



GULF COAST AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Newsletter

www.gulfcoastarc.com



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The Gulfcoast Amateur Radio Club would like to thank Tim Cunningham and Dave Rockwell for their presentation to the membership at the October meeting in regards to the “reboot” of ARES in Pasco county. What ARES does in Florida differs from county to county. It’s stated roll is to **“provide emergency and public service communications support to government and relief agencies when normal systems are disrupted, such as during hurricanes or other disasters .“** Although I have gained a little more understanding recently, I am still unclear how we as a club support ARES. I will be sending out an email shortly containing a survey to gage member’s interest in becoming or “reactivating” ARES participation. It will require a simple yes or no response.

At next month’s membership meeting elections will be held for President, Treasurer and Board member. If you would like to run for any of these positions please contact Roger Reese KY2Y at rareese22@gmail.com by NOV. 16th. We will also take nominations from the floor at the meeting. I encourage members to consider running for these positions.

Last Saturday the club held it’s monthly POTA at Starkey Park We included a “picnic/cookout”. Turnout was pretty good. We had seven members successfully activate the park.

<u>CALL SIGN</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
KA4CEM	14	14
KC3CJU	10	10
KD2UDU	12	12
K5KAZ	49	49
W0MES	78	78
W8GLL	14	14
KK4DYF	?	?



MORE PICTURES!



Our next Club POTA will be on the first Saturday in December. The “park” has yet to be determined!

On Saturday, November 8th, we will hold a testing session at Millenium Academy, 10005 Ridge Rd. at 10:00am. Contact Al at aj4ja@icloud.com.

November 15, there will be a Breakfast at Bob Evans, 9115 US-19, Port Richey. Pam KQ4IOT will have a presentation on “The History of Hurricanes in Florida” 9:30am!

We are still looking for donations of equipment for the club to sell at the Tampa Bay Hamfest. If you have items you would like to donate contact Pamkq4iot@gmail.com. Also still need a volunteer to help at the table on Saturday an hour or two would be great!

Reminder, the PASCO county SKYWARN NET is held the first and third Wed. of every month at 7:30pm on the WA4GDN repeater 146.670 mhz. there is a146.2hz pl tone.

Also the GCARC’s Trader & Info Net is held every Tues. eve at 7:30pm on the same WA4GDN 146.670 Mhz repeater. This month schedule for Net Control Operators is:

November 4th	Pam	KQ4IOT
November 11th	Chuck	K5KAZ
November 18th	Barry	N2NVP
November 25th	Nick	KN4IK

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

ISS SSTV Event to Celebrate 25 Years of the International Space Station

November 3, 2025

Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) was the first educational payload on the International Space Station (ISS). As a result, ARISS is celebrating 25 years of the ISS with an SSTV event to take place November 12th through the 20th. The series will also celebrate Scouting.

Series 30 will consist of 12 different images transmitted every 2 minutes on 145.800 MHz. Follow ARISS on social media for additional details and dates.



National Amateur Radio Alliance

Club Week - November 1-8

Club Week is a multipurpose, week-long event. While the primary goal is to contact other clubs and exchange QSL cards, this uniquely designed on-the-air event serves many additional purposes.

- Provides opportunities to set up in public spaces and engage with the community
- Promotes activity across all ham bands
- Encourages conversations between operators
- Helps new hams overcome mic fright and gain confidence

Is a great event to introduce newly licensed hams and technicians to the t exciting world of HF!

Club Membership

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

The Florida Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Council Presents:

The **50th Annual**

TAMPA BAY HAMFEST

and Electronics Show

ARRL West Central Florida Convention
Second Largest Hamfest in Florida



Expo Building
Strawberry Festival Grounds
Parking behind 301 N Berryfest Pl (was N Lemon St)
Plant City, FL 33563

December 12th-13th, 2025
Friday, 1PM to 6PM—Saturday, 8AM to 3PM

Talk-in Brandon - 147.165 +, PL 136.5

For up-to-date information visit www.TampaBayHamfest.org

ARRL-VEC Exam and Commercial license testing
WAS, DXCC, IARU, VUCC Card Checking

Forums and Programs are updated regularly on website

Admission at the gate	\$13	Under 12 accompanying a paid admission	FREE
Advanced ticket purchase	\$10	Public service/military in uniform	FREE
Student with ID	\$5	Bulk Tickets Sales	10/\$92
Indoor tables, 8ft	\$20	No vehicles of any kind in building	
Booth, 10ft x 10ft with 2 8ft tables	\$60		
Electric	\$10		
Tailgate space	\$10		
Camping	\$20	See website for details	
Club table, 1 free for club activities	\$0	No selling allowed	
Club tables	\$15	Each for selling	

Everyone entering the parking/tailgate/inside area must have a ticket visible.

See webpage for more information—www.tampabayhamfest.org

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNSDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Fusion Net 7:30 145.350MHz	GCARC Info & Trader Net 7:30pm 146.670Mhz	SKYWARN NET 7:30 PM 146.670Mhz	10M HF NET 7:30 PM 28.430Mhz USB		TESTING 10:00 am
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Fusion Net 7:30 145.350MHz	GCARC Info & Trader Net 7:30pm 146.670Mhz		10M HF NET 7:30 PM 28.430Mhz USB		Club Breakfast
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Fusion Net 7:30 145.350MHz	GCARC Info & Trader Net 7:30pm 146.670Mhz	SKYWARN NET 7:30 PM 146.670Mhz	10M HF NET 7:30 PM 28.430Mhz USB		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING	GCARC Info & Trader Net 7:30pm 146.670Mhz		10M HF NET 7:30 PM 28.430Mhz USB		

MONDAYS DIGITAL NET



7:30pm 145.350Mhz

TUESDAYS



INFO & TRADER'S NET
7:30pm 146.670Mhz
PI tone 146.2hz

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

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THURSDAYS
7:30PM
10M 28.430MHZ SSB



SKY WARN NET

1st & 3rd WEDNESDAYS
and as necessary
7:30pm 146.670Mhz
PI tone 146.2hz

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145.350Mhz Repeater
is now
WIRES-X
Capable!

Wa4gdn - Florida