



Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club

WA4GDN

NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

On Monday, November 25th we will be holding our Board position elections. This year, we will be filling 3 positions, they are Vice President, Secretary, and one of the Director roles. Each position on the Board carries a two-year term. There are two requirements to become a GCARC Board member. One is that you are a member of GCARC in good standing, and two is that you are willing to help participate in the decision-making process for the club. It is not a huge time commitment, the Board meets about 6 times per year, typically for 1 hour or less. If you would like more information about becoming a Board member, please feel free to reach out to me or any of the current Board members and we would be happy to answer any questions you may have. The contact information for each Board member can be found within this newsletter.

SAVE THE DATE: This year's Christmas Party will be held on December 14th at Millennium Academy, 10005 Ridge Rd, New Port Richey. Our events committee will be planning the party and I'm sure we'll be hearing more about this in the upcoming weeks. On behalf of the Board, we hope to see all of you there.

73

Mark, N1MT

* WANTED *

We are looking for someone to take the lead on coordinating the upcoming **Winter Field Day** event. The dates for the **2025 Winter Field Day** are **January 25th and 26th**. If you are interested, please contact either Chuck Martin (chuck33@tampabay.rr.com) or Mark Toussaint (N1MT.CW@gmail.com).

CLUB NEWS

The GCARC will have a table set up at the "PASCO FLEA FEST" at Land O' Lakes Heritage Park on Saturday November 16th from 10 am to 3 pm. We are looking for members to volunteer for an hour or two distribute club info. If you can help out please contact Pam at mapper.pam@gmail.com or Chuck at chuck5kaz@gmail.com!

There will be NO CLUB LUNCHEON in November!

The Club Christmas Party is scheduled for December 14 th, 2:00 pm at Millennium Academy, 10005 Ridge Rd. New Port Richey.

Members and their family's are invited! **Please RSVP Chris at kc3cju@gmail.com No later than Nov. 22.** We would like a fairly accurate number of attendees so we can plan this event!

At the November Membership meeting there will be a presentation on programing radios using "chirp" and RT systems software!

**GULF COAST ARC
CHRISTMAS PARTY
DEC.14, 2024 @ 2.00**

At MILLENNIUM ACADEMY

All Members and Family are Welcome!

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 22 TO:
KC3CJU@GMAIL.COM

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNSDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Sunday Net 7:00pm 145.350 MHz	FUSION NET 7:30 PM 146.670Mhz	GCARC INFORMATION NET 7:30 PM 146.670Mhz	SKYWARN NET 7:30 PM 146.670Mhz	10M HF NET 7:30 PM 28.430Mhz USB		
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Testing Nov. 9TH 10 am Millennium Academy. Contact AL AJ4JA@icloud.com to register.
Check the website for other events that may be scheduled after publication!
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December



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Also on Dec. 14 th at 2:00 pm the Club will hold it's annual Christmas Party. Please RSVP Chris at kc3cju@gmail.com by Nov. 22 nd!

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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NAME / CALL	BOARD POSITION	EMAIL
Mark Toussaint, N1MT	President	n1mt@arrl.net
Chuck Miller, K5KAZ	Vice President	chuckmk5kaz@gulfcoastarc.com
Ralph McCullough, WA3YFQ	Secretary	wa3yfq1@gmail.com
Gary LaMunion, W8GLL	Treasurer	w8gll8@gmail.com
Chris McCullough, KC3CJU	Director	kc3cju@gmail.com
Barry Keaveny, N2NVP	Past President	keavbv@msn.com
Chuck Martin, KA4CEM	Director	chuck33@tampabay.rr.com

**** ATTENTION ****

The New Year is fast approaching!

This means our Annual Membership Renewal is happening! DUES ARE DUE!

Membership dues are a main source of club revenue! We have had a SIGNIFACANT drop off in membership renewals over the past year! Please download a membership application from the website and submit it with your check to:

*Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club
P.O. Box 1
New Port Richey, FL 34656*



4 in Poly Vinyl

UV resistant & waterproof

\$3.00ea or 4 for \$10.00

Available at the monthly meeting!



Pasco Flea Fest

Saturday, Nov. 16th

10 am to 3 pm

Land O' Lakes Heritage Park
5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd., Land O' Lakes, FL

- Flea Market
- Food Vendors
- Live Entertainment
- Vendors
- Swap Meet

For More Information Contact:
Cheryl 727-365-6411
FleaFest@CommunityMarketsandEvents.com
CommunityMarketsandEvents.com

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Sunday Night Net



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Wednesday at 7:30 PM.

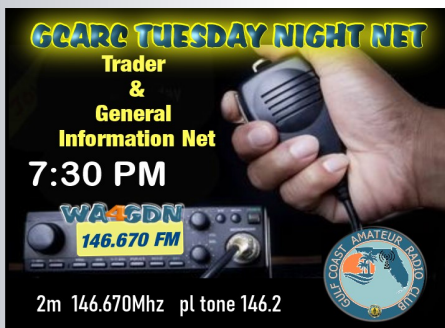
146.670 GCARC Port Richey

147.135 Pasco County Emergency Management Dade City

PL-146.2

The Wednesday night Sky Warn Net is looking for Net Controllers!

Please contact Ralph at wa3yfq1@gmail.com



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.

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

NOVEMBER TUESDAY NIGHT NET CONTROLLERS SCHEDULE

NOV. 5TH K5KAZ CHUCK

NOV. 11TH KD2UDU WAYNE

NOV. 18TH KQ4IOT PAM

NOV. 25TH KN4IKR NICK

GCARC FUSION NET

YAESU

System **Fusion**

On Monday nights at 7:30pm we hold a "systemfusion" 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 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

***New Port Richey
145.350 / 144.750 Mhz
PL tone 146.2***

REMINDER!!

The GCARC has "loaner" equipment available!
CONTACT Barry N2NVP

