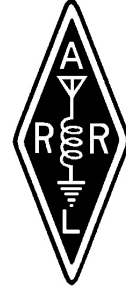


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The NEWS and VIEWS of
The Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 061183
Fort Myers, Fl. 33906

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

Well the year and the first decade of the 21st century is just about over. I want to wish all a merry Christmas happy Hanukkah and a happy healthy new year.

It has been a very unusual year for me, a lot of good, some bad and very challenging.

I think the club is on a good footing the merger with the repeater club will be done during the year and we will have a all inclusive club.

Please welcome the returning board members and the new elected officers and give them your support and also ideas. This is the member's club. I would like to thank you for allowing me to be your President for the last 2 years it was very interesting and challenging I have no regrets but for the loss of many friends that have passed.

So lets keep the club both for the future as well as the honoring of the past.

See you at the dinner and the hamfest.

73

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,	Paul Ramsden
(239) 549 5330	W1RP
Vice President,	John Sholtis
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Secretary,	Brittany McDonnell
(239 878 3139)	KJ4OYP
Treasurer,	Norma Remson
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Director,	Laing Batchler
(239) 214 0005	NT4TS
Director,	Larry Zimmer
(239) 282 1526	W4LWZ

COMMITTEE CHAIR PERSONS:

John Anderson, KE0TG,	Membership
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"Butch" Brown, KE4CB,	The Swap Shop
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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 Larry Zimmer, W4LWZ, R.A.C.E.S. Officer at:
Phone: (239) 282 1526 Email: w4lwz@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, 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 239-247-2725 cell.

This is the final paper Modulator

As previously decided at the Aug 25, 2009 general meeting (see the minutes in the Sept 2009 Modulator), this will be the last issue of the modulator that will be mailed to all members. Starting with the January 2010 issue you will have to go to the club web site (<http://www.fmarc.net/modulator.htm>) and either read it there or download and print a copy for yourself. Final details have not yet been determined, but initially, the Modulator will be formatted as it has been, so that a printed copy will look the same as it presently does. It will be a pdf file and will need Adobe Acrobat Reader or a similar program to view or print it. If you don't already have a pdf program such as Adobe Acrobat Reader, there is a link to download and install it on the same web page. Its free. An email notice of its availability will be sent out when each issue is ready. This notice will probably be sent via the club mailing list. It is **YOUR** responsibility to make sure you are subscribed to the list with your correct email address. If you do not have access to a computer, contact the club secretary (Brittany McDonnell, KJ4OYP, 239 878 3139). For an additional cost of \$12./year (tentative price, subject to change) to cover printing and first class postage, printed copies can be made available if the need exists.

Meeting Minutes, 11/24

Call to order at 7:15pm. Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from October meeting approved. Silent Key: Blaine Caudhill, WA4EIC. Sonya Schulte, KB4FQB. Illnesses: Update for GE Sammons - he is pretty much homebound for the winter season. Darryl Phillips - slowly getting better after a recent hospitalization. Please give them a call to say hello. Treasurer's report given by Norma. Committee reports: Website - Mike reports the site is status quo. ALERT: Larry reported there were 13 members at the last meeting. We need more participation at the in-person meetings. Hamfest:

The promotional flyers are available. Take one with you today. So far 26 tables are reserved. Education: General course in progress. Repeaters: 220 is still down. Social: Christmas Dinner is December 29th at 6pm at Red Lobster. This is the usual membership meeting day. No reservations required. Modulator: December will be the last print edition. Starting in January, the Modulator will go digital with it being posted on the FMARC website. Accommodations will be made for those without computer access. If you do not have a computer, give your name to a Board Member. Special Events: There will not be a special event this year at the Edison Estates. They have been unresponsive to our inquiries. We need to find an alternative event. One suggestion one the Cape Coral Arts Festival (held in January - the weekend before Hamfest). Another is the annual Boy Scout Jamboree held in October. If you have any suggestions, please contact a Board member. Swap Shop: Upgrades are nearly done. There is still a significant pile of junk to go to the trash. Please come by and take some home with you and put out with your own trash. Your help is appreciated! Merger: The vote to merge FMARC with GCARC was approved by both clubs. The coming year will focus on the consolidation process. Each club will operate as separate entities until January 2011. Club Election held. New officers for 2010:
President - Paul Ramsden, W1RP
Vice President - John Sholtis, KI4JFO
Secretary - Brittany McDonnell, KJ4OYP
Treasurer - Norma Remson, KI4JFN
Director - Laing Batchler, NT4TS
Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted, KI4ZXL

December 9th, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:45 p.m.
Attendance: N3NAI, KJ4OYP, KJ4MUY, KI4ZXL, KI4JFN, KI4JFO, W4LWZ, N6LRT, AE4DP, NT4TS, KI4GED, W1RP, K9GCF, KF4PHB, K9GZT, W9LBY.
Silent Key: Martin Lee K4EEL

Treasure's report given: Insurance was paid, membership dues are coming in well. Deadline for paying dues is March 1, 2010 or you will be dropped from roster.

