

TAMIAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Membership Meeting Minutes for October 08, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

At Venice Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall
825 The Rialto, Venice, FL 34285
(Sale of 50-50 tickets)

Note, Elmer assistance hour 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

Please silence your cell phones at this time, Thank you.

Flag Salute.

Visitors - Do we have any visitors tonight? Please state your name, call sign, and where you are from. NONE

New members - Do we have any new members? NONE

Remaining Introductions - Introductions from all remaining people.

SECRETARY'S REPORT- Request for motion to accept the Secretary's Report for September 2025, as published on the TARC website.

1st – Bob KN4RKE

2nd – Steve KN4NFX

CORRESPONDENCE:

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 – Paul K1YOU

Announcements:

1. World Scouts Jamboree 18th and 19th.
2. Pineview Trustee changed from Steve NS4P to the Pineview Teacher.
3. November 15th, Jim N7JIM is offering to do a "How To" on POTA activation at the Myakka Forest on River Rd in Englewood/North Port. Get in touch with Jim for any details. See NEW BUSINESS #3.
4. John KQ4ELH has sent out all the information on the candidates for 2026.

Old Business:

1. Holiday Party is Dec 17, at Hotel Venezia on the bypass in Venice. John K3PQD The meal selection is on the website club store page, and you are also able to pay on the website or at the meetings. RSVP by December 10th please. It is always a good time had by all members with great food, drinks, and gifts.
2. Update to Member Requested Training. Paul KN4BAR, Steve NS4P, will offer FTx training beginning in January.
3. We have a volunteer to mentor members about antenna design.
 - a. Get in touch with Paul KN4BAR and he will give you the contact information.
 - b. Thank you for helping our club members stay interested in our new program for continuing education.

4. Jim N7JIM held a how to solder class from 4-6pm before this meeting.
 - a. Thank you Jim, we appreciate it very much.
5. "How to be a ham" class/mentoring still needs someone to teach it.
 - a. Please help further the knowledge of new members and old with the proper etiquette of how to talk and use our radios. It is such a great and needed program for this club.
6. VNA class repeat has been requested. Such a great tool for HAMs.
 - a. Nothing scheduled yet.
7. Ham Club Online (HCOL) is now the club's membership management system. Roger N9RM is the club Membership Coordinator. He can be contacted by email at membership@tamiamiarc.org. If you did not receive a newsletter by email on 2025-09-27 12:35:46 EDT please let Roger know. We have identified 7 club members with missing or incorrect email addresses that need updating.
 - a. Thank you, Roger, and Paul KN4BAR for stepping up and taking on this task for the club. It is a great asset for TARC management. Lets not forget the man behind the numbers, Dwight KT4DDS. Great job by all.
8. FLSPOTA contest planning is going very well. Final rules should be published on the website, fspota.org, in the next week or two, and a marketing plan is taking shape to promote the event across Florida and the ham community. Thanks to all of those who are involved in this new club adventure.

New Business:

1. The board of directors accepted the resignation of Jack W1JJR in September.
2. Since we are so close to the annual election of officers in December, the board will not seek to hold a special election at this time to replace him for the remainder of the 2025 term. Paul KN4BAR
3. POTA Open House will be hosted by Jim N7JIM at the Myakka State Forest on River Rd. in Englewood on Saturday, November 15, 2025 from 9 am to noon. Jim will explain and demonstrate everything you need to know to get started participating in the very popular Parks on the Air (POTA) program. <https://parksontheair.com>
4. Shirts, Hats, and Name Tags are again on sale from the club. The apparel items bear the embroidered club logo and shirts will have the members' name and call sign embroidered with the club logo. Items can be ordered and paid for with PayPal at the club store page on our website. The order deadline is November 6th with delivery expected in time for the December club meeting. Paul KN4BAR

Randy KO4PIV has suggested another vendor for providing club logo apparel at a lower price and with better ordering options. Details to be provided at the meeting. And a discussion of apparel sourcing will be held. There was also another option brought up by Tom K7ONE to investigate also.

5. Should TARC adopt a Life Membership dues structure in addition to the existing use of the Life Membership designation to recognize long-term service to the club. Randy KO4PIV and Dwight KT4DDS

- a. This has been brought up before and some of us are continuing to have all information ready for the membership to decide. THIS DOES NOT CHANGE OR ELIMINATE OUR CURRENT HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP. This is just another option for members who get tired of having to pay yearly or continually forget and get emails or calls to pay. It

is something that is better for some members if interested, and looks to be better for the club in long term.

Motion to adjourn by Steve KN4NFX, seconded by Hop AC8NS at 7:10 pm

Next meeting – Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 6:30pm at VPC

After Meeting Presentation will be about Home Solar Dos and Don'ts by Lee Byron Hayes.

Great presentation by Ms. Hayes, Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Aitken KO4PIV
Recording Secretary