

TAMIAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Membership Meeting Minutes – February 12 , 2025 @ 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

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Flag Salute.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Visitors - Do we have any visitors tonight? Please state your name, call sign, and where you are from.

Bernd Schnell K9UAS (Germany)

Susan Wester (Spouse) Art K9NUM

Joseph Shortill W1XXV (Maine)

New members - Do we have any new members?

David Brain KR4BDF (SRQ)

Remaining Introductions - Introductions from all remaining people.

SECRETARY'S REPORT- Request for motion to accept the minutes for December 18, as published on the TARC website.

1st – STEVE KN4NFX

2nd - ROGER N9RM

CORRESPONDENCE- Thank you letter from Roger Schmitt KY4RS on his life membership.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Request for motion to accept Treasurer's report for December, As published in the Members only section of the TARC website.

1st – ROBERT KN4RKE

2nd – AL K0AL

COMMITTEE REPORTS :

SUNSHINE- Shaun KQ4YAX

Tom Wilson W1ICU had a procedure and is recovering.

VE TESTING- Steve Phillips, NS4P

Tested- 9

Passed- 7

New Members- 0

Next Test Date- March 08, 2025 (10:00am)

Notes-

LIAISON TO QCWA- Al Culbert, K0AL

Meet on the first Monday of the month at Dennys on Bee Ridge Rd at 11am.

Anyone is welcome to join for a nice meal and fellowship.

REPEATER / TECHNICAL- Frank W2XYZ

NorthPort – No new information currently.

Englewood – Everything is up and running currently. All NETS are doing well.

REMOTE STATION UPDATE- Frank W2XYZ

Englewood- Antenna is back up for the remote station and SDR is up and running also.

PIO INFORMATION AND REPORT- Dwight KT4DDS

Looking for an assistant.

Shark Tooth Festival – Still waiting to hear if they need us to help, nothing currently. Last year we had a space for free. This year they charge \$600 for that space, and we are not interested in spending the money on it. Hopefully something will change.

MEMBERSHIP- Nancy N4ZM

Current- 168

First year- 8

SK- Who:

Life Members- 16

Associate Members- 4

Total = 196

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. ***DUES ARE DUE! YOU WILL BE LATE MARCH 01.***

Will be considered late on March 1st and your club membership and Group.io subscription will be cancelled. Please renew ASAP!

2. Field Day Report. Frank W2XYZ/ Jim N7JIM

a. Please see attached PDF

3. BBQ&Q. Jim N7JIM

So far it looks like a good turnout of at least 30 plus members and guests. Last year we had over 70, so I'm thinking there are still a few stragglers waiting for the last minute to sign up. **So, the LAST MINUTE will be February 24th** to allow Jim N7JIM and the other organizers and volunteers time to plan the meal and needed supplies. Please make your reservations by then and Jim is looking for some helpers to come early and set up. Email him if interested: v8mgb@yahoo.com

4. New Club Hat Order. Rich KQ4APW

We decided at the meeting to ONLY offer hats with the TARC logo embroidered on the brim. Customization with name and call sign WILL NOT be offered through the club. If you are interested in a personalized hat with your name and call sign, please talk to Rich KQ4APW and he can help you with that. He has over 30 names of club members who have ordered hats. He will be placing an order with our vendor soon, and we hope the hats will be delivered at the March 12th club meeting. You can pay the \$28 cost for your hat by check or cash given to any club officer or director, or you can use PayPal to pay for your hat at our online store. **If you did NOT order a hat with Richard but chose to place an order (and pay for it) online, then PLEASE send Richard an email to make sure he gets a hat ordered for you.** If you have already ordered a hat, then just pay for it by placing an order at our TARC online store.

5. Paul out of town 02/21-03/18. Paul KN4BAR

6. VP to run March Meetings. Paul KN4BAR

7. DX Challenge winners. Tony K1XG
Jim Miller N7JIM 100
Tom Phillips NT1AP 100
Jack Rosen W1JJR 100
Steve Phillips NS4P 100
Art Wester K4NUM 56

HONORABLE MENTION:

Paul Klebaur W1BIU
Paul Nienaber KN4BAR

8. License upgrade offer is still going on.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Pineview School. Paul KN4BAR/ Steve NS4P
Great Job by everyone involved. By next month we will be back at the school setting up their new HF station.
2. Hamcation. Frank W2XYZ
A great time was had by everyone. Beautiful day and lots of sparkly things to look at.
3. Hamcation Sales. Steve NS4P
\$2086.00 IN SALES FOR THE CLUB! GREAT JOB GENTLEMAN!!! THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND DEDICATION TO THE CLUB!

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Board member needed. Paul KN4BAR
Congratulations, and thanks, to Roger N9RM for accepting his nomination for the vacant director position. By acclamation vote of the membership present at the Feb 12th meeting, Roger was elected to serve the remainder of the director's term through 12/31/25.
2. Editor for the Newsletter is needed. Paul KN4BAR
3. Club Member Privacy. Paul KN4BAR
We are giving the option for all members who are worried about their privacy on the members only page. The Board has decided that we will not keep two different rosters. If you want your private information removed from the membership roster, we will do that for you. You will not receive any information from the club anymore. You will have to go to the website for all events and club information.
4. Club Donations Paul KN4BAR
The club membership present at the meeting approved of offering up to a maximum **dollar-for-dollar match of \$500 for club members choosing to make a donation to the [ARRL Education and Technology Program](#) fund.** Individuals may make their contribution for this fund to TARC until the end of March and on or about April 1st, TARC will donate the proceeds of this fund-raising effort to the ARRL as a club donation. You can give or send your donation to any club officer or director, or you can make your donation at our TARC online store via PayPal. TARC will not add any processing fees to donations made via the online store. TARC itself is an IRS designation 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. If you need a receipt for tax purposes, contact the Treasurer directly. 100% of your donation is tax deductible and will go to the ARRL program fund.

5. Summer Field Day Mgr. needed. Paul KN4BAR
ARRL Field Day (June) event manager needed to work with Jim N7JIM. He will be on vacation that weekend and we need someone to help with the actual event.
6. Holiday Party Planner is needed. Paul KN4BAR

Other new business: Is there any other new business to discuss? NONE

Comments: Are there any comments from the floor?

AL K0AL is donating his shack for the Florida QSO party that is coming up April 26th and 27th. Sign up sheet will be coming out in March. Always a good time at AL's.

ADJOURNMENT: Time of motion 7:30 pm

1st – Nancy N4ZM

2nd – AL K0AL

Attendance: Number of members: 55, Number of guests: 2.

Tonight's Meeting Program: Cathy Duff from the Sarasota Sheriff's Office.
Presentation will be "Scammed, Don't be Scammed!"

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 12 , 2025, at Venice Presbyterian Church @ 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Randy Aitken KO4PIV
TARC Secretary