



NEWSLETTER - April 2023

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

The Board has decided to resurrect the GCARC Newsletter. This is the first, of what we hope is many, monthly newsletters for the Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club. We have short-term and long-term objectives for the Newsletter. In the short-term, we would like it to be your main source for learning about upcoming activities and events for the club. Over the long-term, we would like this evolve into a more robust vehicle for all types of ham related information. Mark Toussaint, N1MT has volunteered to get the basic information published and sent out to all members for April. However, **going forward Chuck, K5KAZ has volunteered to take over and build it into a great informational document for the club. The Board would like to thank Chuck for volunteering his time and effort for being an integral part of making our club flourish.**

As we launch our new newsletter, the Board thought it would be fun to have a contest for the membership to **NAME THE NEWSLETTER**. As an example, the Surrey Amateur Radio Club in Minnesota calls their newsletter "The Communicator". Let's get creative and have some fun. The winner will receive a free club tee shirt. So, if you have a suggestion and want to enter the contest, please send me your Newsletter Name to: keavbv@msn.com The winner will be announced at the April 24th member meeting.

73,
Barry, N2NVP
President, Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club

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 REPEATER INFORMATION

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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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.

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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.

UPCOMING CLUB ACTIVITIES

MONTH	DATE	ACTIVITY	ADDL INFO
May	2 nd	2 Meter GCARC Club Net 7:30pm	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2)
	9th	2 Meter GCARC Club Net 7:30pm	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2)
	13th	License Exam Session, 10am	Appointment only. Contact Al, AJ4JA@icloud.com
	16 th	2 Meter GCARC Club Net 7:30pm	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2)
	22 nd	GCARC Member Meeting, 7pm	Millennium Academy 10005 Ridge Rd, New Port Richey
	29 th	2 Meter GCARC Club Net 7:30pm	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2)
	TBD	May Club Luncheon	TBD
June	5 th	2 Meter GCARC Club Net 7:30pm	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2)
	10 th	License Exam Session, 10am	Appointment only. Contact Al, AJ4JA@icloud.com
	10 th	RAP River Run Event, 7am	Contact Barry, keavbv@msn.com
	12 th	2 Meter GCARC Club Net 7:30pm	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2)
	19 th	2 Meter GCARC Club Net 7:30pm	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2)
	24 th & 25 th	Field Day	Millennium Academy 10005 Ridge Rd, New Port Richey
	26 th	GCARC Member Meeting, 7pm	Millennium Academy 10005 Ridge Rd, New Port Richey
	TBD	June Club Luncheon	TBD
July	4th	2 Meter GCARC Club Net 7:30pm	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2)
	8th	License Exam Session, 10am	Appointment only. Contact Al, AJ4JA@icloud.com
	11th	2 Meter GCARC Club Net 7:30pm	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2)
	18th	2 Meter GCARC Club Net 7:30pm	146.67 MHz (PL 146.2)
	31st	GCARC Member Meeting, 7pm	Millennium Academy 10005 Ridge Rd, New Port Richey