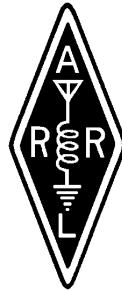


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The NEWS and VIEWS of
The Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 061183
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Founded 1957

Visit our web site at WWW.FMARC.NET

The FMARC meets the last Tuesday of every month at 7:15pm

The President's Message

We are in the hot times of summer in SW fl so stay cool and well watered. Field day is over and we did well. 814 contacts, 47 states and 5 provinces of Canada. Point count is not ready yet. Paul W1RP and Russ AI4OH did almost the full 24 hrs at the key and mic. Others help set up and tear down and or hauled equipment. Mike KI4PTZ did the computers this year, I want to thank all who helped make it a success. We had some problems and the bands we not very friendly but we proved again that we can communicate no matter what the adversity.

This Modulator is going to the members of the GCARC with an information letter. We ask that both club members read and comment on the proposal. By Sept 30, 2009 we want your opinions and suggestions and then there will be a vote on the offer AND THE FINAL DECISION WILL BE YOURS THE MEMBERS OF THE CLUBS.

73,
Joseph Ryan

P.S. CLUB SHIRTS KELLY GREEN WITH WHITE PRINTING \$15.00.
Order at the meeting or e-mail Pres@fmarc.net Or contact Darrell Phillips N4OKS for info.

P.P.S See club equipment for sale in last month's Modulator. No room this month.

F.M.A.R.C. INFORMATION:

The Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club, Inc., is a non-profit corporation of both Federal Communication Commission and internationally licensed radio operators who volunteer themselves and their communications equipment in support of emergency and community services.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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Open	Program
Larry Zimmer, W4LWZ,	Annual Hamfest
Larry Zimmer, W4LWZ,	Education
Larry Zimmer, W4LWZ,	W4LX Trustee

The club's web site can be found at:

<http://www.fmarc.net>

A list of local repeaters can be found at:

http://www.fmarc.net/local_repeater.htm

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:

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.

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.

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

The Modulator is a organization publication for the purpose of informing members of F.M.A.R.C. of educational and training opportunities, club events, relevant news articles and a monthly calendar of daily activities, meetings and dates.

All inquiries can be made to F.M.A.R.C., Inc. at P.O. Box 061183, Fort Myers, FL 33906

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A second reporter slot is open.

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.

FMARC "LUNCH BUNCH"

Buddy Freddy's
NW Corner of Bus 41 and Pine Island Rd
North Ft. Myers
Every Thursday, 11:30am

Lunch Bunch on break

Please note the "lunch bunch" is shutting down for a few months. We will start meeting again in the month of September. This is due to a lack of people attending. Questions? Contact Social Activities Chairperson: Susan Sherman, KI4ZXL, smnp55@embarqmail.com or 239-772-4274.

FMARC General Meeting Minutes June 30, 2009

Call to order at 7:30pm. Pledge of Allegiance. Silent Key: K3JTD BILLIE G KEY. No further information available. Sick: none.

Committee Reports:

Education - general class starting in next 2 weeks; tech class will follow.

Hamfest - no news.

501c3 - committee meeting next week, will have more to report at next meeting.

Public relations - Darryl did a very nice job with the Field Day article in the Cape Coral Breeze. Quite a few people visited after seeing the article.

VE Testing - 3 more new Techs.

ALERT - Dave attended statewide meeting in Tallahassee. Each section in the state gave a readiness report. RACES - per FCC order - will see its demise October 1.

Interference - None.

Modulator - Need articles!

Social - Nothing pending.

Website - no news.

Field Day - Total contacts 804, running 4 stations. The logging program was very successful and as was the networking of the PC's at each station. More details to come.

New Business: Call for Elmers Group. We need someone to volunteer to lead this group. We have many new hams in the area and new club members. Interested persons should see Susan KI4ZXL who has resource materials for an Elmer's group.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm for coffee, donuts and fellowship.

Note: Prior to the general meeting a joint board meeting of FMARC and GCARC was held to discuss the possible merger of the two clubs. Pros and cons were discussed. A letter to the membership of both clubs will be drafted and published in the next Modulator. That Modulator will be sent to the GCARC membership too.

Respectfully submitted,
KI4ZXL

**Board Meeting Minutes
7/8/2009**

Meeting canceled due to lack of quorum.

**ICQ Amateur / Ham Radio Podcast
Celebrating 1 Year of Great
Information and Learning**

July 2009 marks our first anniversary-We have really enjoyed producing our fortnightly Amateur / Ham radio podcast-ICQ Podcast. Over the last year, we have covered training topics, new products, award schemes, roundtable discussions and technical features.

Our audience is growing, encouraging us to explore new features and to be able to gain interviews with some of the leading people within our hobby. And the best part is all the information the ICQ Podcast produces is free for you to download.

This July our first issue includes an interview with 80m SSB AM (MKARS80) creator Steve Drury, G6ALU and our mid-July issue, we are joined by author Ian Poole, G3YWX.

It's really easy to get involved. Either visit the ICQ Podcast website at

<<http://www.icqpodcast.com>>

and download an episode or two, or subscribe using iTunes or any other MP3 client. For more information of supported services, visit:

<<http://www.icqpodcast.com/podcast>>

I Hope you enjoy listening to the podcast.

Martin Butler
M1MRB

Important FMARC/GCARC Merger info

See insert this issue and please respond. Your opinions are important for the future of both clubs.

Modulator news

A few new features in this issue. Updated club logo, de-emphasize RACES logo (RACES is going away), and improved calendar.

Please welcome these new members:

Timothy D Bennett KJ4MVY
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For Sale

HF Amp Ameritron AL82 w/ manual - \$800.;;
IC-735 w/ps, mike, manual -\$250.00;
MFJ 989c Tuner w/manual -\$200.;;
IC 746 PRO w/ ps, mike, manual \$600
Swan 350 ham bands only w/ ps, spkr, manual
\$175. Prices negotiable
Bill Reynolds, K2ZEL Phone 239-992-4708

Calendar

Darrell is still feeling "under the weather", so I will be doing the calender again this month.

Re the calendar:

- 1) Are there any special events in August (or later) that should be in the calendar?
- 2) Are there any regular events that should be added to each month in the calendar?
- 3) In the event that Darrell will not be able to pick up the calendar again, is there anyone else that might be interested in doing it? Darrell and I will help you getting it set up.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>August 2009</h1>						1 RoundTable 7:30am SWFT net 10:00 am
2 RoundTable 7:30am Loggerhead 7:30pm	3 RoundTable 7:30am SWFT net 10:00am GCARC Net 7:30pm	4 RoundTable 7:30am SWFT net 10:00 am	5 RoundTable 7:30am SWFT net 10:00 am Lee ALERT 7:30pm	6 GCARC general 7:30pm RoundTable 7:30am SWFT net 10:00 am CC gabfest 8:00pm	7 RoundTable 7:30am SWFT net 10:00 am	8 Swap Shop Waterway Park Noon RoundTable 7:30am SWFT net 10:00 am
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