



GULF COAST AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Newsletter

June 2026



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Club News!

On Saturday May 30th the club held a Fox Hunt! The Fox was hiding at Starkey Wilderness Preserve Serenova tract off State Rd. 52. The hunters found the area but initially the Fox was elusive. Eventually Barry N2NVP discovered the fox's hiding place. Shortly there after Jon KR4KRW and George KQ4TCJ found the fox! Thanks to all the participants! Our next Fox Hunt will most likely take place in the fall to avoid the summer heat.



Following the fox Hunt we held the club luncheon at Beef O'Bradys. It was great to see Bill Shimer N9ZXP and everyone else that made it to the luncheon.



Upcoming Events

June 13th will be the **“RAP RIVER RUN”**. The club has provided race communications for this event since it's inception. There will be a meeting for all volunteers at Millennium Academy, 7:00 pm , Friday June 6th. Station Assignments and vests will be given out. Any questions on procedures will be answered.

Because of the “RAP RIVER RUN”, the **June testing session** was rescheduled to the 20th, 10am at the Academy. **The July test session** will be held on Saturday, July 11th.

Field Day is approaching! As always we need people to help set up and break down! Also we need operators, especially the off hours. This is a great time to develop your HF and logging skills!

July **POTA** will be held on Saturday July 4th at Starkey Park, Shelter 5, 9am untilwhenever!

Reminder: We will be adding 2 new nets on the 146.670 repeater. 2nd Wednesday of th month a “TECH NET” and the 4th Wednesday of the month a POTA NET. Last months newsletter I had the “wrong order” of these nets!

We have, at the suggestion of Jim K4YZI, started a “private” POTA chat group on SIGNAL for members & local hams to communicate with each other and help each with POTA. Members and local hams are welcomed to join. Please use your call sign in your username so you will not be denied group membership.

There will be **NO JULY NEWSLETTER!** I will be on the road for the **250th INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION, “WHERE IT ALL BEGAN”!**

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY EVERYONE!

73s

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ARRL Field Day is the single most popular annual amateur radio (ham radio) event in the US and Canada. Held the fourth full weekend in June, tens of thousands of operators gather with radio clubs or friends to set up temporary transmitting stations in public places. It combines a campout, public service demonstration, emergency preparedness drill, and an informal contest.

Emergency Preparedness: The primary purpose of Field Day is to practice emergency response. Operators set up off-the-grid, independent stations (using battery, solar, or generator power) to practice maintaining communication when traditional infrastructure fails.

Public Outreach: It serves as a large-scale demonstration to educate the general public, local officials, and served-agencies (like the Red Cross or emergency management) about the capabilities of ham radio.

The "Contest": While it is a fun, social event, it features an informal contest where groups attempt to make as many contacts as possible with other Field Day stations across various frequencies and bands.

