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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Hello all

Wow another year is almost over. Where does time fly?

I want to thank the board members that serviced with me. Without your help we, as a club, could not do what we did. If you didn't know, we have elections coming up. The offices are for Pres, Tres, and one Director. So please do come out and either run for an office or make sure you vote. Remember This Is Your Club.

Well we had to do somethings this month and I want to thank Kevin who did chair Hamfest. Some how the word did not get out. Right now we are looking for someone to chair a hamfest for 2024. I do hope someone will step up and run it. Around the month out with the T2T run. If you don't know what the T2T means here it is Tunnel 2 Towers. They have runs every year to raise money for T2T. If you want more info please go to T2T.org and read about this organization.

Well next month is Thanksgiving time and the last meeting for this year. So I do hope you all will come out.

In the month of December we will be having our X-mas party at the school on Dec 2nd at 2pm. There should be more info in the newsletter about it.

We have started a loaner program in place. If you or someone who is a member of the club and in good standings can borrow a radio to get on the band that you can't. Contact one of the board members and they will get the ball rolling. Well I think that is about it for now. See you all at the next meeting.

73

Barry N2NVP

TUNNEL to TOWERS



On Saturday, October 29th, members of the GCARC provided “race communications for the “TUNNEL to TOWERS” 3K walk run at Starkey District Park. Despite a last minute change to the course that caused some logistical problems, our members adapted and stepped up and in one instance provided safety for runners at a dangerous road crossing that was not covered by race volunteers. It goes to show the versatility we have in our membership to see potential problems and mitigate them.

It was a great day for us and the over 300 participants. Including firefighters that ran and walked in “FULL GEAR”. They are really amazing individuals. Check out our website later in the week for more pictures of the event!



MEMBERS!

2024 ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE!

Regular & Associate Membership* \$25

Junior Membership \$15

Family Membership* \$30

The option to pay by “PAYPAL” is no longer available on the website. Make checks payable to

Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club

and mail to:

Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club

P.O. Box 595

New Port Richey, FL 34656



RSVP BY NOVEMBER 27, 2023 TO:

wa3yfq1@gmail.com

ELECTIONS!

The Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club will be holding election for the following officers!

PRESIDENT

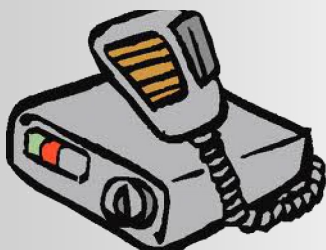
TREASURER

DIRECTOR

If you are interested in running or you would like to nominate someone for on of these positions,
please contact Kevin McConn at ko4rik@gmail.com

NEWS ITEMS!

The Club is looking for someone to “CHAIR” , “Winter Field Day”! We are hoping someone who has not previously done this sort of thing before steps up and takes on the challenge! You will not be left to figure things out on your own. You will be guided and coached through the process by members who have done it before! The more members we have actively participating in our activities the better our club becomes!



If any member is interested, the club has radios it is willing to loan out! If you are licensed and have not purchased a radio yet and would like to make some contacts, contact any board member for information on borrowing a radio from the club!

As mentioned earlier, Elections are coming up! President, Treasurer and a Director are up for election. Any member wishing to run for any of the seats or nominate someone else please contact VP Kevin McConn!

Next testing date is Saturday November 11th at 10:00am. Anyone interested in taking the Technician test or upgrading to General or Extra, please contact AI at AJ4JA@ICLOUD.COM!

Following testing at approximately 12:00noon the club will hold a Fox Hunt!

Testing and the Fox Hunt will be at Millennium Academy, 10005 Ridge Rd. New Port Richey.



NOVEMBER 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			ARES & Skywarn Net 7:30pm 146.670Mhz	10 METER HF NET 7:30pm 28.430Mhz USB		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	FUSION RAG CHEW NET 7:30PM 146.670Mhz	GCARC TRADER & INFO NET 7:30pm 146.670Mhz	ARES & Skywarn Net 7:30pm 146.670Mhz	10 METER HF NET 7:30pm 28.430Mhz USB		Testing 10:00am FOX HUNT 12:00 NOON
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	FUSION RAG CHEW NET 7:30PM 146.670Mhz	GCARC TRADER & INFO NET 7:30pm 146.670Mhz	ARES & Skywarn Net 7:30pm 146.670Mhz	Happy Thanksgiving		
26	27	28	29	30		
	GCARC MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:00pm	GCARC TRADER & INFO NET 7:30pm 146.670Mhz	ARES & Skywarn Net 7:30pm 146.670Mhz	10 METER HF NET 7:30pm 28.430Mhz USB		

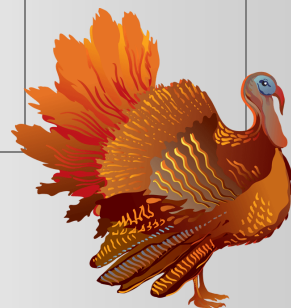


We will be conducting a "FOX HUNT" on the 11th of November!
12 NOON

Millennium Academy, 10005 Ridge Rd., New Port Richey

Dust off your directional antennas and prepare to:

"RELEASE THE HOUNDS"





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						1 GCARC CHRISTMAS PARTY 2:00PM
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The Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club will host a Christmas Party on Nov. 2nd for members and their guests at Millennium Academy 10005 Ridge Rd. , New Port Richey. It will be catered by Mission BBQ. Please let Ralph know (wa3yfq1@gmail.com) if you are planning on attending. Also, if you are attending, you **SHOULD** be wearing an "UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER". There you have been informed, don't blame me if you show up not wearing one!

Always check the website and our facebook page for any changes in times or dates for club events!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NAME / CALL	BOARD POSITION	EMAIL
Barry Keaveny, N2NVP	President	keavbv@msn.com
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Chris McCullough, KC3CJU	Director	kc3cju@gmail.com
Mark Toussaint, N1MT	Director	n1mt@arrl.net

GCARC NETS

On **Monday** nights at 7:30pm 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 7:30 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.

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
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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 Mark Toussaint at membership@gulfcoastarc.com. There is also a downloadable membership application on the website, gulfcoastarc.com/membership !

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.

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

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PASCO COUNTY ARES & SKYWARN NET



Wednesday at 7:30 PM.
146.670 GCARC Port Richey
147.135 Pasco County ARES Dade City
- All have PL-146.2

