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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

I would like to thank everyone who voted for the merger with GCARC. The vote for FMARC 70 yes 28 no total of 98 voters. Over 2/3 majority. The vote for GCARC 26 yes 16 no 1 abstained 1 nulled total 44 total majority. It will take into full effect with the 2011 fiscal year. During 2010 there will be a new charter, constitution, books and the 501c3 application.

We will now be a full service radio club with HF events, UHF and VHF repeaters. As well as our hamfest, field day, VE testing, education, fox hunts as well as supporting ARES, facilitation for the traffic net, the swap shop etc.

The FMARC is over 50 yrs old and with luck the club will make it to its 100th anniversary and beyond (we might have the pin on the shirt radios like star trek).

Upcoming events the Christmas party and installation of officers and Ham of the year on Tuesday Dec 29 6pm at the Red Lobster restaurant 3801 CLEVELAND AVE at Jefferson ave North of the Edison Mall.

And then the best hamfest in south Florida January 16 2010 at the Araba Shrine 2010 Hanson St. Fort Myers (Hanson and 41- Cleveland ave),

So to all have a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President,	Joe Ryan
(239) 458-9721	N3NAI
Vice President,	Mike Meehan
(239) 283-4026	KI4PTZ
Secretary,	Susan Sherman
(239 772 4274)	KI4ZXL
Treasurer,	Norma Remson
(239) 543-5487	KI4JFN
Director,	Len Foster
(239) 989-6186	VA3LGF
Director,	Larry Zimmer
(239) 282 1526	W4LWZ

COMMITTEE CHAIR PERSONS:

John Anderson, KE0TG,	Membership
Joyce Botchford, KJ4BEI,	Mail Manager
Larry Stiles, WF4LS,	VE Coordinator
"Butch" Brown, KE4CB,	The Swap Shop
Rich Greenberg, N6LRT	The Modulator
Don Marzonie, KF4PHB,	Property Control
Mike Meehan, KI4PZT,	Webmaster
Jim Niccum, AF4YH,	Public Relations
Bill Pavela, KD4VDS,	Interference
Larry Zimmer, W4LWZ,	A.L.E.R.T.
Edward Radke, K9GZT,	Greeter
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.

Club Elections

The meeting of Nov 24 will be the annual elections to select who will be running the FMARC next year. The winners of the elections will be installed at the Dec 28 dinner meeting (more on the dinner meeting below). The Nominating Committee has suggested the following people:

President..... Paul Ramsden, W1RP
Vice President. John Sholtis, KI4JFO
Secretary..... Brittrany McDonnell, KJ4OYP
Treasurer. Norma Remson, KI4JFN
Director. Laing Batchler, NT4TS
Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the Nov 24 meeting. The only requirements are that the person be a member of FMARC and is willing to serve. Thanks to Larry Zimmer W4LWZ for chairing the Nominating Committee.

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.

The GCARC will be having their dinner on Thursday Dec. 3 at the same place.

Silent Key

Blaine Caudell WA4EIC; 05-18-1921- 11-03-2009

General Meeting Minutes October 27, 2009

Call to order at 7:15 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance, Minutes from the last meeting approved without changes. Treasurer's report given.

Silent Keys: As published in October Modulator, KE4ECF, Klaus Hueppes, N4PFX, Eileen Thorburn, KB2HAA, Paul Kampa.

Illnesses: None reported.
New Members: None.
Visitors: N2XYZ, from New Jersey.
Committee Reports:
Hamfest - Organization meeting will be held after next Board Meeting on November 11.
Education - General class in progress with 4 students.
Modulator - No news.
Interference - Russ Mooreman, AI4OH is an LCEC employee. He has volunteered to assist with interference problems as needed in the LCEC area.
Swap Shop - The clean up continues.
Ham of the Year - Nominations - Are still being accepted. Send via email to Stella, WB2FAU.
Merger - Ballots must be post marked by October 30 to be counted.
New Business - Nominating Committee - The new slates of officers for 2010 are: President, Ed Radke, K9GZT. Vice President, Paul Ramsden, W1RP. Secretary, Brittany McDonnell, KJ4OYP. Treasurer, Norma Remson, KI4JFN. Voting will take place at the November General Meeting November 24, 2009.
Repeaters - 146.880 is now 147.165 with a tone of 127.3.
Lunch Bunch - Resumes November 5th, at 12:30 p.m. at Buddy Freddy's in North Fort Myers.
FMARC Annual Holiday Dinner- Tuesday, December 29, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Red Lobster, 3801 Cleveland Ave. Fort Myers. Across from Payless Shoes.
ARES - Next in-person meeting will be November 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the EOC.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by KI4ZXL

