



# Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club

## WA4GDN

### NEWSLETTER



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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Hello 2025 and I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year and was able to spend some time with family, relax and play radio. Many people begin a new year making resolutions. These resolutions vary tremendously from topic to topic & person to person. So my question to you is, do you have any Ham Radio related resolutions? If the answer is “yes” and your resolution is pushing you into uncharted waters, maybe one of GCARC’s Elmer’s can help you accomplish your resolution. You can get more information about this program at <https://www.gulfcoastarc.com/training>

Maybe your resolution involves purchasing new equipment? If so, one of the best events to purchase new equipment is HamCation. This year, HamCation 2025 will be February 7 th – February 9 th , in Orlando. All the major manufacturers and suppliers will be there and typically they offer great pricing on their products. If you are considering going to HamCation, you don’t want to miss our upcoming January 27 th members meeting. At the conclusion of that meeting, we will be raffling off tickets for HamCation 2025. I’m looking forward to what is in store for our club in 2025.

73 Mark, N1MT

### 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?

# CLUB NEWS

For those of you who do not know, Ralph McCullough, WA3YFQ, passed away in December. On behalf of the Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club, its Board and Membership, I want to express our deepest condolences to the entire McCullough family.

I'd like to take a moment and recognize just some of Ralph's contributions to Gulf Coast and the amateur radio hobby. Ralph served the club in just about every capacity you can imagine, including being past president and currently serving as the club secretary. He was the current SkyWarn coordinator for Pasco County and served on ARES. He also was a volunteer examiner with the Laurel Amateur Radio Club. Ralph was first licensed in 1973. He was an avid digital mode operator, enjoying PSK, RTTY, JT-65 and he loved FT-8.

We all have heavy hearts, and Ralph will certainly be missed but we can have comfort knowing the he is now with his Savior, Jesus and he no longer is experiencing any pain or suffering.

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## WINTER FIELD DAY

**JANUARY 25th and 26th**

**11:00am Saturday til 2:00pm Sunday**

We are still looking for people to come out Saturday and help setup tables, radio coaxial cables and antennas for Winter Field Day and also teardown the following day on Sunday. Please email Chuck Martin, at [chuck33@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:chuck33@tampabay.rr.com)

## Tuesday Night Net Controller Schedule for January

<b>January 07</b>	<b>Barry</b>	<b>N2NVP</b>
<b>January 14</b>	<b>Pamela</b>	<b>KQ4IOT</b>
<b>January 21</b>	<b>Chuck</b>	<b>K5KAZ</b>
<b>January 28</b>	<b>Nick</b>	<b>KN4IKR</b>

# January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNSDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			<b>SKYWARN NET 7:30 PM 146.670Mhz</b>	10M HF NET 7:30 PM 28.430Mhz USB		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>Sunday Net 7:00pm 145.350Mhz</b>	<b>Fusion Net 7:30 pm 145.350Mhz</b>	GCARC INFORMATION NET 7:30 PM 146.670Mhz	<b>SKYWARN NET 7:30 PM 146.670Mhz</b>	10M HF NET 7:30 PM 28.430Mhz USB		
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Testing on January 11th. 10:00am at Millennium Academy' Contact AI at [AJ4JA@ICLOUD.COM](mailto:AJ4JA@ICLOUD.COM)

Winter Field Day, Jan 25 & 26! Still need VOLUNTEERS! Contact Chuck Martin at [chuck33@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:chuck33@tampabay.rr.com)

# February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNSDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 POTA HoneyMoon Island
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POTA, Honey Moon Island State Park, Saturday February 1st 9:00am!

Testing, Saturday February 8th 10:00am, Millennium Academy. Contact AI at [AJ4JA@ICLOUD.COM](mailto:AJ4JA@ICLOUD.COM)