Modulator: Need to get a list of members who do NOT have computer access.

Larry, W4LWZ set a motion for \$12 per year fee per club member to have the modulator mailed hard copy to those who so request. This fee will be over and above the normal dues, Norma, KI4JFN second this motion. Motion was carried and will take effect January 1, 2010. New Secretary Brittany McDonnell, KJ4OYP, will compile a list and mail out Modulators to those who request it.

There was a suggestion from Don, W9LBY, to send the Modulator via e-Mail through a hyperlink, and a reminder for the next club meeting. Don will contact his sources to find out the process successfully being used by other clubs. This topic is to be agenda item for January board meeting.

Echolink: There will be a presentation at January's meeting.

New Business: Norma, KI4JFN was approved to purchase a new cash box in time for the Hamfest upcoming on January 16th, 2010.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm, followed by Hamfest planning meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan, KI4ZXL & Brittany, KJ4OYP.

Silent Keys

Sonya (Sandy) Schulte's obit is in this morning's paper. (Ed Note: 11/22). She was a member of FMARC. Her call was KB4FQB. Although not active, her license is still current. She was married to Dick Schulte WD4MTC who died quite a few years ago.

Willis
WD4CHP

Also: Martin Lee K4EEL

For sale correction

Embroidery for any shirt \$1.00 per letter. (not \$5.00 as I stated at the meeting). Call Ginny (KA3PYO) at 239 214 0005

Laing Batchler, NT4TS

Holiday dinner

The annual holiday dinner will be in place of the December meeting but will be on the same day, the last Tuesday in December, the 28th starting at 6pm and held at:

Red Lobster
3801 Cleveland Ave
Ft. Myers, FL 33901
239 936 8216

Across from Payless Shoes. No reservations are required, just show up with your appetite.

For Sale

12 VDC 12A power supply semi kit. Got it with burned up regulator board. Have all parts and circuit for new regulator board, just never had time to put it together, and no longer need it. \$10 or best offer.

Rich, 239 543 1353

My VHF/UHF Go-kit

Selecting and packing a Go-Kit are something like selecting and packing a suitcase, the container you choose and what you put in it depends on where you're going and what you're going to do when you get there. Based on my current rather localized ARES-related public service needs, I maintain a VHF/UHF Go-Kit. Although there are many suitable containers at Home Depot and Lowe's type stores, I chose mine from Lowe's. It's an open-mouth black canvass AWP 10" Tool Box (model 264100-1L-22610), with multiple easy-to-use pockets.

My VHF/UHF Go-Kit currently carries two AA

powered HTs, a 6W/1.5W 2M-only unit and a 2W 2M/70CM model, along with their operating manuals, their pre-programmed frequency lists, and a good quality speaker-mike that is compatible with both of them. I use only alkaline-AA capable HTs because alkaline-AAs are readily available almost everywhere. I generally carry 32 fresh, good quality backup alkaline-AAs in the Go-Kit!

Also included are various rubber duck-sized antennas, as well as MFJ 2M and 70CM roll-ups. To use the roll-ups I carry a suction-cup hook for glass surface attachment and a more universal-type hook for other situations. I also carry a small roll of twine to hang a roll-up antenna from an overhead point, and wooden clothes-pinned fishing-sinkers to main a roll-up's vertical orientation. Other antenna accessories include is a 7.5' M/M BNC coax jumper, an auto window clip-on mounted F/BNC socket with a 5.5' coax feed from a M/BNC, a spring-clip-on mounted F/BNC socket with a 4' coax feed from a M/BNC, and a good assortment of BNC and PL/SO259 adapters.

My Go-Kit also carries a black canvass Power-Port HT chest harness, a lime-green ARRL/ARES ANSI Class II safety vest, a one-time-use rain poncho, a small spiral notebook, writing pens, a heavy black Marks-A-Lot, a compact folding multi-tool, a current pocket-sized ARRL Repeater Directory, a small good quality LED flashlight and a 12' tape measure.

Additional items in my Go-Kit include a personal identification tag and my various ARES, RACES and local FIRE-LINE pass cards. I occasionally include a locally-suitable AA-powered hand-held public service scanner. This Go-Kit is always in my car, ready for use. I check the batteries and pens periodically, and I use this Go-Kit regularly to be sure that I have what I need, and that it all performs satisfactorily.

Tom Root (WB8UUJ)
Flushing, MI

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>January 2010</h1>					1 SWFT net 10:00 am	2 SWFT net 10:00 am
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Dues are now Due for 2010

- Full single membership \$20 per year
- Family membership \$25 per year
- Associate membership (Non-licensed only) . . . \$10 per year
- Family membership (Non-licensed only) \$15 per year

Amount enclosed _____ Check Cash New Renewal

ALL Members: Please do not submit your dues without this form. Make checks payable to FMARC.

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