ARRL FIELD DAY

GULF COAST AMATEUR RADIO CLUB FIELD DAY

DATE: JUNE 27-28, 2026

SATURDAY 2 PM - SUNDAY 2 PM

24-HOUR EVENT

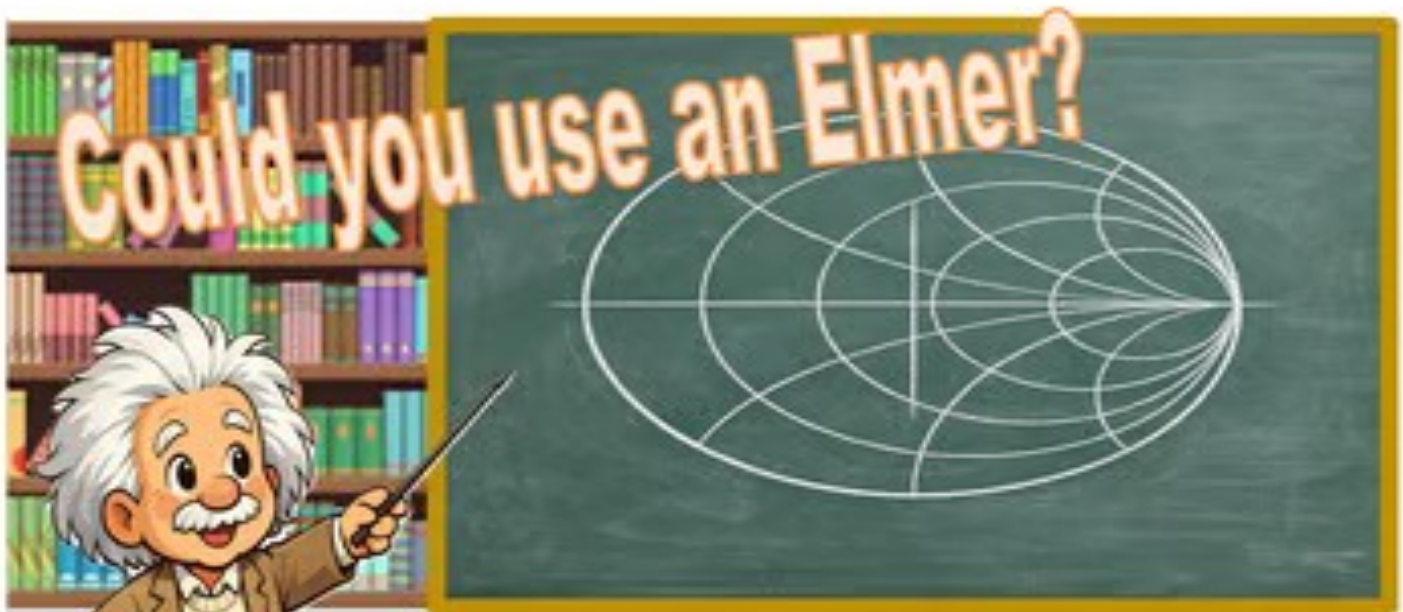
LOCATION: MILLENNIUM ACADEMY
10005 Ridge Rd,
New Port Richey, FL 34654

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The Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club has knowledgeable Ham operators waiting and willing to answer your questions. Just click on the link below and fill out the form and we will put you intouch with someone who can answer your question or find you the answer.




Scan or click on the QR code
and
fill in the Elmer request form!




Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club WA4GDN


JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNSDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<i>Fusion Net</i> 7:30 145.350MHz	GCARC INFORMATTION NET 7:30 PM 146.670Mhz	SKYWARN NET 7:30 PM 146.670Mhz	10M HF NET 7:30 PM 28.430Mhz USB		POTA WERNER- BOYCE
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	<i>Fusion Net</i> 7:30 145.350MHz	GCARC INFORMATTION NET 7:30 PM 146.670Mhz		10M HF NET 7:30 PM 28.430Mhz USB		Rap River Run
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING	GCARC INFORMATTION NET 7:30 PM 146.670Mhz		10M HF NET 7:30 PM 28.430Mhz USB		
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August

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NEXT TEST SESSION!

Scheduled for Saturday, June 20th

10:00 AM

Millenium Academy

10005 Ridge Rd, New Port Richey

Contact Al at AJ4JA@ICLOUD.COM



NET CONTROL OPERATORS!

<i>June 9</i>	<i>NICK</i>	<i>KN4IKR</i>
<i>June 16</i>	<i>BARRY</i>	<i>N2NVP</i>
<i>June 23</i>	<i>CHUCK</i>	<i>K5KAZ</i>
<i>June 30</i>	<i>NICK</i>	<i>KN4IKR</i>

The club is looking for members to be Net Controllers. The Tuesday Night Net is an important function of the GCARC, and the Nets must have a controller to keep the flow of information orderly. Right now we need more Net Controllers, so the same few people aren't holding the Nets week after week. Being a Net Controller is fun, you get to practice your on-the-air skills, and you get to use your radio equipment in a live exercise. And you are helping the club by donating about 30 minutes of your time for maybe one night a month. You will even be furnished scripted dialogue, so you don't have to ad lib. If you are a member in good standing, and you have a radio rig that can reach the club repeater clearly and reliably, you can let us know if you'd like to be a Net controller by several means: you can post a message on our Facebook site, or send us a message through the "contact us" link on the web site, or just say so during a Net. Please give it some thought. We'd love to have you join us as a Net Controller.

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