

The MODULATOR



The NEWS and VIEWS of
The Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
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The FMARC meets every last Tuesday night 7:15 PM

The President's Message

We had a good picnic weather was excellent and many hams and their xyls attended. Several OMs Hugh, Earl et al. All had a good time. Don the grill master did a great job with the cooking, and all were well fed.

We checked out the new push-up cover and packed it in its case, now we don't always have to depend on others for shelter from sun and rain.

We will have a special meeting this month so try to attend. Most of the road construction is finished and with daylight savings here it is much easier to find the meeting.

Now is the time to start planing for field day June 28 & 29 at the North Fort Myers Community Park. (Behind the library, same place as last year.)

73 to all,
Joe N3NAI

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A.L.E.R.T.

The All Lee Emergency Response Team (A.L.E.R.T.) is looking for volunteer licensed amateur operators. We need volunteers to man the shelters, hospitals, fire and police departments and other critical facilities during and after severe storms. If you would like to provide a much needed service to your community, Call Dave Penezic, WA4GUK, R.A.C.E.S. Officer at:
Phone: (239) 368-2552 Email: wa4guk@arrl.net

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING is the **2nd** Wednesday of each month at the Araba Shrine on Hanson Street in Fort Myers at **7:30 PM**. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss plans and issues for the club. Members are encouraged to attend.

REGULAR CLUB MEETING & PROGRAM: is the **"last"** Tuesday of each month. Membership, friends and interested persons meet at the Riverside Community Center (3061 E Riverside Dr Fort Myers, FL 33916 239-461-3788) at **7:15 PM** for reports from all Committee Chair Persons, announcements of present and future activity, old business issues, any new business for the Club and a program and/or speaker for the meeting.

THE GULF COAST AREA REPEATER CLUB membership also meets at the Riverside Community Center (3061 E Riverside Dr Fort Myers, FL 33916 239-461-3788). The club's board of directors meet on the **FIRST** Thursday of **"odd"** months at **7:30 PM** for conducting business and discussing issues for the club. The regular meeting of the membership and friends is on the **FIRST** Thursday of **"even"** months at **7:30 PM**.

The SWAP SHOP gathering of Hams and friends is on the **2nd & last** Saturdays at **noon** at the Club House area in Waterway Park Estates at 5820 Poetry Lane in North Fort Myers. Sell, Swap and Bargain.

VOLUNTEER EXAMINERS conduct testing for Amateur Radio FCC License application qualifications on the **2nd** Thursday at **6:30 PM** at the Emergency Operations Center on Ortiz Avenue.

THE MODULATOR STAFF

It was determined at the March Board of Directors meeting that the revised Staff for the FMARC monthly newsletter, "THE MODULATOR", is now complete.

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Also, it was reconfirmed that the deadline for news and articles is the 15th of the month to the Reporters.

Modulator Submissions of articles and ads should be sent as early as possible by email to **modulator@richgr.users.panix.com**. **IMPORTANT:** To avoid my spam trap, the subject **MUST** start with [**Modulator**] including the square brackets or it may be missed. Plain text is preferred and please DON'T send all upper case. Call me at 239 543 1353 if you have any questions or problems submitting an item. Ads are free to members and are accepted on a space available basis and may be edited for clarity or space.

Every member of F.M.A.R.C., not just the reporters, are invited to submit articles for the Modulator.

Minutes of FMARC meeting 03-25-2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club was held at Riverside Community Center on March 25, 2008 at 7:15PM. Officers present were President Joe Ryan, N3NAI; VP Mike Meehan, KI4PTZ; Sec'y. G.E.Sammons, WA4DQE; Treas. Colleen Sammons, KQ4TR and Board members Len Foster, VA3LGF and Don Marzonie, KF4PHB.

The Pledge to Flag of the United States of America was said in unison. First time guests were introduced and welcomed. The minutes were approved as printed in the Modulator. A moment of silence was held for SK John J. Radigan, N8KK. Colleen gave the treasurers report which was placed on file.

Committee Reports-- Education --Larry, W4LWZ is running a General class now and a Tech class will follow. For more information call 282-1526. He also reported the January 19, 2009 Hamfest at Araba Shriners is in the planning stage and he needs your help so contact him.

Social -- Colleen, KQ4TR reported about the Picnic that will be over by the time you read this. I hope you attended.

Program -- John, KI4JFO reported on the program for tonight. Morgan Palmer from one of our local TV stations.

Modulator--- Rich, N6LRT is the new publisher and has two reporters Len, VA3LGF and Darrell, N4OKS, so give them your articles for the Modulator.

EC---Dave, WA4GUK gave his report on EC and ALERT.

VE – Mike, K4HN Reported on testing and that they were short on VE's at last test session.

