

# 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*

We are coming into another holiday season and the conclusion of a very difficult year' We lost some good friends, neighbors, jobs.

Lets look to the future and see if we can help the hobby and get some new people into the hobby and the club, and see if we can recover some who have been inactive. Planing for the Hamfest and convention are proceeding and we need help. We realize some members are not able to do a lot but we would like if you could give an hour or two we need people to sit at the club tables to furnish info and at the consignment table. Don't forget to tell newcomers and tourists about the club and the hamfest.

November is the election so come and vote for the leadership of your club. Dues are due still only \$10 single \$13 family lowest of any club I know.

73 and Happy Thanksgiving  
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

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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](mailto: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.

## Oct 2008 general meeting minutes

Meeting called to order 7:15. Sick call Chuck Lane, Lorna Brown, Butch. No s/k.

Committee reports:

Mike Branda asks that more VE's are needed we have lost several in recent time. Larry was on vac. No report.

Dave advised at the next EOC meeting the badges will be made. Also there will be a skywarn class in February.

Christmas party will be normal meeting day in December 30 at Sam Seltzers we will be ordering from the menu please contact Susan or Len to let them know you are coming.

Lunch Bunch have been meeting at buddy's NFM Thurs 11:30 Contact Susan for info. (*Editors Note: See announcement later in this issue.*)

Stella will do The Edison special event in February Contact Stella For info. Sign up sheet will be at the January meeting.

Repeater club will have dinner 12/13. Contact Bill for info.

Dues are due for both clubs. Please fill out new info sheet in modulator or on line we need current info.

Pictures were shown from Field day.

Rich reminds send articles and stories to be published. And members can have free ads for ham related items space available.

Coffee and donuts at conclusion.

Submitted N3NAI for sec.

## Nov. 08 Board meeting minutes

Called to order at 7:30. Received treasurers report, approval of minutes . Attended by board and AE4DP, KI4GED, K9GCF, N4OKS, W4LWZ, W9LBY, KI4JFO, N6LRT, KG4VDS, KI4ZXL.

Approved insurance renewal, swftn renewal with documentation. Norma has compiled records, and has PO box key until new secretary elected. Don needs key for coffee cabinet and will remove and adjust PA system and advise.

Len and Darrell have gotten together a ham radio and club promotional package with Susan's help.

We gave approval to purchase materials. More to follow on subject. Neoham.com We want to move on with the Skills day event.

Ham of year and nominating committee have their meeting scheduled. Meeting adjourned and floor given to Larry for hamfest meeting at 8:30.

Submitted by N3NAI for Sec.

## 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.

### FROM SCOUT OISIN DOLLEY KI4OUM

A reminder of a presentation to FMARC on May 1st when he presented his Eagle project idea - the building of six UHF/VHF/HF NVIS antennas. He is now in a funds raising effort determining that each antenna will cost about \$65 in materials. You can help this fledgling HAM complete the project by contributing something to show your interest and possibly ordering one of these antennas for yourself when the project is completed. The real part of our interest is in setting an example of how HAM S help each other, especially when it is for the larger good of Amateur Radio. Oisin's address is 15137 Palm Isle Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33919.

### PLEASE ACCEPT MY ADMIRATION AND GRATITUDE

A commendation from Joshua L. Roberts, Emergency Services/Volunteer Coordinator for Lee County Emergency Management, Division of Public Safety, to all ALERT members of FMARC. "I am proud to work with individuals of your caliber and character; thank you for a job well done.

## Upcoming Events

We are heading into the busy time of the year for FMARC. There will be lots of opportunities to participate in fun events and even volunteer to help out!

First on the list is the Annual Christmas Party and Installation of Officers, December 31 at Sam Seltzer's. Please sign up at the next club meeting or email Susan Sherman at smnp55@embarqmail.com.

Next is our annual Hamfest which is actually the South Florida ARRL Convention. Saturday, January 17 is the day to mark on your calendars. There will be two representatives from ARRL in attendance. We are going to need club members to help at the club information table and the club consignment table. Sign up sheets will be at the next club meeting and you can sign up for as little as 1 hour at either table. Of course, you can volunteer more time if so desired! Many hands make for light work and a more enjoyable experience for all. So please give serious thought to volunteering on behalf of your club.

