

TAMIAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Membership Meeting Minutes – December 18, 2024, @ 6:30 PM
At Venice Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall
825 The Rialto, Venice, FL 34285
(Sale of 50-50 tickets)
ANNUAL MEETING

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 6:31 pm
Flag Salute.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Visitors - NONE

New members - NONE

Remaining Introductions - Introductions from all remaining people.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Request for motion to accept the minutes **APPROVED**

1st- Steve NS4P

2nd- Roger N9RM

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

TREASURER'S REPORT: Request for motion to accept Treasurer's report.

APPROVED.

1st- Paul K1YOU

2nd - Nancy N4ZM

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SUNSHINE- Shaun KQ4YAX. **NONE**

VE TESTING FOR THE YEAR - Steve Phillips, NS4P

Tested- 108 exams given to 88 candidates.

Passed- 74

New Technicians- 54

Next Test Date- January 11, 2025

UPGRADES - 19

Pineview Testing

tested- 24

passed – 18

LIAISON TO QCWA- Al Culbert, K0AL

They meet on the first Monday of the month. January 06th is the next meeting at Dennys on Bee Ridge Rd. At 11am, Any amateur is welcome. Stop by for a nice meal and fellowship with fellow HAMS.

REPEATER / TECHNICAL- Frank W2XYZ

Repeaters are doing well currently. North Port is still in the construction phase until further notice. Waiting to install a tower and antennas. The repeater and duplexers are hooked up and waiting.

REMOTE STATION UPDATE- Frank W2XYZ

Antenna is still down. We have been in contact with another club who is having a climber come to the area, and hopefully have the antenna installed as soon as this all comes together.

PIO INFORMATION AND REPORT- Dwight KT4DDS

Still looking for an Assistant PIO to help Dwight with this position. Anyone interested in helping Dwight or the Club please contact him with any questions you might have. Winter Field Day is coming up here January 25-26th, signup sheets will be passed around very soon. We have the Megalodon coming up on- March 1st. We will have some more information on this soon. Also, the Shark Tooth Fest is coming up on April 13th and 14th for anyone interested in helping, please let us know.

MEMBERSHIP- Nancy N4ZM

Annual dues are here, you have until March 1st to get your dues in.

Current- 165

First year- 7

SK- Who:

Life Members- 13

Associate Members- 4

Total = 189

Big Shout out to Nancy N4ZM for stepping up and helping the Club with taking over the Membership responsibilities. THANK YOU, NANCY!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 3rd Annual TARC BBQ - Paul KN4BAR
 - a. Saturday March 01, 2025.
 - b. Oscar Scherer State Park, the large pavilion at the lake. We set up a POTA station for anyone interested. Picnic starts at 1pm. Great fellowship and food. There is an entrance fee to the park.
2. Space station will be transmitting from its location when it passes by. It will happen sometime between January 25th through January 31st. They will be broadcasting images from the space station. You can go to ARISS.ORG for their list of events.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. SDR Status - Frank W2XYZ
 - a. The new model came out finally. It is an all-in-one system that has a radio and a computer, so it is plug and play. Cost is \$499.95, the stand-alone radio is \$139.00, and we would have to find a computer for it. The antenna is a \$70.00 purchase, or we could just string up a wire. The all-in-one can allow up to 8 users at a time and can be password protected. We are asking the club for permission to spend up to \$600.00 to purchase this system for the club's use. Motion was made and passed. Should be completed in the next few weeks
1st Frank W2XYZ
2nd AL K0AL

2. Bus to Hamcation February 8th - Frank W2XYZ
 - a. As in previous years, the bus will be leaving the Coast Guard Station on the Island of Venice around 06:30 am with a stop in Sarasota to pick up members from the Red Cross and then head to Orlando for the day. The bus will leave around 4:00pm for the trip back to Sarasota and then Venice. Good times had by all throughout the past. Current reservation price is \$55.00. This includes trip and driver tips. This does not include your entry ticket into the convention. You can do that online at the Orlando Hamcation website. WWW.HAMCATION.COM. Ticket prices for the convention are \$25.00. DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 01st. FOR THE BUS.

3. Pineview School - Paul KN4BAR
 - a. We had a great time out there. The teacher now has a license and restored their old club call sign W4PVS. Steve NS4P will be passing the reins to the teacher and get the club set up with their new equipment from the ARRL grant. TARC will own all the equipment, and it will be on permanent loan to the Pineview school as long as the club is active. The school found a box from the old radio club with an 857 Yeasu and an old club roster from 2011. It is posted on the TARC Website if you would like to look and see who was a member at that time. It is in the members only section.

4. Club Job Descriptions - Paul or Randy
 - a. They are now officially posted on the TARC website. We are fine tuning them and still have some coming in currently. We will keep you updated as we continue to post these on the website. Highlight the officers/ director's button and it will pop up on the side to be able for you to select it.

5. Second Battery for the repeater back up system - Steve NS4P
 - a. The battery is installed and working, Steve NS4P will keep us updated as things are changing or being updated.

6. Last Call for Club account login info - Randy KO4PIV
 - a. If you started a login page for the club (DX, Ebay, Amazon) please let me know the account login information so we can log it in the TARC files for future reference.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lifetime Membership recommendations - Paul KN4BAR
Andy KB1HIP, Roger KY4RS, Peter KV4LR
Congratulations gentleman, you are very well deserving of this honorary membership, Thank you for your time and dedication to the club. We would not be here without people like you helping us along the way.

2. License offer upgrade this spring. Steve NS4P
Jan 01 through July 12, 2025
1 per customer
11, \$50 DxEngineering gift cards total
Current members only

3. Winter Field Day January 25-26th -Frank W2XYZ and Jim N7JIM
 - a. Signup sheets will be coming out very soon.
 - b. Rules have changed again and a little better this year as to what we can do.
 - c. Great time for New HAMS to come and learn how this works. Also, a great time for Old HAMS to have fellowship and help the New HAMS learn.

4. Election of 2025 Officers and Directors. Brian W1JBD
 - a. OFFICERS
 - i. President - Paul Nienaber KN4BAR
 - ii. Vice President - Frank Wroblewski W2XYZ
 - iii. Secretary - Randy Aitken KO4PIV
 - iv. Treasurer - Dwight Sulliivan KT4DDS

 - b. DIRECTORS
 - i. Jack Rosen W1JJR
 - ii. Brian Jacobsen W1JBD
 - iii. Nancy Heinrich N4ZM
 - iv. Steve Phillips NS4P
 - v. Chris Stape K4PTS

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

We hope everyone has a wonderful and safe Holiday Season. See you next year. Happy Holidays!!!

Comments: Are there any comments from the floor? **NONE**

ADJOURNMENT: Time of motion 07:25 pm

1st – Paul Nienaber KN4BAR

2nd – Randy Aitken KO4PIV

Attendance: Number of members **44** Number of guests **0**

Tonight's Meeting Program: None (ELECTIONS)

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 08, 2025, at VPC @ 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Aitken KO4PIV

TARC Secretary