

# The MODULATOR



*The NEWS and VIEWS of*  
**The Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club, Inc.**  
P.O. Box 061183,  
Fort Myers, Fl. 33906  
Visit our website [WWW.FMARC.NET](http://WWW.FMARC.NET)

**The FMARC meets every last Tuesday night 7:15 PM**

## *The President's Message*

Well summer is here now our snowbirds have fled to the cooler? North? And it is field day time, hope to see many of you and if you cannot come to the park contact us on the air. We should have 6m 10m 15m 20 and 40m and possibly 75m.

I am very proud of our members who dug deep into their pockets to give a young ham and eagle scout a help towards his college you gave \$531 to help him with books and expenses of his education thanks to all.

We now have a projector to aid in presentations and at the June meeting we have 4 new wireless mics to aid our voices.

73 for now  
Joseph 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

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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](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](mailto:wa4guk@arrl.net)

### REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING** is the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at **6:30 PM** at the Emergency Operations Center on Ortiz Avenue.

**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

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Meeting 5-27-2008

The regular meeting of the Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club was held at Riverside Community Center on May 27th 2008 at 7:15PM. Officers present were President Joe Ryan, N3NAI; VP Mike Meehan, KI4PTZ; Sec'y. G.E. Sammons, WA4DQE; Treasurer Colleen Sammons, KQ4TR; Directors Len Foster, VA3LGF and Don Marzonie, KF4PHB. The Pledge to the Flag was said in unison. Visitors and new members were introduced and welcomed. Sickness --Blaine Caudill's xyl Esteva was in the hospital and now in a nursing home. Frank, KC4VGN had a heart attack.. A moment of silence was held for Frank Witford SK. The minutes of the April meeting were approved as printed in the Modulator. The Treasurers report was approved and placed on file. Committee reports--- John, KI4JFO gave a report on upcoming programs. Social Activities---Colleen, KQ4TR Nothing until Field Day. Come out and enjoy Don, KF4PHB's famous hamburgers and hot dogs. VE Testing---Dave, WA4GUK reported testing will be June 12th at EOC at 6:30PM. EC report---Dave, WA4GUK reported a simulated disaster test would be held on June 4th from 2-4PM. and Terri, KI4MGF was appointed Lee County Emergency Station. Pres. Joe reported that Field Day 2008 would be on June 28th and 29 and lots of help needed. He also gave Don permission to purchase 4 new cordless mics. Unfinished business---Mike, KI4PTZ announced the Traffic Net does not need a sponsor. The Section Traffic Manager is the one who approves. New business--Pres. Joe announced the club purchased an F77C LCD projector for meetings and education. The program was for Brian Murray, KI4FMJ. The members of FMARC donated \$531.00 to help Brian with his education expenses. Pres. Joe presented him with a check. Brian happily told all his goals He wants to be a teacher. We were all very happy for him. Colleen gave the 50-50. \$24.00 to the club. Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

## FMARC Board meeting 06-11-2008

The FMARC board meeting was held at Araba Shriners on June 6, 2008 at 7:30PM Present were Pres. Joe Ryan, N3NAI; VP Mike Meehan, KI4PTZ; Sec'y. G.E. Sammons, WA4DQE; Treas. Colleen Sammons, KQ4TR; Directors Len Foster,

VA3LGF and Don Marzonie, KF4PHB; Modulator Editor and Publisher Rich Greenberg, N6LRT. Guests were Susan, K4ZXLl; Charles, KI4GED; Larry, W4LWZ; Darrell, N4OKS; Terri, KI4MGF and Chuck, KI4MGE; The deadline for submitting articles in the Modulator is the 15th of the month. Colleen gave the Treasurers report which was approved and placed on file. The minutes were approved as printed in the Modulator. Old Business---Don, KF4PHB brought the new cordless mics for the members to see. New business-- Len, VA3LGF brought the new LCD projector for all to see. This will be used for club use and education. Mike moved we remove the Copyright from the Modulator. Seconded and passed. Mike moved we purchase two 50-60 QT coolers . Seconded and passed. Len will investigate best price and purchase. Meeting adjourned 8:17PM G.E. , WA4DQE Sec'y. FMARC.

