1st** – Paul K1YOU

**2nd** – Steve KN4NFX

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Donations thank you letter has been sent to Lynn Ouellette, relative of J. Victor Ouellette K1CGI (SK)

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

**1st** – Nancy N4ZM

**2nd** – Roger N9RM

**PIO Report** – Karl K4RLX

**Old Business:**

1. Winter Field Day results, 4<sup>th</sup> place in our category, over 30 hams participating.
2. Repeater Site update; Tower climber scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup>.
3. Hamcation Bus this Saturday. There are still seats available, 28 riders, club photo at noon. Use our repeater output frequency for local coordination.
4. Megladon Race Support March 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 10k on Saturday with the 5k race on Sunday, wear your TARC shirt and notify John N3PQD for participation.
5. BBQ & QSOs @ Oscar Sherer S.P., 3/22; the club will provide pulled pork and pulled chicken, buns and some side dishes. \$12 a person, bring your own beverage and if you like a side dish or dessert to share.
6. Shark's Tooth Festival support April 11th and 12th; Paul K4S special event station

7. Florida State PotA event, April 17th thru the 20th, club activations Friday & Saturday <https://fspota.org/>; The club will activate the Myakka River S. P. on Friday and the Oscar Sherer S. P. on Saturday.
8. TARC merchandise website is live <https://tamiamiarc.org/club-shirts/> \$15 one time set up fee. Ham Club Online is now the sole place to pay dues online. Cash or checks are still happily accepted by our treasurer.
9. TARC stickers are here; \$1 a/piece, 6 for \$5, and 14 for \$10.

### **New Business:**

1. Final Report for ARRL Foundation Grant for Pineview School was approved by the board and will be filed by the end of the month.
2. First year free membership change, a motion to remove this option was made and during subsequent discussion, motions, and a vote by the membership, this proposed change has been tabled.
3. Triplexer purchase for use with the Hexbeam for contesting <https://www.dxengineering.com/parts/o3a-4o-hfc4500pl>; Frank spoke about the advantages of using this with our Hexbeam for Field Days and contesting. After discussion a motion was made and seconded. Membership voiced approval for the purchase with a possible discount from DX Engineering during Hamcation.
4. License upgrade incentive program for 2026. The license upgrade program has been approved by the board and funded through the July 11<sup>th</sup> 2026 testing session.
5. Digital Committee Charter. The Digital Committee has been formed. Look for an article in the March Communicator for more details as well as a sign-up link for interested hams.
6. [SpottedHam.com](https://SpottedHam.com) is website that will show who is currently active and OTA. Lou KC4LR and Roger N9RM will upload the club member's callsigns to this free to use tool.
7. March 27th Friday Night Concert @ the Gazebo at Centennial Park in Venice <https://www.visitvenicefl.org/event/friday-night-concert-dwight-sullivan/> come out and support our singing treasurer!

### **Any Other New Business:**

1. Roger N9RM is playing in a band at the Venice VFW and Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> at the Venice Isles Tiki hut.
2. Al K0AL gave a short plug for the Quarter Century Wireless Club.

**After Meeting Presentation: John Geimer K4GEI gave a presentation about the history and activities of the Sarasota Military Academy's Ham Radio Club, W4SMA**

Motion to adjourn was made by Steve KN4NFX, and seconded by Paul K1YOU at 7:17 pm

Next TARC meeting – March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:30 pm

Submitted by,

Lou Ronnau KC4LR

TARC Secretary