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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

Well its summer and field day time it is one of my favorite events of being a ham. It's a chance to operate as a group, to contact like minded hams all over and to hone our trouble shooting skills and try new things. The event is open to all club or non club and to the general public. So come on out give a hand some support advice and even friendly criticism. If you cannot come you can work us at home or mobile, the only stipulation is that if you contact us on the air for the contest you cannot get on the air at the site and vice versa. If you only have an hour or two we will get you on the air it is not mandatarly to stay the whole time. And we especially can use several operators to come in at around midnight that's about the time the guys need a break but there's plenty of contacts to get.

Shirts are scheduled to be in if you haven't ordered yet I ordered some extras and they will be sold at FD and club meetings and there will be another opportunity in the near future to order more.

Remember bring a comfortable chair and an insulated cup or mug to keep well hydrated between the heat and all the hot air we need plenty of fluid.

73
Joe 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:

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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

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:
S u s a n S h e r m a n , K I 4 Z X L ,
smnp55@embarqmail.com or 239-772-4274.

General Meeting Minutes 05/26/2009

The meeting was called to order at 1915 hours by Vice President Mike Meehan, KI4PTZ. Club President Joe N3NAI was out of town.

There were no reports of Silent Keys. Ivan Davies, KF4WBN was reported to be on the sick list. Larry Newton, N8BGJ was introduced as a first time attendee and new member. The Treasurer's Report was given by Norma KI4JFN. See Norma for details.

A motion was made by Darrel Phillips, N4OKS and seconded by Rich Greenberg, N6LRT to waive the reading of the minutes. The motion passed by a voice vote of the membership. There was a report of an error in the minutes. The interest rate for the Certificate of Deposit purchased for the club last month should read 2%. It was incorrectly listed as 2.5%. There were no other omissions or errors noted. A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Rich N6LRT and seconded by Don W9LBY. The motion passed by a voice vote of the membership.

Committee Reports: Mike K4HN reported the new VE process is going very well. New hams received their call signs in just a few days. The need for more VE's was stated and Mike will work with anyone interested to get the application to become a VE with Laurel.

ALERT/ARES report by Dave WA4GUK - spoke about upcoming meetings and activities in preparation for the upcoming hurricane season.

Rich N6LRT reported on The Modulator. Rich requested material to help fill the publication.

Stella WB2FAU reported on Special Events. No current events. She will be speaking to the Club Board about Special Events.

Old Business: Darrel talked about the new shirts. An order sheet was passed around for members to make their selection of size and quantity wanted. The shirts will be used in lieu of the ARRL Field Day shirts. They will be the Club "Kelly Green" color. The shirts will be paid for when they arrive. Extras are being ordered.

Norma has a list for ordering ARRL Field Day pins. They are \$5 paid in advance. This list was available for members to place their order.

There was a discussion led by VP Mike about field

day. There will be an organizational meeting before the Swap Shop on 06/13/09 at 1000 hours. Field Day will be held at the North Fort Myers Community Park on June 27 & 28. On air time will be from 1400 Saturday to 1400 Sunday. Set up will begin Saturday morning. Watch the Club Web site for details and requests for assistance. Attendance at the organizational meeting was encouraged as there are no more general meetings before Field Day.

Bill KG4VDS spoke about the proposed merger of the FMARC and the GCARC. Bill reported that both Club Boards are discussing the proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 1950 hours for refreshments and fellowship.

Minutes FMARC Board Meeting June 10, 2009

Call to order by N3NAI at 7:30pm. Roll: N3NAI, KI4PTZ, KI4ZXL, VA3LGF, W4LWZ, KI4JFN, KI4GED, N6LRT, KI4JFO, N4OKS, WB2FAU, and KG4VDS. There was no May meeting, so no minutes. Treasurers report given. Sick: GE Sammons. Silent Keys: none. Waterway Estates Club House: Pat Putnum from Parks and Rec queried the club via letter about lease and rent. A search of FMARC old records revealed an old letter from 1986. Joe wrote back with our information and we awaiting a response. Field Day: Contract is signed, permit in hand. No fee once again! Organizing meeting: June 13 @ 10am before Swap Shop. Norma is still taking orders for pins. T-shirts are ordered and will be here by June 17. Band filters are ordered and will be here this week. Insurance issue: Addendum received from our insurance company informing there is no coverage for the club if we do anything for a government agency. QSL Cards: new cards are here and Stella has them in hand. Joe also has some for general club purposes. Possible merger with Gulf Coast Area Repeater Club: GCARC had their board meeting and have drafted a list of pros/cons/questions. Discussion ensued with FMARC Board members. Motion by W4LWZ, second by KI4PTZ to have a joint board with GCARC to develop a common list of Pros/Cons/Questions. Motion carried 5-1. Further

discussion with representative Board member from GCARC, KG4VDS. Motion by KI4ZXL, second by W4LWZ to have joint board meeting before next FMARC general membership meeting. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting will be June 30 at 6:45 at Riverside Community Center. Meeting is open to all members of both clubs. Announcement will be published in Modulator. 501c3 Committee: No meeting in last month due to most members out of town. Mike Branda has withdrawn from the committee. KI4JFN is new committee member. Next meeting will be last week of June.