Board Meeting Minutes 11/11/2009

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.
Attendance: N3NAI, KI4ZXL, KI4JFN, KI4JFO, KJ4HZZ, W4LWZ, N6LRT, AE4DP, NT4TS, KI4GED, KG4VDS.
Silent Key: Blaine Caudill
No board meeting in October, so no minutes
Treasurer's report given. Financial matters:
Insurance premium of \$501.76 is due. Motion to

approve payment was carried.
Swap Shop: 6 new fluorescent fixtures installed; exit sign installed; ceiling fans going in soon.
County cut down the tree in front of the shack.
501c3: On hold pending merger vote.
2010 Elections: Nominations corrections: President: Paul Ramsden, W1RP. VP: Still vacant
PA system for general meetings at Riverside: Is undergoing evaluation/repair.
Lunch Bunch: Time was changed from 11:30 to 12:30 pm apparently without group consensus. Only a few people are currently attending. Meeting time should be mutually agreed upon and the Board and Club members so informed.
Merger Vote: Ballots were counted and verified by Board Members. The merger was approved by a vote of 70 for and 28 against. Ballots will be kept on file for one year. Ballots will be brought to the next membership meeting for anyone who wishes to review them.
There will be a joint meeting of the GCARC and FMARC boards in early 2010 to lay out a strategic plan for the merging process.
Meeting adjourned at 8:40, followed by Hamfest planning meeting.

Respectfully submitted, KI4ZXL

English 101

No wonder the English language is so hard to learn.... Some examples:

1. The dove dove into the bushes.
2. I did not object to the object.
3. The insurance for the invalid was invalid.
4. The bandage was wound around the wound.
5. There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
6. They were too close to the door to close it.
7. The buck does funny things when the does are present.
8. They sent a sewer down to stitch the tear in the sewer line.
9. We polish the Polish furniture
10. He could lead if he would get the lead out.
11. A farm can produce produce.
12. The dump was so full it had to refuse refuse.
13. The soldier decided to desert in the desert.
14. The present is a good time to present the

present.

15. At the Army base, a bass was painted on the head of a bass drum.
16. To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
17. The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
18. After a number of Novocain injections, my jaw got number.
19. I shed a tear when I saw the tear in my clothes.
20. I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
21. How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?
22. I spent last evening evening out a pile of dirt

Contributed by Paul, W1RP

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

We may be quick to pledge our willingness to assist in providing radio communications during emergencies, but being willing to help, and being able to help, are distinctly different concepts. An uncharged HT located in your upper left dresser drawer somewhere behind the socks just doesn't cut it! Depending on your license class, your level of operating experience, and your financial abilities, here is some food for thought.

The home-based fixed station should have primary and backup multi-band transceivers, and all needed accessories. In case of weather damage, the primary outdoor station antennas should have backups also. These backup antennas should be stored somewhere indoors. They may be of the wire or roll-up variety, but they should be complete, along with their feed lines, masts, ropes, pulleys and whatever else they may require. And last but not least, the fixed station should have one or more reliable alternate power sources.

Also, any amateur radio operator who professes to be prepared to provide emergency radio communications should have a mobile station. A mobile station allows the ham to communicate while traveling to and while at the scene of the emergency, as well as allowing the ham to relocate as the emergency develops. The mobile station should be multi-band, with all appropriate

accessories. Since mobile radio installations seem particularly susceptible to being damaged by power source hook-up mistakes, and other negatives, a backup mobile transceiver can be a good idea. Some hams also carry a variety of power cables with their mobile stations to allow them, while deployed, to utilize power from non-automobile sources, such as the usual A/C lines, batteries, emergency vehicles, or available generators. And antenna backups for mobile stations are important also. Mag-mounts, screwdrivers and the various hamstick flavors have a way of getting snapped off as a vehicle is being driven through unusual environments.

But the ultimate test for any emergency-prepared ham is operation from a completely integrated portable station. This is a self-contained transportable station that can be set up practically anywhere. And this concept is limited only by the imagination! It can be as simple as a go-kit with an HT in the hand, or as complex as a relatively large custom-made equipment container/console with handles or wheels, or a specifically designed and equipped communications trailer, containing a multi-band station with backups and a wide assortment of operating accessories, power sources, and portable antennas.

Whatever may be the level of your involvement in emergency operating preparedness, the key to it all is planning, design, construction, and testing. Never ever assume that your emergency station will work as expected. Put it on the air regularly, perhaps during the weekly ALERT Net, or a public service event, and then TEST it, TEST it, TEST it!

Tom Root (WB8UJ)
Flushing, MI

For Sale:

Kenwood TS 261-A. 2 meter mobile, 50 watt. manual, box, brackets, mike and power cord \$75.00
W4OZ 239-772-1980

Green FMARC shirts. still have some sizes available.\$15.00. See Joe, N3NAI at swap shop or meetings.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>December 2009</h1>					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, 147.165, Wed 7:30pm	
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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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Check which of the following committees you would like to work on:

- Education Program Membership Public Relations Ham fest Social VE Testing
- Interference Newsletter Nomination Field Day Social Events

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ARRL member (Y) (N) ALERT (y) (n)

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Call: _____

Spouse Name (Opt) _____ Call: _____

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