From Joe: Items needed for field day:

- 1- Chair(s) (there are none onsite).
- 2- Coffee and or soda mug(s).
- 3- If you have heavy duty extension cords.
- 4- Tarps 8x10 or larger.
- 5- Ice, a 6 pack coolers size would help a lot.
- 6- Yourself and a friend to show off ham radio.
- 7- If you think we might need it, bring it. We may.

### **SCOUT TO BUILD AMATEUR ANTENNAS**

At the May 24th meeting of All Lee Emergency Alert Team members, the program was given by Scout Osin Dolley, KI4OUM and his sponsor, John Hendricks, KI4LYX. Scout Dolley plans to build Amateur Antennas for 6, 40, 60 and 80 meters capability using Near Vertical Incident Skyways (NVIS) as a way to communicate 300 Km local. If both stations have the same antenna no special radio is required. This is a special project for Osin's Eagle Scout requirement. He has ALERT's approval but the Boy Scouts of America have to give their official approval, then he can raise funds and build antennas. Scout Dolley indicated that he would keep us informed about his progress. This would be a nice program for a monthly meeting.

At this meeting, members had opportunity to meet Josh Roberts, the new Volunteer Coordinator and

Bill Floyd, Logistics Coordinator, both for Lee County. It was indicated that Emergency Management ID Badges would soon be available. David Penezic, WA4GUK, is attempting to find a good way of alerting members when needed. Several ideas were discussed but nothing actually being planned at this time. Dave requests that any changes to addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, ect., be allowed him "as soon as possible" as we are in the 2008 Hurricane Season.

73s, Joe Ryan, N3NAI

### **ANOTHER SILENT KEY**

"I have just received word that David Quick, KD4IVD, passed away sometime after 5:00 PM, May 19th, at Lee Memorial Hospital, in the intensive care unit. I had visited him the day before on Sunday and he seemed to be 'out of reality' at that time. David had suffered amputation of a portion of his lower left leg and part of his right foot was removed. We will miss David."

73s, Frank Zeik, K8IAF

### **FMARC 2008 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER**

When you attend the next monthly meeting at Riverside Community Center, stop by the Secretary's desk and pick up your copy of the updated & revised Membership Roster from, and compiled by, G.E. Sammons, WA4DQE. There is no better way of keeping up with fellow Hams.

### **NEW HANDHELD MIKES**

At the Board of Directors on Tuesday evening, June 11th, Don Marzonie, KF4PHB, made a surprise display of four (4) new handheld microphones for our PA system. They are Super Professional WM 380 mikes that can be used remote with battery power or with a direct connection to the amplifier. And, battery units are less expensive than for other mikes that function in this manner. Thanks, Don, you have a keen eye for quality & bargains.

73s . . . Darrell N4OKS Reporter

## JUNE MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAM

Know how to "ground" your radio & antenna equipment? Well, if you have questions or doubts about this very important procedure, make a special effort to attend this month's meeting on Tuesday, 24th at Riverside Community Center. Larry Zimmer will bring us up to speed on the latest procedures and make the evening worth your attention.

John Sholtis, KI4JFO, Program Chairman

### You could have heard a pin drop

When in England, at a fairly large conference, Colin Powell was asked by the Archbishop of Canterbury if our plans for Iraq were just an example of empire building' by George Bush. He answered by saying, "Over the years, the United States has sent many of its fine young men and women into great peril to fight for freedom beyond our borders. The only amount of land we have ever asked for in return is enough to bury those that did not return."

You could have heard a pin drop.

There was a conference in France where a number of international engineers were taking part, including French and American. During a break, one of the French engineers came back into the room saying "Have you heard the latest dumb stunt Bush has done? He has sent an aircraft carrier to Indonesia to help the tsunami victims. What does he intended to do, bomb them?" A Boeing engineer stood up and replied quietly: "Our carriers have three hospitals on board that can treat several hundred people; they are nuclear powered and can supply emergency electrical power to shore facilities; they have three cafeterias with the capacity to feed 3,000 people three meals a day, they can produce several thousand gallons of fresh water from sea water each day, and they carry half a dozen helicopters for use in transporting victims and injured to and from their flight deck. We have eleven such ships; how many does France have?"

