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The NEWS and VIEWS of
The Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 061183
Fort Myers, Fl. 33906

Visit our web site at WWW.FMARC.NET

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

The President's Message

First there was no board meeting due to Vacations etc. And it is now time to plan for field day. Anyone wanting to be a band captain please contact myself or Mike KI4PTZ. Being a band captain means to organize the radio, computer and the odds and ends of the station you do not have to be the only operator or stay the whole 24 hours we ask that the equipment say the duration. Also one station will be designated for sign up for a block of time I realize a lot of people can't do a long time at the Mic or key. Also we can use evening relief people to start around midnight. Mike has the software and the club has the poles and antennas and wire. There will be an organizational meeting June 13 at 10:00am before the swap shop at Waterway Park.

Field Day is June 27-28 At the North Fort Myers Community Park 2021 North Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers, FL 33903 26.688922, -81.886449 N 26\260 41.3353', W 081\260 53.1869'. See www.fmarc.com for more info.

Field day pins are available pay Norma Remson \$5.00 prepaid. Club Shirts Kelly green with screen print club logo \$15. see N3NAI Or Darrell N4OKS. More info inside

Joe Ryan
N3NAI

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:

President,	Joe Ryan
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COMMITTEE CHAIR PERSONS:

John Anderson, KE0TG,	Membership
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"Butch" Brown, KE4CB,	The Swap Shop
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Edward Radke, K9GZT,	Greeter
Joe Ryan, N3NAI,	Scheduled Contests
Susan Sherman, KI4ZXL	Social Activity
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

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with fellow Hams, share a meal and camaraderie. Bring a guest! Bring a Friend! Bring a Radio! It's also a great way to introduce individuals to the hobby who may be interested in becoming a Ham. See you there!!

Questions? Contact Social Activities Chairperson:
Susan Sherman, KI4ZXL,
smnp55@embarqmail.com or 239-772-4274.

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 and swine flu fears.

Roger L Diekema KI4NQM

General Meeting Minutes 4/28/2009

Call to order at 7:20. Pledge of allegiance, No silent keys, Illnesses none.

Treasurer's report: Norma purchased 6 month CD with 2.5% interest. Norma now has all previous treasurers' records. Joe will convert to new format so information can be used for 501 c 3 budget.

Minutes: accepted as published in the Modulator.

No corrections or additions.

Committees: Hamfest: nothing to report. Education: class to start mid-June. 501(c)3 Committee: to schedule meeting to start application process. VE Testing: Had 1st testing using Laurel Group. 10 candidates, 8 tech, 2 general, all passed. There was a much faster turnaround with processing the paperwork. All candidates had their licenses by the following week. ARES: Next fact to face meeting is May 20 at 7:30 pm at the EOC on Ortiz Ave.

Special Events: Joe showed new proposed QSL card that can be printed by the same printer who prints the Modulator. Can get 400 cards for \$22.00.

Motion by Larry, second by Jim to approve new QSL cards. Motion carried unanimously.

Modulator: nothing new. PR: Jim wrote a thank you letter to the Edison Estate. Darryl will handle PR for Field Day.

Field Day: Organizational meeting 10:00 am June 13 prior to Swap Shop at Waterway Estates Park. T-shirts and pins will be available for purchase. The decision on which type of shirt will be made at May general meeting. Pins are \$5.00 in advance to Norma.

New Business: Club call W4LX can be borrowed upon approval of the trustee, Larry Zimmer W4LWZ. Application to borrow for specific event or purpose can be obtained by contacting Larry.

Addition to Field Day: Motion to approve \$250.00 budget for the purchase of filters (each about \$35.00). Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation: Mike Mehan discussed networking all computers on Field Day so data is stored on a central sever. Mike is still working on perfecting the network and is making progress.

Susan Sherman, Secretary

May board meeting cancelled No minutes

Announcement: There will be No Board Meeting in May due to most members out of town and no quorum.

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Matthew W Kania - N3JSS 66, of Cape Coral, passed away on February 10th 2009.

George Williams, 89, peacefully passed away on May 3, 2009 in Ft. Myers, FL. Served in the 32nd Division of the 128th Infantry. A founding member of the South West Florida Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa. He was an avid amateur radio operator (W4KOB) and introduced many others throughout the world to his enjoyable hobby. Sept. 6, 1919 - May 3, 2009.

For Sale

Items given or consigned to the club

Power supplies: 2- 4amp \$5.00

ASTRONS: 1-7amp \$15. 1-20amp \$40 2-35 Amp \$85 with meters

1-18v Lamda \$5.00

Amplifiers: 3 ht 30 watt \$30to \$50

1 al572 1300 watt pep 4 tube 3 extra tubes.

