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MERRY CHRISTMAS

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

2024 – A Year in Review

It is hard to believe that it is December. Seems like the past year flew by. As we get ready to enter the new year, I always like to reflect on the past year and learn from those experiences, and plan for how we can improve into the next year. On a personal note, I feel I'm truly blessed to be part of this club and to be able to serve alongside so many great people.

I'm not going to rehash all the details of 2024, but I do feel it is important to bring out a few milestones that occurred along the way.

Monthly Newsletter – The evolution of the Club Newsletter has been awesome to watch over the past year. So many members have mentioned to me that they feel the Newsletter is one of our best communication tools. I totally agree with them, and so much of the Newsletter success goes out to Chuck, K5KAZ. Chuck has made this publication one of our foundation communication pieces. I'd love to continue to see this communication tool evolve into 2025. If members have any suggestions about ways to enhance the Newsletter, we would love to hear from you. Chuck, again thank you for all your effort on the Newsletter.

Member Meeting Format Changes – In July, members voiced their desires to change the format of the Monthly Member Meetings. The recommendation was to repurpose the time and use it for educational / informative workshops and presentations. In the summer, a survey was sent to the membership, asking what topics are of most interest to them. The workshops and presentations have been and are being scheduled with those responses in mind. Feedback on what topics have been done to date has been very positive. As future presentations get scheduled, we are going to publish the schedule in our Newsletter. You will see in this Newsletter what we have scheduled for early 2025.

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Events Committee – Another concern that surfaced back in July was the retention of existing club members as well as growing our club with new members. At that meeting a committee was formed to help identify opportunities to retain and grow our membership. In a short period of time, this committee has done tremendous work identifying opportunities to retain and grow. These opportunities include using the New Port Richey Library, on the second Monday of the month, to set up an information table and made available club brochures, participate in numerous community activities within Pasco County, assemble a “Welcome to Ham Radio” packet that is provided to people who pass the exam at GCARC, contacting local scouting troops and schools, and establishing a web interface Elmer program on our website. I would be remiss if I didn’t recognize the individuals on this committee for all their hard work and effort. They are Pam, KQ4IQT, Wayne, KD2UDU, Gary, W8GLL, and Chuck, K5KAZ. Thank you! Now that the committee has identified numerous opportunities, I’d like to see other club members get involved during 2025 and help these folks in the execution of these opportunities.

I’m looking forward to what is in store for our club in 2025, but before we get there, I’m hoping to see everyone at our upcoming Christmas party on December 14th. Ho Ho Ho

73

Mark, N1MT

CLUB NEWS

This month's newsletter will be a shortened version due to the Holidays. The full version will return for the start of the year in January. Also January's newsletter may be a couple of days late because I will be traveling back from the northeast over New Years.

At the November Membership meeting the club held elections for three of the board seats, Vice President, Secretary and 1 Director. All three incumbents, Chuck Miller (K5KAZ) VP, Ralph McCullough (WA3YFQ) Secretary and Chuck Martin (KA4CEM) Director were reelected. They will be sworn in at the December meeting which will be the Christmas Party!

I would like to thank Pam Lamunion (KQ4IOT) for stepping up to coordinate “winter field day” and also the ton of work she has put in as chairperson of the events committee.

The club would like to welcome two new members Benjamin Bowers KO4CWY and Charles Kemmerer KQ4YPB and also welcome back to the club Chris Bloxom AA4CB!

We need volunteers to help set up and break down on Winter Field Day. Contact Chuck Martin KA4CEM at chuck33.tampabay.rr.com

Finally we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! For those of you who are traveling over the holidays, please have a safe journey!

Member Meeting Upcoming Presentations

Month	Topic
January 2025	Popular Ham Radio Niches (POTA, Contesting, DXing, CW)
February 2025	What is ACS?
March 2025	3D Printing
April 2025	How to build a Yagi, Vertical, or Dipole Antenna
May 2025	What is GMRS?

DECEMBER TUESDAY NIGHT NET CONTROLLERS SCHEDULE

December 03 Wayne KD2UDU

December 10 Barry N2NVP

December 17 Denny K8DLH

December 24 Nick KN4IKR

December 31 Nick KN4IKR

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS!

Just a reminder! It's time to renew your membership!

You can download an application from the website! gulfcoastarc.com/membership and mail it along with your dues to:

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P.O. Box #1

New Port Richey, FL 34656

GULF COAST ARC CHRISTMAS PARTY DEC.14, 2024 @ 2.00

At MILLENNIUM ACADEMY

All Members and Family are Welcome!

RSVP CHRIS AT kc3cju@gmail.com





GULF COAST AMATEUR RADIO CLUB WINTER FIELD DAY

JANUARY 25th and 26th, 2025

Start Time 11:00am January 25th End Time 2:00pm January 26th

Location

*Millennium Academy
10005 Ridge Road
New Port Richey, FL 34653*

*RADIO STATIONS WILL BE SET UP FOR YOU TO VISIT AND OPERATE
JOIN US SUNDAY AT 2:00PM FOR A PRESENTATION
ON DISASTER PREPARATION*

December



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNSDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 GCARC INFORMATTION NET 7:30 PM 146.670Mhz	4 SKYWARN NET 7:30 PM 146.670Mhz	5 10M HF NET 7:30 PM 28.430Mhz USB	6	7 
8 Sunday Net 7:00pm 145.350 MHz	9 FUSION NET 7:30 PM 146.670Mhz	10 GCARC INFORMATTION NET 7:30 PM 146.670Mhz	11 SKYWARN NET 7:30 PM 146.670Mhz	12 10M HF NET 7:30 PM 28.430Mhz USB	13	14 CHRISTMAS PARTY 2PM
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POTA Saturday December 7th at Werner-Boyce!

Testing Saturday December 14th 10am. Contact Al aj4ja@icloud.com

Club Christmas Party December 14th 2pm at Millennium Academy

JANUARY

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LICENSE TESTING, SATURDAY JAN. 11TH, 10:00 AM. CONTACT AL AT AJ4JA@ICLOUD.COM