



WA4GDN

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Well it is nice to see the newsletter started back up. It has been a long time coming. Thank you Chuck for doing this. In the month of April we had a fox hunt and it was interesting on tracking the fox. Next fox hunt will be either in Sept or Nov. More to come on that. Read the article about the fox hunt. Also we just had a luncheon at Susie's Too. As usually the food was plenty and the prices were ok. It was good to see who came. The next event is the Rap River Run. I hate to say every body has to be at there assigned spot by 6 am. They are starting earlier this year. I have met with assistant race dir and they are looking forward to have us there. Just a note this is the 14th year they are doing this and it is ours of doing also. Please do sign up either contact me or sign up at Mays meeting. I world like to have a good showing. The race June 10. April's meeting was a good one. We will be getting a Generator for the use at field day and other special events that we set up radios and don't have power. Speaking about field day see Kevin KO4rik to sign up for the event. Field day is June 24 and 25. setup time is 9 am on Saturday and take down is going to be on Sunday some time. Our nets are doing well we would like to see more of you check in. The calendar has the dates when the nets are held. Even better contact Nick [kn4irk](#) and let him know that you would like to be a net control. I have only received 3 entries for naming the newsletter, so we will extend the contest till May's meeting. That is all this month see you at the next meeting.

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Welcome to the NEW edition of the Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club's newsletter. We plan on publishing no later than the Thursday after the monthly club meeting. This newsletter is not solely for the purpose of disseminating information to the membership but also for the membership to share information between and amongst ourselves. We will be happy to publish content that is ham radio or club related provided by any member. Please submit content you would like included no later than the Monday of the monthly meeting to chuck5kaz@gmail.com. Suggestions, questions, comments or criticisms, anytime at the same email.

Chuck Miller

K5KAZ

POTA

On Saturday April 1st a few club members met at Werner-Boyce Salt Springs State Park for a little POTA (Parks on the Air) . While we were setting up we were visited by a park ranger. He knew exactly what we were there for and let us know how much the park enjoyed what we did and encouraged us to keep it up. Along with the park ranger was Randy Stephenson, President of the SALT SPRINGS ALLIANCE.



He informed us about the work he and the Alliance were trying to accomplish in the park. I moved to the area 8 years ago and will admit this was the first time I stepped foot into this park. It is an awesome resource and I encourage everyone to visit www.saltspringsalliance.org, see what they are doing and donate if you can.

Mark Toussaint N1MT and Charlie Cacioppo K2CMC participated in FSPOTA (Florida State Parks on the Air) contest working phone and CW. Terri McConn KQ4ELE made 50 POTA contacts. I got some much needed advice from Jim McDevitt K4YZI on the HAMRS logging app and advice on the "cadence" used for calling "CQ POTA". I am looking forward too visiting the park both on my own and future informal meet ups with other club members.



FOX HUNT



Wilderness Park.

On Saturday April 15 a number of GCARC members gathered at Millennium Academy to participate in a Fox Hunt.

The horn sounded and the announcement was made to release the hounds!

Actually ,Al [aj4ja](#) called and told us the "fox" was transmitting so some immediately honed in on the signal and began the hunt. For some us it was not that easy. The some of us means me. Eventually though, we all made it to Starkey

Being in the park we really were not any closer to finding the "fox" then we were back at the starting point. Starkey Park is large and Al narrowed down the location for us. If the "fox" was real or any other live animal like a snake, I would have been bitten long before I knew it's location which was within a few feet of me. Finally I was shown the location and we were done! Yes, I was the last!

Ralph & Chris McCullough WA3YFQ & KC3CJU take home the \$50 ARRL coupon. Gary Lamunion W8GLL and John Miller KM4CPI each take home a \$25 ARRL coupon. It was a great educational experience. Thanks to Al and Nicholas for taking charge of the event and everyone who participated. Hope we have the chance to do it again soon.

FOX HUNT PICTURES



FIELD DAY 2023

Once again, the Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club will be active for Field Day. The event takes place on June 24th and 25th. We had a great turn out for Winter Field Day and our goal is to build and improve on that effort. For those who may not be familiar with this event, it is sponsored by the American Radio Relay League, and here is an excerpt from their website.