Then in February, we will have the 1st Annual FMARC Skills Day. This will be a wonderful opportunity to share your unique ham skills with those who are curious and eager to learn. It will also be a great venue for would-be hams that are thinking of getting into the hobby and want to learn more about it. What a great opportunity for boy scouts and their dads. And don't forget the girl scouts too! Suggested presentations could include demonstration of PSK 31, CW, APRS, antenna construction, proper grounding, how to solder, basic radio functions, the advantages of cross-band repeat, DX'ing, contesting. New hams could bring their radios for advice on how to program and use them. There are likely many more ideas out there and we are looking for you!! The event will be at the Waterway Estates Park on a Swap Shop Saturday (date to be determined but most likely in February). Shade and power will be available. Refreshments will be available too. Again, sign up sheets will be available at the next club meeting. Please consider how you might be able to participate in this fun event.

Some time in March or April will be the Club picnic. Watch for more information in future Modulators and the club website.

Susan Sherman KI4ZXL

## BE A SKYWARN SPOTTER

On Friday, February 6, 2009, there will be two sessions: Basic Skywarn Training, 2PM to 3PM or 6PM to 7PM - and Advanced Skywarn Training, 3PM to 4PM or 7PM to 8PM. A trained spotter knows the weather threats in Florida, safety rules and visual clues regarding thunderstorm strength. Register online at [www.LeeECO.com](http://www.LeeECO.com) or call (239) 533-3608. All this happens at the Lee County Emergency Operations Center, 2665 Ortiz Ave. Fort Myers, FL 33905

## SOUTH FLORIDA SECTION CONVENTION

On Saturday, January 17, 2009, the FMARC sponsors a Hamfest Event. This coming event will have our section leadership present. So, mark your calendars and prepare to attend with your many Ham friends for a once-a-year event that you'll long remember. Check the October issue of the Modulator for details.

## CONTRIBUTIONS & CONSIGNMENT FMARC TABLE

Last January this new feature for our annual event was very successful and we are doing it again on January 17th. Any working item you no longer need or use can be a contribution to sale or you might have an item or two for consignment (10% to the club).

## NOVEMBER PROGRAM

We will not have a guest speaker for the November FMARC meeting. November is election of the officers that will run our club for the coming year. Please plan to attend this important meeting. Also, plan to run for one of the positions. Nominations will be taken from the floor. If you think the club should be taking a different direction, by becoming involved. You can make a difference.

John Sholtis KI4JFO Program director

Note: The next page is a hamfest flyer. Please duplicate and pass along to any interested parties.

## Member Ads:

For sale Icom AH-4 Tuner new. Never been on the air. asking 225.00.

For sale Clegg 99er. 6 meter Transceiver. Made in the early 60's near mint condition. 125.00 with Shure desk mike. Price firm.

AA4GT George 239-774-1759 239-272-1759 Cell  
e-mail [aa4gt@comcast.net](mailto:aa4gt@comcast.net)

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Wanted:

Linear Amplifiers with tubes like 4-400, 3-500, 3-1000 & 4-1000.

Heath kit Amp. SB-220&221, SB-1000 or HL-2200.  
AMP. SUPPLYS LK-500 OR LK450.

SWAN -MARK2 OR MARK6.

HARRIS-RF-102

AEA-LA-30

COLLINS-KWM2A

Contact K9GZT @ [arri.net](mailto:arri.net) or 239 282 9283.

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ESTATE SALE OF SILENT KEY ROY  
CONNELL W2VDE:

CLEGG Power Supply 10 amps continuous service,  
\$20.00.

ASTRON RS35M, \$30.00.

MFJ 901 Tuner, \$50.00;

RIG BLASTER, \$75.00.

2 inch SPEAKER, \$5.00.

I COM 706 Mark 2 G Transceiver, \$575.00.

ICOM AT-180 Auto Antenna Tuner, \$350.00.

