

TAMIAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Membership Meeting Minutes – March 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 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 YOU PHONES AT THIS TIME, THANK YOU.

Flag Salute.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Visitors - Do we have any visitors tonight? Please state your name, call sign, and where you are from. Joe Shorthill is still visiting and welcome Walter Erickson from MN.

New members- Are there any new members here tonight? Welcome Jim KR4ANA

Remaining Introductions - Introductions from all remaining people.

SECRETARY'S REPORT- Request for motion to accept the minutes for February 12th as published on the TARC website.

1st – AL K0AL

2nd – Steve KN4NFX

CORRESPONDENCE- None

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

2nd –Steve NS4P

COMMITTEE REPORTS :

SUNSHINE- Shaun KQ4YAX

Tom Wilson is recovering, Bob K1OK, and Jack W4JS had eye surgery.

VE TESTING- Steve Phillips, NS4P

Tested- 6

Passed- 6

New Members-

Next Test Date- April 12, 2025, at 10:00 am

Notes-

LIAISON TO QCWA- Al Culbert, K0AL

Chapter 53 of the Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA) meets for lunch at 11AM on the first Monday of each month at Denny's on Bee Ridge in Sarasota. You do not need to be a member of QCWA to attend and your "Plus 1" is welcome. There is an interesting program along with an excellent meal and fellowship. (No meeting June to September). For more information on QCWA see the Chapter website – QCWA53

REPEATER / TECHNICAL- Frank W2XYZ

NorthPort – It is still at a standstill.

Englewood – Everything is working at this time. NETS are doing well.

REMOTE STATION UPDATE- Frank W2XYZ

Englewood – Everything is working and updated. Check it out.

PIO INFORMATION AND REPORT- Dwight KT4DDS

Looking for an assistant – it is a good job and only busy for the month of June.
Shark Tooth Festival is April 12th and 13th. 10-8 on Saturday and 10-5 on Sunday.
Sign-up sheet was passed around and we have enough people to man the booth for both days.

MEMBERSHIP- Nancy N4ZM

Current- 169
First year- 10
SK- 1 Who: Robert Ungemach KO4TH
Life Members- 16
Associate Members- 4
Total = 199

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. If anyone needs a ride to the club meetings, please get ahold of the TARC Secretary (Randy KO4PIV). I will match you up with someone in your area. So, you can come and hang out at the meetings and get home safe afterwards.
2. **Dues are past due! Please get them paid up so you do not miss any of the club functions.**
3. Newsletter Editor needed or we will not have one.
We have a new Editor! Thank you Hop!

OLD BUSINESS:

Club Hats. Rich KQ4APW

Hats are in and will be at the next meeting if you already have purchased one.

BBQ&Q. Jim N7JIM, Chip WO0S

Great time had by all. Around 50 ppl showed and had some amazing food.

Thanks to everyone involved. A couple of members activated the park and made some great QSO's

ARRL Teacher and Education fund. Frank W2XYZ

Tarc will match all club member funds donated to ARRL up to \$500. We could use a little more participation for this fund raiser. Donations will be made until March 31st.

Card Reader. Dwight KT4DDS

Looks like Square is going to be the winner in all the choices that Dwight looked at. We asked the membership for the extra expense of the second card reader, and it was approved by all in attendance.

Venice Main Street sign up sheet. Dwight KT4DDS

We have a booth, and we have enough people signed up to man the booth for both days. Thank you everyone that signed up.

Holiday Party planner needed ASAP! Frank W2XYZ

Florida QSO Party. April 26th & 27th. Frank W2XYZ

If you are new to HAM, please sign up as a Logger, and you can watch and learn how these things are done. This is a great learning experience. With a great bunch of experienced HAM club members who can answer your questions.

Megalodon went off without a hitch and they were very pleased with all of our club's participation. Thank you everyone that was involved.

QSL Cards will be sent out March 15th

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

Other new business: Is there any other new business to discuss?

Pod Cast were brought up with this one in particular, "This week in amateur radio"

Comments: Are there any comments from the floor?

AB4WS has a broadcast that a lot of people like.

ADJOURNMENT: Time of motion 7:15 pm

1st – Nancy N4ZM

2nd – AL K0AL

Attendance: Number of members 45, Number of guests 1

Tonight's Meeting Program: Tom Metz K2GSJ, Saudi Arabia trip.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 9th, 2025, at VPC 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Aitken KO4PIV

TARC Secretary