John, KI4JFO will man the Hurricane Hunter Aircraft Ham Radio display at Page Field. There will be radio setups for the kid to make contacts so he will need lots of help so contact him and see what you can do.

Colleen moved we purchase a club stamp to help the special events mailings and future club use. seconded and approved. Mike, KI4PTZ offered to print up some labels for them.

50/50 \$26.00 Meeting adjourned at 8:18PM

The FMARC Board meeting was held at Araba Shriners on April 9, 2008 at 7:30PM Officers present were President Joe Ryan, N3NAI; VP Mike Meehan, KI4PTZ; Sec'y. G.E.Sammons, WA4DQE; Treas. Colleen Sammons, KQ4TR and Board member Len Foster, VA3LGF. Guests were KI4GED, AE4DP, K9GZT, KI4MGF, KI4ZXL, W4LWZ, N4OKS, +KI4MGE, WB8UUJ, & N6LRT.

Colleen gave the treasurers report. The minutes were approved as printed in the Modulator. Unfinished business--Business operating procedures are in the making. Mike, KI4PTZ is researching. New Business -- Mike moved we pay for the gift. Seconded and approved. Larry informed us that W4LX has been renewed and good until 2018. Larry also recommended we buy an LCD projector and screen. John, KI4JFO donated a screen to the club. Anyone want to donate an LCD projector to the club?? Thanks John.

Chuck, KI4MGE told the board of a youth member who needs our help. Brian Murray, KI4FMJ is very active with ALERT and is a emergency volunteer and works for all club functions. He needs books for college and the cost is \$500.00. If you would like to help him send your check to FMARC P.O. Box 61183 Ft. Myers, Fl 33906 and we will get the funds to him. I hope we all help this boy out..

Joe reminded us that Field Day is June 28-29 this year at same place. N. Ft. Myers Community Park in back of the Library. Meeting adjourned 8:30PM GE, WA4DQE

VHF Society Conference

2008 12th annual Southeastern VHF Society Conference will be held 25-26 Apr 2008 at the Holiday Inn/UCF in Orlando, FL. The society is comprised of amateurs who have a primary interest in VHF/UHF Microwave weak signal communications, propagation, equipment design and construction. Professional presentations of papers on these topics will be given and published in ARRL proceedings.

Contact: HFS Conference, c/o Walter Dail, K4HV, 1965 Benjamin Rd., Malabar, FL+32950.

At the March meeting of the Board of Directors, Larry Zimmer W4LWZ, Hamfest Chair Person, announced that he has received a "tentative" approval from the ARRL Southeast Division Director for our hosting the South Florida ARRL Convention Hamfest. Firm approval is anticipated forthcoming from the ARRL National Executive Board and we will be advised of the confirmation. What does this mean? Well, the picture is a much larger situation with expanded conditions in practically all areas of the event. A Larger attendance is expected and probably more Forums for education, information about radio equipment and CW programs. And we will find ourselves busier with putting together working groups to make this annual money making event better than all done before. Be ready to "roll up your sleeves" and answer the call to assist in one of the many groups that strive to put together our annual event. Know that you are a very important person in making this new Hamfest a South Florida success.

Reporter N4OKS

A PROJECTOR IS BEING SOUGHT

When we attend monthly meetings at Riverside Community Center in Fort Myers, we sometimes are treated to a projection of the speaker's program with the use of a projector on a computer. This is a much more interesting & educational presentation with a projector. But when you consider all the other uses a projector allows, the ownership is very important for the Club. The item is a tool for teaching and entertainment and can be used portable in numerous places, like Field Day displays and at the Hamfest Forum displays. Larry Zimmer, W4LWZ, for example, would really like the use of a projector as a teaching tool for a number of free Power Point programs in effectively explaining numerous areas of understanding Amateur Radio in teaching Technician and General Classes for new students. This makes a big difference in being able to understand Amateur Radio.

The Board of Directors requested that Len Foster, VA3LGF, look into the reality of the Club's purchasing a projector and bring the information to the Board at the next .meeting.

Reporter N4OKS

EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Something new has been suggested and briefly discussed in the recent Board of Directors meeting. This is an idea that has merit and purpose in extending our group considerations to the needs of one of our youth members struggling with a lack of funds for college plans. Hundreds of students who have special talents are awarded scholarship grants by colleges but too often this is a selected few in the face of the multitude of students left behind. Ham Radio is not taught in schools; our Elmers do the yeoman's job in Amateur Radio education

So, when we see a young person being an Elmer and ready to help in any way possible, our attention comes alive and we get to know this individual with a real sense of appreciation. He is an example to other youth, especially those whom he teaches and a credit to our wireless Fraternity. You probably know Brian Murray, KI4FMJ, for he is around when it is possible to be away from a job and school commitments. Brian graduates from High School this spring and hopes to enroll in college - but he needs help. That's where you and I become most important to our Club's new effort. This is a contribution program under the sponsorship of our Board of Directors. I feel we have all helped other people at time past in our lives and it is a good feeling. Now we have a chance to make a difference in helping one of our own. A young man worthy of our attention can set a precedent for future young people; leaders who keep Amateur Radio alive and well for the present and future of the community. More, later, about this new idea of a Club Scholarship. In the meantime, should you get the "itch" to help a bit, ear-mark your contribution for the Scholarship Fund. This is an independent effort that's separate from any other program of the F.M.A.R.C.