“Field Day is ham radio's open house. Every June, more than 40,000 hams throughout North America set up temporary transmitting stations in public places to demonstrate ham radio's science, skill and service to our communities and our nation. It combines public service, emergency preparedness, community outreach, and technical skills all in a single event. Field Day has been an annual event since 1933 and remains the most popular event in ham radio.”

Kevin, KO4RIK has volunteered to head up the Field Day Committee but he needs your help in planning and executing this awesome event. If you are interested in being part of the Field Day Committee, please contact Kevin at ko4rik@gmail.com.

CLUB LUNCHEON

The April Club luncheon was held on Saturday the 22nd at Susie's Too on Old State rd. 54. Everyone enjoyed the food and the friendship. Shoutout to Chris McCullough for the great work he does every month organizing this event. The date and time for the next club luncheon is in the calendar of events section of this newsletter.



GCARC CLUB LUNCHEON

FRANK'S RESTAURANT

12925 US-19, HUDSON, FL 34667

SATURDAY MAY 20, 2023

12:00 NOON



RSVP TO CHRIS:

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MUSEUM SHIPS WEEKEND EVENT

sponsored by
The Battleship New Jersey
Amateur Radio
Station

JUNE 3RD



JUNE 4TH

While operation on any amateur frequency is allowed,
most ships will be operating in the General portion of the bands.

Other possible Modes

PSK 31 OPERATIONS

14.070 MHz 10.142 MHz 18.100 MHz 21.070 MHz 28.120 MHz

FT8: Frequencies

3.573 MHz, 5.357, 7.074 MHz, 10.136 MHz, 14.074 MHz,
18.100 MHz, 21.074 MHz, 24.915 MHz, 28.074 MHz, 50.313 MHz

FT4: Frequencies

3.575MHz, 7.047MHz, 10.140MHz, 14.140MHz, 18.105MHz,
21.140MHz, 24.919MHz, 28.180MHz, 50.318MHz

Some ships could also be on

3880 KHz - 3885 KHz and 7290 KHz Amplitude Modulation
with either their ships original equipment or modern equipment.

FOR MORE INFO: <https://www.nj2bb.org/museum/>

CALENDER of CLUB EVENTS**MAY 2023**

	DATE	ACTIVITY	ADDL INFO
MAY	1st	8:00pm FUSION RAG CHEW NET	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2) DIGITAL
	2nd	2 Meter GCARC Club Net 7:30pm	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2)
	3rd	ARES & Skywarn Net 7:30pm	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2) & 147.135
	4th	10 METER HF NET 7:00 PM	28.430 MHz USB
	8th	8:00pm FUSION RAG CHEW NET	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2) DIGITAL
	9th	2 Meter GCARC Club Net 7:30pm	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2)
	10th	ARES & Skywarn Net 7:30pm	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2) & 147.135
	11th	10 METER HF NET 7:00 PM	28.430 MHz USB
	13th	License Exam Session, 10am	Appointment only. Contact Al, AJ4JA@icloud.com
	15th	8:00pm FUSION RAG CHEW NET	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2) DIGITAL
	16th	2 Meter GCARC Club Net 7:30pm	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2)
	17th	10 METER HF NET 7:00 PM	28.430 MHz USB
	18th	ARES & Skywarn Net 7:30pm	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2) & 147.135
	20th	May Club Luncheon	FRANK'S 15925 US 19, HUDSON
	22nd	GCARC Member Meeting, 7pm	Millennium Academy 10005 Ridge Rd, New Port Richey
	29th	2 Meter GCARC Club Net 7:30pm	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2)
	30th	ARES & Skywarn Net 7:30pm	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2) & 147.135
	31st	10 METER HF NET 7:00 PM	28.430 MHz USB