MFJ 3kw tuner cables 220v 20amp \$900

Radios: ic 735 \$275 ic251 all mode 144 built in P/S \$125

Package: ic720a needs band switch lubed relay type ic5p3 speaker and mike, icps15ps \$300

Alinco 191 HT with drop in charger, 1 good batt & 1 fair batt \$50

Cushcraft r600 new in box \$300 will take \$150

firm.

Joe Ryan N3NAI

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Boy Scout Show

The Fort Myers Radio Club was asked to set up a display of amateur radio at the Boy Scout Show. On May ninth Amateur Radio was represented by David Penezic (WA4GUK), Phil Jansen (AF4VE), Jolene Dergman (KJ4LCP) and Harold Petersen (KB9LXM). Harold is the Vice-President of the Saint Petersburg Amateur Radio Club. Phil and I set up the antennas and tents on Friday night. The four of us set up the tables and radios on Saturday morning. We had good time demonstrating Amateur Radio to Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and their parents.

David Penezic

GCARC News

The GCARC (Gulf Coast Area Repeater Club) had their Board Meeting on 05-07-2009, and there was a discussion of a possible Merger with the FMARC (Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club). They also need a Net Control Person for the Monday night nets.

Stella J. Gurka WB2FAU

THE NEW KELLY GREEN CLUB SHIRT

Our President, Joseph Ryan N3NAI, has a great idea and one that is long overdue for the membership. A light weight Kelly Green knit polo shirt with our club's logo in white print on the upper left side of the garment. It would be simple and attractive, something that would identify each of us as part of the Fort Myers Amaterur Radio Club. The price we have been quoted for this shirt, delivered, is resonable for all of us at \$15.00 each, with a minimum order of 30 shirts. However, ordering these shirts is a matter of your letting us know your size (pay when you get your shirt).

Many of us have an embroidered Kelly Green vest that we wear on special occasions and that is good but some of us don't have vests as yet. Hopefully, we will find an embroidery source that is reasonable but for the present we are still researching the project .

Having a Kelly Green light-weight knit shirt is a comfortable thought for a warm Florida June day. Seeing the larger number of our membership wearing this shirt at special events, such as the annual Field Day, can be very impressive to the public. We are attempting to attract the public's attention in what we do and extending our Club as a non-profit, charitable tax exempt organization, the later of which is being formulated as a permanent arrangement for FMARC.

Our May 26th meeting of the membership at Riverside Community Center would be a good time for you to let us know your wanting a shirt and your size. Since this is a club activity, you would pay for your shirt when the item is delivered to you. What a need-to-know-now is your size as that is how the shirts will be ordered. If we receive more than 30 shirt orders, we will order that many more shirts. No one will be left out but your order & size is necessary. And, if your can not be at the May 26th meeting, let any of us know via phone or e-mail. There is a limited time for an order to be sent to the wholesaler and have it returned (about 3 weeks) in time for the 2009 Field Day event.. So, don't delay, let us hear from you, somehow, and we all will be sporting a nice Kelly Green club shirt.

Submitted by Darrell Phillips

2009 FIELD DAY USA

Most of us in FMARC know about the upcoming annual contacts event of Hams throughout the nation. It actually lasts for only 24 hours but we set up for just any move of transceiving possible for this display of practical procedures. The public is invited to see how it is all done and we are pleased to perform for the exercise and explain any questions that might be asked. The most important part of this arrangement is the massive participation

of the membership - that's all of you and any friends or family you might bring along.

Be at our club house at Waterway Estates Park. June 27th, at 9:00 o'clock in the morning, can be a blessed assistance to gathering just about everything possible for the several stations set-up and all the equipment that makes it possible for performance.. Do Come; we need you each and everyone. At 10:00 o'clock we are setting up at the field day site at the North Fort Myers Community Park pavilion building - west of (behind) the North Fort Myers Library on business US 41 - located between Pine Island Road / Bayshore Road and Littleton Road - on the west side of Bus. US 41. If this is confusing, directions and a map are displayed on our <http://www.fmarc.net/> Web Site.

