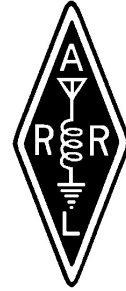


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The NEWS and VIEWS of
The Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 061183
Fort Myers, FL 33906

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Visit our web site at WWW.FMARC.NET

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

The President's Message

At the meeting Tuesday night we will be voting on the new constitution for the combined clubs of FMARC and the GCARC. The constitution committee worked diligently for the last 9 months to produce this constitution. I would like to thank the members of both clubs that worked to finalize the constitution. This constitution was distributed to all members of both clubs last month. So far I have received no comments and if you have any I would like to get them before the meeting on Tuesday. The GCARC has voted to approve the new constitution at their October meeting.

The board has selected The Clubhouse Grille in Cape Coral for the Christmas party and installation of officers. More about the selection from the menu and the date will be discussed at the meeting.

It is nice to see that the 440 repeater is back on the air after a prolonged absence. I hope that you have had a chance to try it. The technical committee would like to hear any signal strength reports that you might have.

73, Paul W1RP

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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Larry Stiles, WF4LS. VE Coordinator
Larry Zimmer, W4LWZ.. W4LX Trustee
Mike Meehan, KI4PTZ. Webmaster

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_repeaters.htm

A.L.E.R.T.

The All Lee Emergency Response Team (A.L.E.R.T.) is looking for volunteer licensed ham radio operators. We need volunteers to man the shelters, hospitals, fire and police departments, and other critical facilities both during and after severe storms. If you would like to provide a much needed service to your community, contact Larry Zimmer (W4LWZ), Lee County Emergency Coordinator, at: Phone: (239) 282-1526 Email: w4lwz@arrl.net

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

REGULAR CLUB MEETING & PROGRAM:

is the "last" Tuesday of each month. Members, 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 chairpersons, 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 clubhouse in Waterway Park 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 an organizational 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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The deadline for news and articles is the 15th of the month.

Submissions of articles and ads for the Modulator should be sent as early as possible by email to **TBennettcc@hotmail.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 uppercase. Call me at (239) 691-0682 if you have any questions or problems submitting an item. Ads are free to members, are accepted on a space-available basis, and may be edited for clarity or space.

Every member of F.M.A.R.C. is invited to submit articles for the Modulator.

FMARC "LUNCH BUNCH"

The Golden Corral
4690 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL
3/4 of a mile west of I-75
Every Thursday, 12:30pm

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 Roger L. Diekema (KI4NQM), diekema4@hotmail.com or (239) 656-6709 (home), (239) 247-2725 (cell).

General Meeting Minutes - 9/28/10

Meeting called to order: 7:22pm

Health and Welfare: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's report: Bills have been paid. Norma (KI4JFN) has one Field Day 2010 pin left. Field Day 2010 pins are \$5.

Secretary's report: Club vests were ordered and paid for. There were 12 orders made for vests. At the next general meeting Brittany (KJ4OYP) will have one of every size vest for you to try on and place an order if you're interested in purchasing one. Vests are \$15 and the price for embroidery on the vests varies by what you want on the vest. Please see or contact Brittany for more information. The Spring Picnic has been reserved and paid for; the date will be March 19th, 2011 at Paul Sanborn Park.

Attendance: We had some visitors and new members/hams join the meeting this month: Jeff Beals (WA4AW) and David Fowler (K4DLF) returned from the ARRL; Don Riegels, a new member of the FMARC and a non-ham who's interested in becoming licensed; and Bill Thomas (KD8WET) and Erik Mitchell (KJ4WXI), both visitors.

Old Business: The Lunch Bunch has resumed at the Golden Corral. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Roger (KI4NQM). Christmas dinner locations were discussed, the Club House Grille on Santa Barbara in Cape Coral was one to be looked at.

New business: Larry (W4LWZ) for ALERT: There will be a S.E.T. (Simulated Emergency Test/Training) on October 23rd. All ALERT members who would like to participate, please come to October's in-person meeting for further instruction and details. - Still looking for new members for ALERT. Larry (W4LWZ) for Education: General class is starting!!! If you'd like to join, please contact Larry for information. The classes will be held every Thursday night at the EOC off Ortiz at 7:30pm. There will be no class on Thanksgiving or nights with VE testing. Larry (W4LWZ) for Hamfest: is the 3rd weekend in January annually. Flyers are ready to be given out. Some were available at the meeting. We need to start putting up the flyers locally to get the public involved. Charles (KI4GED) was taking

some to Lambiefest. Larry (W4LWZ) for W4LX trustee: "I didn't hear that!!" Larry (W4LWZ), Joe (N3NAI), and Laing (NT4TS) were chosen as the nominating committee to choose the next slate of officers for FMARC. It's that time of the year again! Please send your Ham of the Year votes to Charles (KI4GED) either by e-mail or snail mail. All nominations MUST be turned in by November 9th. Joe (N3NAI) there is still a lot of items for sale at the swap shop. If you have anything you'd like to sell / donate / get information about, please join the swap shop and talk to Joe on the second and last Saturday of every month at 11am.