Reporter N4OKS

Special Event followup

Concerning the Special Event that was held at the Edison Estate From Feb. 11th to the 15th, Stella Gurka WB2FAU wanted to announce that 4 volunteers, Stella WB2FAU, Charles Istenes KI4GED, Steven Susch, K2PLI and Tom Root WB8UUJ spent 3 days making out the certificates and QSL cards that totaled 244. She appreciates the past and future volunteers to help in this event.. 73 & 88's

Submitted by Stella Gurka WB2FAU

April, 2008 meeting notice:

The April meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 29 and is going to be dedicated to Earl Spencer. We will honor Earl for his 41 years of dedicated service To the Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club. His dedication To amateur radio has been outstanding. Please plan to attend this meeting to honor Earl Spencer K4FQU.

John Sholtis, KI4JFO Program director.

Classified ads

For sale: USB adapter to add an ethernet port to a PC having a USB port. \$5.

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For sale: Linksys BESFR41 4 port router.

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Got a new digital camera, so the old one is for sale. Concord 2000 complete with USB cable and software. \$10.

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| 11 Round Table 7:30 AM Loggerhead 7:30 PM | 12 Round Table 7:30 AM SWFT Net 10:00 AM QCWA 11:30 AM Steak & Ale on US 41 in Fort Myers, lunch. | 13 Round Table 7:30 AM SWFT Net 10:00 AM | 14 Round Table 7:30 AM SWFL Net 10:00 AM FMARC Board Meeting at Araba Shrine 7:30 PM on Hansen Street, FM Lee ALERT 7:30 PM | 8 Round Table 7:30 AM SWFT Net 10:00 AM Volunteer Examiners at EOC building 6:30 PM CC Gabfest 8:00 PM | 9 Round Table 7:30 AM SWFT Net 10:00 AM | 10 Non Perishable Groceries at your Mail Box * FMARC Swap Shop 12:noon till Bargain - Sell - Swap Waterway Park C. C. |
| 18 Round Table 7:30 AM Loggerhead 7:30 PM | 19 Round Table 7:30 AM SWFT Net 10:00 | 20 Round Table 7:30 AM SWFT Net 10:00 AM | 21 Round Table 7:30 AM SWFT Net 10:00 AM Lee ALERT 7:30 PM | 15 Round Table 7:30 AM SWFT Net 10:00 AM CC Gabfest 8:00 PM Deadline of anything to Reporters for the Modulator newsletter. | 16 Round Table 7:30 AM SWFT Net 10:00 AM | 17 Round Table 7:30 AM SWFT Net 10:00 AM |
| 25 Round Table 7:30 AM Loggerhead 7:30 PM | 26 Round Table 7:30 AM SWFT Net 10:00 AM | 27 Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club monthly scheduled meeting, 7:15 PM, Riverside Community Center. | 28 Round Table 7:30 AM SWFT Net 10:00 AM Lee ALERT 7:30 PM | 22 Round Table 7:30 AM SWFT Net 10:00 AM CC Gabfest 8:00 PM | 23 Round Table 7:30 AM SWFT Net 10:00 AM | 24 Round Table 7:30 AM SWFT Net 10:00 AM |
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FORT MYERS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB. Inc.

Membership Application Form Date: _____

- Full single membership \$10 per year
- Family membership \$13 per year
- Associate membership (Non-licensed only) .. \$ 8 per year
- Family membership (Non-licensed only) \$13 per year

New Members must complete this form and mail together with your check or submit it at a meeting.
Current members only need to complete this form if your address or other information has changed.
New Members: Please do not submit your dues without this form. Make checks payable to FMARC.

Amount enclosed _____ Check Cash New Renewal

Name: _____ Call: _____

Spouse Name (Opt) _____ Call: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ ARRL member (Y) (N) License N T G A E (circle one)

Email: _____

Summer Address _____

Months Gone From _____ Until _____

Check which of the following committees you would like to work on:

- Education Program Membership Public Relations Hamfest Social VE Testing
Interference Newsletter Nomination Field Day Social Events
Other _____

Please bring this form to a meeting or mail to: P.O. Box 061183 Fort Myers, Fl 33906

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