BENCHER Chrome Paddle Key Model BY 2,  
\$75.00.

USB Hub, \$10.00.

VECTRANIC Directional Watt Meter PM30VU  
SWR/Wattmeter, \$30.00.

4 QUAD 2 Meter Beam Antenna, \$25.00.

ROHN TOWER Two 10 ft. Sections plus 8 ft. Top  
and Vertical 440 Mhz Antenna (as is standing),  
\$200.00.

30 ft. PUSH UP POLE (as is standing), \$20.00.

NEW 450 Ohms TWIN LEAD (100 ft. in box) 18  
gage solid, \$15.00.

Make checks to: Dot Connell and call Darrell  
Phillips N4OKS, (239) 282 1526 for delivery  
arrangements.

# **SOUTHWEST FLORIDA HAMFEST AND COMPUTER SHOW – 2009**

## **ARRL South Florida Section Convention**

**Lots of new Forums, Watch our website for a complete list  
FMARC.net**

**DXCC Card Checkers Will Be There**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2009 8 AM TO 3 PM  
SETUP FRIDAY 4 PM TO 9 PM & SATURDAY 6 AM TO 8  
AM**

**Araba Shrine Auditorium**

**2010 Hanson Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901**

**Talk-In Repeater: 146.880 (136.5 Tone)**

**Vendor Tables: \$15.00 (All Vendors must purchase Ticket)**

**Indoor Vendor Setup—Friday 1/16, 4-9 PM**

**First Tables Ordered Get Best Locations**

**Tailgate Spaces: \$10.00 (Includes 1 Admission Ticket)**

**Additional Tailgate Spaces: \$5.00 Each**

**Free Parking – Handicap Parking Available**

**FOOD: Quality Food, Reasonable Prices inside on site**

**General Admission: \$5.00**

**Children 12 and under are free with paying adult**

**Students 13-18 \$3.00 with valid student ID**

**SECURITY: On site security will be provided**

**Hourly Prizes and GRAND prize plus two RUNNER – UP prizes**

**VENDOR/TABLE CONTACT: Terri Jo Lane KI4MGF 239-357-5198**

**Fax 239-369-8241 e-mail lane964@aol.com**

**10671 Jacatree Ct. SE Lehigh Acres, 33936 Florida**

### **MAIL TICKET REQUESTS TO: FMARC**

**P. O. Box 061183**

**Fort Myers, FL, 33906**

**Please include SASE, otherwise tickets will be held at door.**

**NOTICE: Supporting FCC Regulations, FMARC will not permit selling  
uncertified or modified equipment.**

### **INFORMATION Please Contact:**

**HAMFEST CHAIRPERSON: Larry Zimmer, W4LWZ, 1719 NW 21<sup>st</sup> St.,  
Cape Coral, FL 33993, (239) 282-1526, E-mail: [W4LWZ@arrl.net](mailto:W4LWZ@arrl.net)**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Round Table 7:30 AM SWFT Net 10:00 AM GCARC 7:30 PM	2 Round Table 7:30 AM SWFT Net 10:00 AM	3 Round Table 7:30 AM SWFT Net 10:00 AM Lee ALERT, 7:30 PM	4 Round Table 7:30 AM SWFT Net 10:00 AM C.C. Gabfest, 8:00 PM	5 Round Table 7:30 AM SWFT Net 10:00 AM	6 Round Table 7:30 AM SWFT Net 10:00 AM
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14 Round Table 7:30 AM Loggerhead, 7:30 PM	15 Round Table 7:30 AM SWFT Net 10:00 AM GCARC, 7:30 PM QCWA Luncheon 11:30 AM, Buddy Freddy's Buffet, 60 Pine Island Road North Fort Myers	16 Round Table 7:30 AM SWFT Net 10:00 AM	17 Round Table 7:30 AM SWFT Net 10:00 AM Lee ALERT, 7:30 PM	18 Round Table 7:30 AM SWFT Net 10:00 AM C.C. Gabfest, 8:00 PM	19 Round Table 7:30 AM SWFT Net 10:00 AM	20 Round Table 7:30 AM SWFT Net 10:00 AM
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