Other Business: Jeff Beals (WA4AW) was appointed Southeastern Division Vice Director. He came to tell us a little more about himself. He's been a member of our club for 40+ years. He was at one time a past president of FMARC in the 80's. He will be returning for our hamfest in January 2011. David Fowler (K4DLF) was appointed Section Manager and takes over on October 1st. What he told us the last time he came to visit, he still stands by every word. There will be ARRL town-hall meetings, a schedule to come soon. David is also going to be relinquishing his presidency of the West Palm Amateur Radio Club. He has just returned from ARRL training on how to be a section manager. He also encourages everyone to attend the Melbourne Hamfest. A side note: ARRL is still working out the bugs in their new website interface. Laing (NT4TS) would like to thank Casey (KC8GM) for bringing a large American flag for us to use.

Meeting adjourned: 8:24pm

Respectfully submitted,
Brittany (KJ4OYP) Club Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes - 10/13/10

Meeting called to order: 7:42pm

Attendance: KI4JFN, KJ4MUY, KJ4OYP, W1RP, KI4JFN, W4LWZ, KI4GED, N3NAI, NT4TS, W4OZ.

Health and Welfare: Nothing to report.

Secretary: Vests, running low on sizes available.

After the next General meeting we will discuss what sizes need to be re-ordered.

Treasurer's report: Bills paid, monthly report available for review.

Old Business: GCARC voted at the last meeting to accept the new Constitution and By-Laws as is. At our October general meeting we will vote on the Constitution and By-Laws. If anyone has questions, concerns or comments it needs to be sent to Paul (W1RP).

New business: After the 1st of the year, we will revisit the 501(c)(3) situation. Larry (W4LWZ), Darrell (N4OKS, silent key), Len (KJ4HZS), Sue (KI4ZXL) and Norma (KI4JFN) were the committee for 501(c)(3). We will revisit this discussion as the next meeting on whether we need to add people to this committee.

Hamfest: Tower Electronics bought 12 tables, MFJ bought 4 tables, there are still tables available. Paul (W1RP) brought up asking the city to install a toilet facility either on the park grounds, or in out clubhouse at the swap shop. We will further discuss this at the next Board meeting.

Other business: There has only been 2 Ham of The Year award nominations sent in. Please fill out your nomination and send it to Charles (KI4GED).

Meeting adjourned: 8:33pm

Respectfully submitted,
Brittany (KJ4OYP) Club Secretary

HAM OF THE YEAR!

It's that time of the year again! Ham of the year applications are due to Charles Istenes (KI4GED) by no later than November 9th, 2010. Applications can be submitted by e-mail or snail mail. The current Ham of the Year application is attached to this Modulator. This will be the last Modulator before the Ham of the Year applications are due, and a nominee picked. Please vote!

CHRISTMAS DINNERS

The FMARC Christmas dinner will be held at The Clubhouse Grille at 2114 Santa Barbara Boulevard in Cape Coral, FL 33914. (239) 541-8422. The Clubhouse Grille is a two-story restaurant with an elevator available for access to the second floor. The date will be decided at the FMARC October General Meeting.

The GCARC will hold their annual Christmas dinner at The Palm Restaurant inside the Holiday Inn at 2431 Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33901. (239) 332-3232. The date for the GCARC Christmas dinner is December 2nd, 2010.

HAMFESTS

The West Central Florida Section Convention (and the Tampa Bay Hamfest) is scheduled for 12/04/2010 at the Manatee Civic Center in Palmetto, Florida.

The South Florida Section Convention (and FMARC Hamfest) is scheduled for January 15th, 2010. The GCARC has decided to raffle off a Yaesu FT-60R dual band (2m/70cm) Handheld Transceiver. The FMARC raffle prizes are TBA.

A.L.E.R.T.

The All Lee Emergency Response Team held a Simulated Emergency Test (S.E.T.) on October 23rd, 2010, at 1000 hours local time. A simulated brushfire destroyed a simulated telephone switching station, rendering local phone communications impossible. 17 A.L.E.R.T. members checked in for the S.E.T. Two teams of two hams each were dispatched to shelters. Three hams manned the station at the EOC. The rest of the hams participated from their residences. Simulation lasted approximately two hours. Debriefing was held at the EOC at 1300 hours local time.