Believe us when we say that your presence is vitally important. If not in the morning - then in the afternoon - and if not then - in the evening and even at night. We take turns at manning the stations - hopefully six this year - and spell each other all through the day and night hours. Why do we do all this? Well, it is our way of show & tell to the community once a year - of what our volunteer services provide when all else fails in communication services. The show begins promptly at 2:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Yes, we feed the troops with lunch and supper and breakfast. Relish some of Larry Zimmer's home made chili and maybe some mulligan stew. Savor a hot dog or burger along with coffee and sodas. We try to make your time worthwhile and comfortable but it takes your being around to complete the larger picture of activities. Don't think for a minute that there isn't something for you to do as it takes a lot of hands to make this day a success. You really don't need to sign-up for anything in particular although you might have an idea of something you like to do - and that's great!

Finally, at the finishing hour of 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon, we say 73 to our friends far and near and wish them well for another year. However, our work is not finished for we have to gather up all our equipment and return it to the club house at Waterway Estates Park. Disassembling and packing up numerous items is important for we take care of

our equipment to make it ready for the next activity we could be asked to perform.

Let us say that each year we get a little better at performing as a Club and we certainly can be proud our combined efforts. Yeah, we're Volunteers and do something that is very special for our community, especially in an emergency situation. There is another arrangement being offered this year and you'll read more about this in another article. President Ryan is in contact with a wholesale clothing company for a Kelly Green polo light-weight knit shirt with our logo in white on the upper left front of the shirt. Always before it has been difficult to determine who were actually FMARC club members for we all dressed in casual clothing of different garments and colors. However, if we can all have a Kelly Green club shirt, then we'll be properly recognized for our presence and performance to the public.

Mark your calendars - Saturday, June 27th and Sunday, June 28th. This a really fun time of our doing something very important together and it happens only once a year. Let's make 2009 an event to be remembered simply because you were there to lend a hand and enjoy doing something with your Ham friends.

Submitted by Darrell Phillips

Google Group for FMARC

One of the ways we have for the club to communicate with the members is a Google Group. This is an email forwarding system where ANYONE that belongs can email it and it will be forwarded to the entire group.

The club officers will try to post meeting notices and other event schedules using this group.

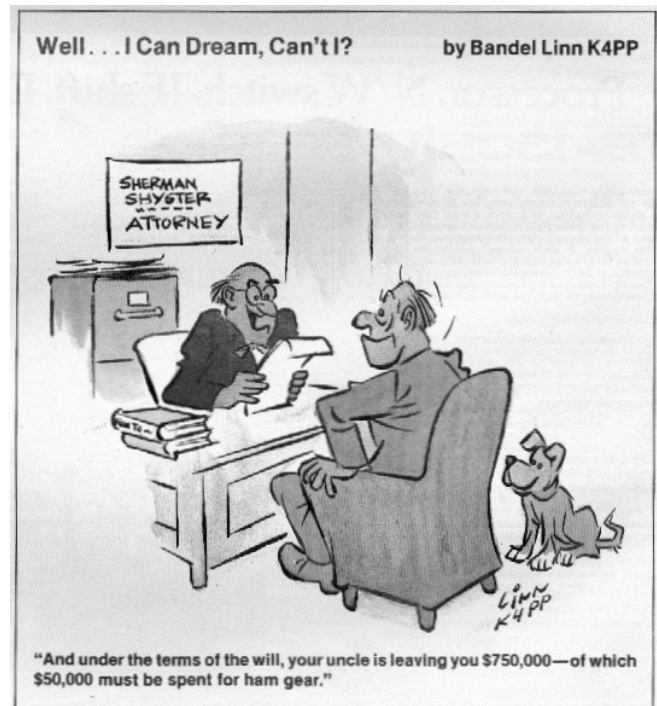
To join the group, go to:

<http://groups.google.com/group/FMARC>

Any question on this please contact Mike Meehan at: ki4ptz@arll.net



This is the type of shirt we are looking at



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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28	Round Table 7:30 AM Loggethead 7:30 PM 2009 Field Day End 2pm	29 Round Table 7:30 AM SWFT Net 10:00 AM	30 Round Table 7:30 AM SWFT Net 10:00 AM Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club monthly scheduled meeting, 7:15 PM, Riverside Community Center.	JUNE 2009 NETS OF RECORD. Daily & Weekly Round Table (club news) 147.345 MHz. Daily, 7:30 AM S.W. Florida Traffic Net, 147.345 & 15.170, Mon-Sat, 10:00 AM Gulf Coast Area Repairer Club, 147.345, Mon., 7:30 PM All Lee Emergency Response Team, 146.880, Wed. 7:30 PM Loggethead, 146.790 MHz, Sunday, 7:30 PM Cape Coral Gabfest, 146.490 MHz, Thursday, 8:00 PM				2009 Field Day Start 2pm

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