

TAMIAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Membership Meeting Minutes for March 11th, 2026 @ 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 - 6:30 pm 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

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONES AT THIS TIME, THANK YOU.

Flag Salute.

Visitors – Thomas K2TWB, Johan White XYL of W4SNW

New members – Steve White W4SNW, George N2SQ

Remaining Introductions - 48 attendees for this evening.

SECRETARY'S REPORT- Request for motion to accept the Secretary's Report for Month date, 2026, as published on the TARC website.

1st – Steve NS4P

2nd – Steve KN4NFX

CORRESPONDENCE: None

TREASURER'S REPORT- Dwight provided an update to the club's finances. A request for motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as published in the Members only section of the TARC website.

1st – AI K0AL

2nd – Steve KN4NFX

Old Business:

1. **Repeater Site**
 - a. **The climber checked and replaced the connector at the antenna**
 - b. **All other connectors were checked**
 - c. **The problem still exists, it's heat related**
2. **Megalodon Races**
 - a. **12 participants on Sat., 8 on Sun., no problems**
 - b. **San completed the 5k course with his handheld radio**
3. **TARC BarBQ and QSOs March 22nd**
 - a. **Oscar Sherer S. P. (\$5.00 entrance fee), Pavillion 2 near the Nature Center**
 - b.

4. **Dwight in Concert March 27th at Centennial Park**
 - a. **Also appearing @ Troll Music from 2 to 4pm this Sunday**
5. **Shark's Tooth Festival Activation Location April 11th & 12th**
 - a. **No reserved table at the festival grounds**
 - b. **Legacy Park Large Pavillion**
 - c. **No Overnight Security**
 - d. **Sign-up for setup or operating on HamClub Online**
6. **Florida State PotA Event April 17th thru 20th Signup Sheet**
 - a. **Jim will lead Myakka River S.P. activation on Friday**
 - b. **Paul KN4BAR will lead Oscar Sherer S.P. activation on Saturday**
7. **Sticker Sales Update**
 - a. **\$1 a piece, 6 for \$5, 14 for \$10**
 - b. **The club received 200 DX Engineering tote bags at Hamcation, free to good homes**
8. **TARC merchandise ordering setup fee and left over hats, HamClubOnline.com for online membership renewals**
 - a. **Website for purchases**
 - b. **There is a \$15 one time setup fee per person**
 - c. **Many other items available with the club logo**
9. **Triplexer Purchase at Hamcation**
 - a. **We saved \$20 by making the purchase at Hamcation**
 - b. **The triplexer will be in uses at the BarBQ**
10. **Florida QSO Party April 25th and 26th Signup Sheet**
 - a. **Club event to be held @ AI K0AL's QTH**
 - b. **A few hours on Friday, 10 on Sat. and 10 on Sun.**
11. **QWCA Membership**
 - a. **Meet the first Monday @ Denny's on Bee Ridge east of Beneva**
 - b. **\$20 for a good meal and fellowship**
 - c. **Usually with a program after lunch**
12. **Update from our Public Information Officer**
 - a. **Videos in progress for upcoming events**
 - b. **Pictures wouldn't fit on groups.io, they'll all be placed on our Facebook page**
 - c. **World Radio League logging program has been loaded with our FL PotA event**

New Business:

1. **Club Attendance Log Automation Next Month**
 - a. **We'll use HamClubOnline for recording attendance**
 - b. **PC in the back of the room**
 - c. **Put your callsign in and record your attendance**
2. **Bequest Forms for Donations to the Club**
 - a. **Paul is going to engage with a Florida attorney**
3. **Audit of TARC Financials**
 - a. **We have selected three members to conduct audit with Dwight**
1. **Patterson Foundation Giving Challenge April 15th 12:00pm to April 16th 12:00pm**
 - a. **SERC is approved for the matching donation**

- b. SERC maintains repeaters in Sarasota County
- c. Chip in if you can
- d. A link will be sent
- e. Antennas were damaged from the hurricanes
- f. Sarasota Military Academy has started a STEM club for middle schoolers

Any Other New Business or Comments from Our Membership?

1. Donation from Art's K4NUM XYL Sue
2. John ELH 40m chat net 1:30pm 7.251 LSB, please participate
3. Balloon launch by the Englewood Club N4EAR-1
 - a. Track with this URL <https://aprs.fi/#!z=11&call=a%2FN4EAR-1&others=1&timerange=604800&tail=604800>
 - b. Balloon launch by the Pineview club this fall
4. Dan W4DOD generously donated a 2kw portable gas generator to the club. Thank you Dan!
5. A Discussion about Field Day operations

After Meeting Presentation:

Motion to adjourn by Steve KN4NFX, seconded by Gerard KQ4DVD, at 7:22 pm

Next TARC meeting – April 8th, 2026, at 6:30 pm

Submitted by,

Lou Ronnau KC4LR

TARC Secretary