Leon Rediske (K9GCF) will be giving a presentation on Anderson PowerPole connectors, jumpers, and wiring configurations at the next in-person A.L.E.R.T. meeting.

LOCAL AREA NETS

In addition to the nets mentioned in the monthly calendar, Dave Penezic (WG4K) has two more nets that he would like everyone to know about. These nets are for the Naples club (Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida), and will probably require a good antenna to get the signal back and forth to and from Naples.

ARASWF 2-Meter Information Net

Wednesday, 7:00pm

146.670 MHz (- offset, PL 136.5 Hz)

Backup: 146.640 MHz (- offset, PL 136.5 Hz)

ARASWF 6-Meter Net

Monday, 7:30pm

50.200 MHz USB

FMARC DUES FOR 2011

Your FMARC membership expires December 31st, 2010. You may pay your dues at our regular monthly membership meetings, at our regular monthly board meetings, and at the Swap Shop meetings on the second and last Saturdays of every month. You may also pay by mail. Please make checks payable to FMARC. Mail to: FMARC, P.O. Box 061183, Fort Myers, FL 33906-1183. Dues schedule is as follows:

Full Single.	\$20
Family.	\$25
Associate (Non-licensed).....	\$10
Associate Family (Non-licensed).....	\$15

Dues are due by January 1st of every year. Persons not renewing by March 1st will be dropped from the FMARC roster. Please report any changes in your contact information to Brittany McDonnell (KJ4OYP) at KJ4OYP@hotmail.com. Membership [applications](#) are available on the FMARC website.

Norma Remson (KI4JFN)
FMARC Treasurer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November 2010</h1>						
	1 SWFTN 10:00am GCARC Net 7:30pm	2 SWFTN 10:00am	3 SWFTN 10:00am ALERT Net 7:30pm	4 SWFTN 10:00am Lunch Bunch 12:30pm GCARC Board 7:30pm C.C. Gabfest 8:00pm	5 SWFTN 10:00am	6 SWFTN 10:00am
7 Loggerhead Net 7:30pm Windmill Net 9:00pm	8 SWFTN 10:00am GCARC Net 7:30pm	9 SWFTN 10:00am	10 SWFTN 10:00am FMARC Board Meeting 7:30pm (ARABA) ALERT Net 7:30pm	11 SWFTN 10:00am Lunch Bunch 12:00pm VE Testing 6:15pm C.C. Gabfest 8:00pm	12 SWFTN 10:00am	13 SWFTN 10:00am Swap Shop 12:00pm (at Waterway Park)
14 Loggerhead Net 7:30pm Windmill Net 9:00pm	15 SWFTN 10:00am QCWA lunch 11:30am (at Mugs n' Jugs) GCARC Net 7:30pm	16 SWFTN 10:00am	17 SWFTN 10:00am ALERT 7:30pm (In-person mtg.)	18 SWFTN 10:00am Lunch Bunch 12:30pm C.C. Gabfest 8:00pm	19 SWFTN 10:00am	20 SWFTN 10:00am
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“HAM OF THE YEAR AWARD”

Please fill out the form below and nominate your choice for HAM OF THE YEAR award. The winner will be chosen from these nominations by a committee composed of past recipients, and the award will be presented at the annual “Christmas Party” in December.

Send your selection to Charles Istenes (KI4GED) at 310 Carol Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33905-3243 or email: KI4GED@arrl.net not later than November 9, 2010.

I _____ nominate
 _____ For the Ham of the Year

Award because: (Use additional pages if necessary)

Past recipients of the “HAM of the year AWARD” are:

<i>W4MPV</i> '82	<i>K4OVC</i> '83	<i>KF4JA</i> '84	KA8CXQ '85	WD9AHP '86	<i>K9ALX</i> '87
N4PSV '88	WA4EIC '89	<i>K4FQU</i> '90	AC4VW '91	<i>KC4GOA</i> '92	<i>KI4ZW</i> '93
K3KT '94	<i>WA4DQE</i> '95	<i>KQ4TR</i> '96	<i>N8EL</i> '97	<i>W3JI</i> '98	<i>WB8REJ</i> '99
KA4FZI '00	<i>KA4YHP</i> '01	KC4UCN '02	<i>W4PPG</i> '03	W4LWZ '04	<i>W4KET</i> '05
WG4K '06	KF4PHB '07	WB2FAU '08	KI4GED '09		

As the most recent recipient, KI4GED is the chairman with as many of the earlier recipients who wish to be on it forming the rest of the committee. Calls in *italics* are silent keys. Nominees should be chosen on the merits of the individual with regard to their contribution to amateur radio, FMARC and the community. Since this is a one time award, no past recipient can be considered.