JUNE 2023

MONTH	DATE	ACTIVITY	ADDL INFO
June	5th	8:00pm FUSION RAG CHEW NET	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2) DIGITAL
	6th	2 Meter GCARC Club Net 7:30pm	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2)
	8th	10 METER HF NET 7:00 PM	28.430 MHz USB
	10th	License Exam Session, 10am	Appointment only. Contact Al, AJ4JA@icloud.com
	10th	RAP River Run Event, 7am	Contact Barry, keavbv@msn.com
	12th	8:00pm FUSION RAG CHEW NET	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2) DIGITAL
	13th	2 Meter GCARC Club Net 7:30pm	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2)
	14th	10 METER HF NET 7:00 PM	28.430 MHz USB
	19th	8:00pm FUSION RAG CHEW NET	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2) DIGITAL
	20th	2 Meter GCARC Club Net 7:30pm	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2)
	21st	10 METER HF NET 7:00 PM	28.430 MHz USB
*****	24th & 25th	Field Day	Millennium Academy 10005 Ridge Rd, New Port Richey
	24th	June Club Luncheon	Luncheon will be held at Field Day
	26th	GCARC Member Meeting, 7pm	Millennium Academy 10005 Ridge Rd, New Port Richey

JULY 2023

MONTH	DATE	ACTIVITY	ADDL INFO
JULY	3rd	8:00pm FUSION RAG CHEW NET	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2) DIGITAL
	4th	2 Meter GCARC Club Net 7:30pm	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2)
	5th	ARES & Skywarn Net 7:30pm	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2)
	6th	10 METER HF NET 7:00 PM	28.430 MHz USB
	8th	License Exam Session, 10am	Appointment only. Contact Al, AJ4JA@icloud.com
	10th	8:00pm FUSION RAG CHEW NET	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2) DIGITAL
	11th	2 Meter GCARC Club Net 7:30pm	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2)
	12th	ARES & Skywarn Net 7:30pm	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2)
	13th	10 METER HF NET 7:00 PM	28.430 MHz USB
	17th	8:00pm FUSION RAG CHEW NET	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2) DIGITAL
	18th	2 Meter GCARC Club Net 7:30pm	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2)
	19th	ARES & Skywarn Net 7:30pm	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2)
	20th	10 METER HF NET 7:00 PM	28.430 MHz USB
	22nd	July Club Luncheon	TBD
	24th	GCARC Member Meeting, 7pm	Millennium Academy 10005 Ridge Rd, New Port Richey
	25th	2 Meter GCARC Club Net 7:30pm	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2)
	26th	ARES & Skywarn Net	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2)
	27th	10 METER HF NET 7:00 PM	28.430 MHz USB

Please, if you have any thoughts or suggestions on how we can improve & enhance our club, please feel free to reach out to any of the Board Members.

On **Monday** nights at 8:00pm we hold a “**system fusion**” net on the WA4GDN repeater at 146.670. We discuss all Amateur Radio topics, with an emphasis on the various Digital modes and beyond.

On **Tuesday** nights at 7:30pm we hold a **trader’s and general information net** on the WA4GDN repeater at 146.670. If you have an amateur radio related item to buy, sell, trade, or want, you may list it here. All brief amateur related announcements may be made here.

On **Thursday** nights at 7:00 pm the GCARC club holds a **10 meter HF net**. 10 Meters HF – 28.430 MHz SSB (USB). The purpose is to promote activity on the 10 meter band (especially during low sunspot activity). To give technician class operators an opportunity to operate phone, and to provide a venue for conversation and experimentation with antenna and ground wave propagation.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A NET CONTROLLER?

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.

Nick

KN4IKR

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION & DUES

Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club has Regular memberships available for licensed hams, Junior memberships for licensed hams under the age of 18, Family memberships for all family members residing at the same address, and Associate memberships for those not yet licensed. Membership runs for 12 months, beginning on January 1 and ends December 31. For more information, you can contact any Board member for details.

Regular & Associate Membership* \$25 Junior Membership \$15 Family Membership* \$30

- Associate & Family members who are non-licensed hams will not be granted voting privileges or have the privilege to serve on the board.

CLUB REPEATERS

New Port Richey
146.670/146.070 MHz
PL Tone – 146.2 Hz
Yaesu System Fusion Capable

Land O Lakes
145.330/144.730 MHz
PL Tone – 146.2 Hz
Yaesu System Fusion Capable

ARES & Skywarn Net

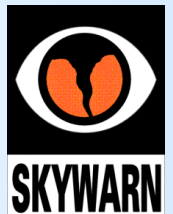


WEDNESDAYS , 7:30 PM

146.670MHz GCARC Club repeater Port Richey

147.135 Pasco County ARES Dade City

PL-146.2



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