

TAMIAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Membership Meeting Minutes May 14, 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 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.

Mike Bartone from VA, lives in Northport

New Members – Do we have any new members?

Steve Petrofski N0AQL from Ohio

Remaining Introductions - Introductions from all remaining people.

SECRETARY'S REPORT- Request for motion to accept the minutes for April 09, 2025, as published on the TARC website.

1st – Rob KN4RKE

2nd – Scott KQ4UFY

CORRESPONDENCE- None

TREASURER'S REPORT- Request for motion to accept the minutes for April 09, 2025, as published in the Members only section of the TARC website.

1st – Jim Shortill

2nd – Richard McCready

Old Business:

1. Florida QSO Party. AL K0AL
 - a. Fun event was had by all, made a lot of QSOs and great fellowship.
2. Shark Tooth Festival. Dwight KT4DDS
 - a. We made a lot of contacts while we were there on the radio and in person with people that were walking around. Always have a good time.
3. A new computer for the Repeater Site has been bought, programmed, and installed by Steve NS4P
4. Pineview School. Paul KN4BAR
 - a. Two antennas are supposed to be installed over the summer. Paul put on a fox hunt with the kids and had a great time. He also helped the teacher box up all the equipment for the summer. Two antennas will be installed over the summer at the school for next year.
5. ARRL West Central Florida (WCF) Section. Paul KN4BAR
 - a. Paul talked to them and offered our satellite tracking system to help any other school that would be interested in starting a ham club. He also sent them our article that is to be published in the QST magazine from our Pineview event.

6. North Port Repeater. Paul KN4BAR
 - a. We were given the repeater by someone who did not have the right to give it to us. We will wait to see if we eventually will get it back.
7. Possible future Meeting Formats.
 - a. Membership was given several meeting format options to consider, and by overwhelming vote, chose to keep the current. That is, meeting first, and program second.

New Business:

1. Holiday Party Cost. John N3PQD (menu and address attached at the bottom)
 - a. The attending membership voted with an overwhelming number of hands to hold the 2025 TARC Holiday party on December 17th at the Hotel Venezia in Venice.
2. Alternative Field Day Event Location. Paul/ John
 - a. Everyone agrees to move to Venice Gardens Civic Center for field day this summer. It is a very nice place and has a lot of room for everything and everyone.
3. Purchase Microphone Headset for field day use. Paul KN4BAR
 - a. We purchased this since it was already in the budget and the board agreed to do so. It will be a great asset for the club.
4. Start New Budget Process for 2025/26. Dwight/ Paul
 - a. Next month we will start the budget process and hopefully have it all figured out by September for the club members.
 - b. Members are encouraged to contact a member of the Board of Directors with any equipment purchase or other spending or revenue ideas that they wish the board to consider when preparing the 2026 Club operating budget.
5. Purchase ARRL Antenna books *SALTY WALT'S PORTABLE ANTENNA BOOK*, Brian W1JBD
 - a. Everyone agreed and the books were purchased for the club.

Any Other New Business:

1. Vietnam Special Event K9V, May 23rd and 24th operating from Fort Wayne, IN. Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (Roger McEntarfer N9RM)
2. Mark became an EXTRA Amateur license and got his DX engineering gift card. Richard McCready moved from Technician to General.

After Meeting Presentation:

EmComm and Winlink for Hurricane Season. Paul KN4BAR

Motion to adjourn by Randy Aitken KO4PIV, seconded by, Lou at 7:05 pm

Next meeting – Saturday, June 11, 2025, at 6:00 PM

**Respectfully submitted,
Randy Aitken KO4PIV
Recording Secretary**

Holiday Party Menu Items: **Date: December 17th**

Prime rib \$ 65.00

Fresh North Atlantic Salmon \$ 53.00

Baked Cod \$ 53.00

Chicken Marsala \$ 52.00

Vegetarian dish \$ 53.00

Here are 5 choices I listed 2 different fish choices

Address: Hotel Venezia, 425 U.S. 41 Bypass North, Venice, FL 34285