You could have heard a pin drop.

## Classified ads

40' TV tower. 4 10' sections of triangle tower. Free to first person who picks them up in Fort Myers Shores. Call Pat Maurice. 694 8322

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I have all issues of QST, 2003 thru 2007, that need a good home. I have QST 1915 thru 2007 on CD-ROM, so I no longer need the magazines. I also have all issues of Ham Radio Magazine on CD-ROM if any FMARC members need a copy of an article.

The QSTs are free, but the person getting them must pick them up at my home in Lehigh Acres, unless some other arrangements can be made. Terry Wolfley, WA4OEA thwolfley@embarqmail.com 239 303 0354

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MFJ-945E 300 watt HF & 6 mtr tuner \$60.

MFJ-921 200 watt 2 mtr/220 tuner \$50.

Icom IC-2100 2 meter FM Transceiver comes with manual and original box. It works Great. \$100. Kenwood TH-F6A 3 band 144 / 220 / 440 Handheld Transceiver. It Works great very good audio. Comes

with canvas cover and belt clip, manual and original box. \$200.

WA4GUK Dave 239 368 2552 wa4guk@arrl.net

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A U.S. Navy Admiral was attending a naval conference that included Admirals from the U.S., English, Canadian, Australian and French Navies. At a cocktail reception, he found himself standing with a large group of Officers that included personnel from most of those countries. Everyone was chatting away in English as they sipped their drinks but a French admiral suddenly complained that, whereas Europeans learn many languages, Americans learn only English.' He then asked, "Why is it that we always have to speak English in these conferences rather than speaking French?"

Without hesitating, the American Admiral replied "Maybe it's because the Brits, Canadians, Aussies and Americans arranged it so you wouldn't have to speak German."

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# July

2008

**NETS OF RECORD, Daily & Weekly**  
 Round Table (club news) 147.345 MHz, Daily, 7:30 AM  
 S.W. Florida Traffic Net, 147.345 & 145.170 MHz, Mon-Sat, 10:00 AM  
 Gulf Coast Repeater Club, 147.345 & 145.170 MHz, Mon, 7:30 PM  
 All Lee Emergency Response Team, 146.880 MHz, Wed, 7:30 PM  
 Loggerhead, 146.790 MHz, Sunday, 7:30 PM  
 Cape Coral Gabfest, 146.490 MHz, Thurs, 8:00 PM

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		<b>1</b> Round Table, 7:30 AM SWFT Net, 10:00 AM	<b>2</b> Round Table, 7:30 AM SWFT Net, 10:00 AM Lee ALERT, 7:30 PM	<b>3</b> Round Table, 7:30 AM SWFT Net, 10:00 AM C.C. Gabfest, 8:00 PM	<b>4</b> Round Table, 7:30 AM SWFT Net, 10:00 AM <b>INDEPENDENCE DAY 2008</b>	<b>5</b> Round Table, 7:30 AM SWFT Net, 10:00 AM
<b>6</b> Round Table, 7:30 AM Loggerhead, 7:30 PM	<b>7</b> Round Table, 7:30 AM SWFT Net, 10:00 AM GCARC, 7:30	<b>8</b> Round Table, 7:30 AM SWFT Net, 10:00 AM	<b>9</b> Round Table, 7:30 AM SWFT Net, 10:00 AM Lee ALERT, 7:30 PM FMARC Board of Directors, Araba Shrine, 7:30 PM, Hanson St., FM, FL	<b>10</b> Round Table, 7:30 AM SWFT Net, 10:00 AM C.C. Gabfest, 8:00 AM Volunteer Examiners at EOC building, 6:30 PM	<b>11</b> Round Table, 7:30 AM SWFT Net, 10:00 AM	<b>12</b> Round Table, 7:30 AM SWFT Net, 10:00 AM FMARC Swap Shop 12:noon - Buy, Sell, Swap, Trade Bargains at Waterway Estates Park, C.C.
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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

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New Members must complete this form and mail together with your check or submit it at a meeting.  
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Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Check  Cash  New  Renewal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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
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