



GULF COAST AMATEUR RADIO CLUB **Newsletter**

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May 2025

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Hot weather is just around the corner. There is no better way to kick off the summer than participating in the ARRL Field Day event. This year, Field Day will be happening on June 28 – 29. The club is beginning the planning process for this event and would love your help. If you'd like to be involved with the planning of Field Day, please contact me at N1MT.CW@Gmail.com.

I'd like to thank Roger Reese, KY2Y, for his presentation to the membership on one of the hottest digital modes today, FT8. Roger wasn't actually scheduled to present this month, but he willingly filled in due to a schedule change and he did a fantastic job. Big thank you for that! Below is the latest list of upcoming member meeting presentations.

Because the 4th Monday in May falls on Memorial Day, the May club meeting will be held on Monday, May 19th at 7pm. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there. Remember, this is your club so please let your voice be heard. Should you have any questions or concerns, any of the club Board members can help you or feel free to reach out to me directly at N1MT.CW@gmail.com

73 Mark, N1MT dit dit

Member Meeting Upcoming Presentations

Month	Topic	Presenter
<i>May 2025</i>	<i>How to build a Yagi, Vertical, or Dipole Antenna</i>	<i>MEMBER - Nico Maldonado</i>
<i>June 2025</i>	<i>What is GMRS?</i>	<i>MEMBER – Scott Allshouse</i>
<i>July 2025</i>	<i>Planning and Running a Successful Hamfest</i>	<i>GUEST – Tim Fida, WB0YSX</i>
<i>August 2025</i>	<i>How to build a 9:1 Balun</i>	<i>MEMBER – Mark Toussaint</i>



GCARC News

Last month, Wayne KD2UDU gave a presentation to a group of “home schoolers” at the New Port Richey Public Library. He was assisted by Tim WD8MVU and Chris KC3CJU. It was a great presentation and well attended. Wayne is doing a great job promoting the hobby thru the utilization of that facility. We would like to thank Wayne, Tim and Chris for their continuing effort to fulfill one of the main missions of the club!

We would also like to thank Roger KY2Y, as Mark previously mentioned, for stepping up with his presentation at last month’s membership meeting. The scheduled presenter had to withdraw at the last minute and has been rescheduled for a later meeting.

Field Day is coming up in June and we are looking for volunteers for setup, break down and operate on “off hours”. We also are looking for volunteers for the “RAP RIVER RUN”. This is an event we have been involved with for a long time. If you would like to volunteer, Contact Barry N2NVP at keavbv@msn.com.

This Saturday, May 3rd the club is hosting a POTA & PICNIC at Starkey Wilderness Park. See the flyer below! Stop by!

The 145.350 New Port Richey repeater is “WIRES-X” capable. Our room is “WA4GDN FL or #43516”. Thanks Chris KC3CJU!

Finally, it’s that time of year when the “snowbirds” head back north! We like to wish our members who are making the journey “safe travels” and we look forward to your return in the late fall and winter!

73s

Visit our website
GULFCOASTARC.COM
For the latest info and updates!

Next Test session
Saturday May, 10th
Millennium Academy
10005 Ridge Road, New Port Richey

Contact Al AJ4JA at aj4ja@icloud.com



GCARC

"POTA & PICNIC"



Pasco
County

Saturday, May 3rd

Jay B. Starkey
Wilderness Park

IN COOPERATION WITH THE SOUTHWEST
FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT



Bring your own food! Charcoal grill available to cook!

For further information contact:

Chuck Too, KA4CEM

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PAVILION #5



MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				10M HF NET 7:30 PM 28.430Mhz USB		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Sunday Night Net 7:30 pm 145.350 Mhz	FUSION NET 7:30 PM 146.670Mhz	GCARC INFORMATTION NET 7:30 PM 146.670Mhz	SKYWARN NET 7:30 PM 146.670Mhz	10M HF NET 7:30 PM 28.430Mhz USB		License Testing
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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.

Skywarn net!

Held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month!

146.670Mhz WA4GDN repeater!



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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.

Board of Directors

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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

stewartnick@erols.com

May Tuesday Night Net Controller Schedule

May 06	Pamela	KQ4IOT
May 13	Chuck	K5KAZ
May 20	Barry	N2NVP
May 27	Wayne	KD2UDU*

***If Available; if not, Nick KN4IKR**

Membership Information

Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club offers 3 levels of memberships.

Individual, Family and Junior. Applicants need not be licensed to become members.

Membership runs for 12 months, beginning on January 1 and ends December 31.

For more information, email membership@gulfcoastarc.com.

All memberships are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors!

Regular & Associate Membership* \$25

Junior Membership \$15

Family Membership* \$30