NEW BUSINESS: Stella announced that Jim Niccum has withdrawn from participation in organizing the annual Edison Estates special event. Jim's role was to petition the Edison board to request permission to participate in the event. Most members were surprised to learn that an invitation must be requested. Most believed we were there at the request of the Edison Board. Joe will write a letter to the Board President at Edison Estates to formally request permission to participate in the event. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by KI4ZXL

NAVY-USMC MARS LIKELY TO GO QRT

According to the Amateur Radio Newsline report #1661: The days of Navy and Marine Corps MARS may be fast coming to an end. This, according to a directive released by the commander of the Naval Network Welfare Command. One that says that this branch of the Military Affiliate Radio Services will terminate all operations at the end of this summer.

Yaesu FT-897

If any member owns a Yaesu FT-897 and has time, I'd like to get "checked out" as I just bought one. Manuals are great, but could use some pointers. Anyone in Lee or Collier counties would be fine, here's my email. 73's.

Paul J. Holsen II, K4PJH
E-Mail: Pholsen@attglobal.net

IMPORTANT Notice Merger of FMARC & GCARC

As noted in the board meeting minutes, the first step in the possible merger of the clubs is now done. The next step will take place before the next FMARC meeting June 30 at 6:45 at Riverside Community Center.

If you have anything to contribute or just want to keep up with the merger progress,

BE THERE

If you are not there, don't complain later that you didn't know what was going on!!!!!!!

For Sale

CyberPower CPS425SL UPS system. About 14mo old, battery good (just tested) with software and manual. You can find complete description on CompUSA web site or call me. CompUSA price \$45, my price \$20. (Got a bigger one.)

NIC cards (2): D-Link for PCI bus \$5, Cardbus for PCMCIA laptop port \$10.

Video cables: 6' VGA \$2, 6' DVI \$4.

Laptop vinyl case: for 14' laptop see: <http://www.panix.com/~richgr/case.jpg> Plenty of room for cables mouse etc & a weekend worth of spare clothes (for a guy). \$10

Rich, N6LRT
239 543 1353

Wire, Wire, Wire

I have a HUGE collection of assorted wire, lengths from feet to big rolls, sizes from #4 down. Come dig thru it and you can have it very cheap.

Rich, N6LRT
239 543 1353

Items given or consigned to the club

Power supplies: 2- 4amp \$5.00
ASTRONS: 1-7amp \$15, 1-35 Amp \$85 with meters
1-18v Lamda \$5.00
Amplifiers: 3 ht 30 watt \$30to \$50
MFJ 3kw tuner \$225
Radios: ic 735 \$275 ic251 all mode 144 built in P/S \$100
Package: ic720a needs band switch lubed relay type ic5p3 speaker and mike, icps15ps \$300
1 ic 2mt HT ,drop in p/s bad battery speaker mic \$35

Joe N3NAI (239) 458-9721

DO NOT walk behind me; I may not **lead**. **DO NOT** walk in front of me; I may not **follow**. Walk Beside me that we may **be as one**. Ute saying

The quality of a **relationship** is a function of the extent to which it is built on a solid underlying friendship and meets the needs of the **two people involved**. Dr. Phil McGraw

FRIENDSHIP is the only cement that will ever hold the world together. Woodrow Wilson

Try to learn something about everything and everything about something. Thomas H. Huxley

Never look down on anyone unless you are helping them up. Jesse Jackson

Saying “gesundheit” doesn’t really help the common cold, but it’s every bit as effective as anything the medical profession has prescribed. Anonymous

Health is the **greatest gift**, contentment the greatest wealth, faithfulness the best relationship. Buddha

There is **one piece of advice**, in a life of study, which I think no one will object to; and that is, every now and then to be completely idle – **to do nothing at all**. H. H. Munro (Saki)

In this **world** a man must either be an anvil or a hammer. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

“You don’t manage people, you manage things; you lead people” Grace Hopper

“A true measure of your worth includes all the benefits others have gained from your success.” Cullen Hightower

Keep away from people who try to **belittle your ambitions**. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great. Mark Twain

Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value. Albert Einstein

“Money often costs too much.” Ralph Waldo Emerson

The **best proof** of love is **trust**. Dr. Joyce Brothers

NEVER spend your money before you have it. Thomas Jefferson

The quickest way to know a woman is to go shopping with her. Marceline Cox

Love sought is good but given unsought is better. Olivia, from 12th Night, William Shakespeare

I’ll tell you the same thing my mother used to tell me: “The most important thing in life is to try to do the very best for your neighbors; respect other people.” Hank Aaron

Lots of people want to ride with you in the limo, but what you want is someone who will take the bus with you when the limo breaks down. Oprah Winfrey

Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year. Victor Borge

Never “assume” for it makes an ASS out of U and ME. Anonymous

“Always be nice to your children because they are the ones who will choose your rest home.” Phyllis Diller

Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all. Dale Carnegie

“A man as a general rule, owes very little to what he is born with – a man is what he makes of himself. Alexander Graham Bell

Waste no more time arguing what a good man should be. Be one! Marcus Aurelius

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. Winston Churchill

Be yourself. Who else is better qualified? Frank J. Giblin I

July 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Daily & Weekly Nets of Record RoundTable (Club News) 145.345 MHz, Daily 7:30am SW Fl Traffic Net, 147.345 & 145.170, Mon-Sat 10:00am Gulf Coast Area Repeater Club, 147.345, Mon 7:30pm All Lee Emergency Response Team, 146.880, Wed 7:30pm Loggerhead Net, 146.790, Sunday 7:30pm Cape Coral Gabfest, 146.490, Thursday, 8:00pm</p>						
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