



GULF COAST AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Newsletter

www.gulfcoastarc.com

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GCARC NEWS

Prior to the September Membership meeting there was a meeting of the “board of directors”. In accordance with Article III, sec. 4 of the club By-laws, which states ::

ARTICLE III

Section 4

Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by the Board in accordance with Florida Statute 617.

In the event the vacancy is the office of the President, the Vice President will assume the office

and the Board shall fill the office of Vice President.

The board named Pam Lamunion KQ4IOT to fill the office of Vice President.

In November the club will hold an election for board of directors. The offices up for election this year are President, Treasurer, & 1 Board member. To that end a “Nomination Committee” will be formed on or before the October membership meeting. Anyone who is interested on being a committee member please contact me by email chuck5kaz@gmail.com.

Our monthly Club POTA will be held this month on Saturday the 4th at Werner-Boyce. Also on that day a club luncheon will be held at Sony’s BBQ (address in the calendar) where Pam will give a presentation on “emergency preparedness”.

Do not forget, December 12th & 13th the Tampa Bay Hamfest. We will have 2 tables at this event, one club info table and a sales table. We are looking for

- A) Donations of equipment to sell with proceeds benefiting the club.
- B) People to volunteer some time to help man the tables.

Contact Pam kq4iot@gmail.com.

Tuesday’s Club info & traders net had 20 checkins, this is a great number, lets kep that kind of participation goin thru the winter. Let’s also try and increase the numbers for the other nets!!

Chris McCullough is the new PASCO county SKYWARN Coordinator. Chris is looking for people to be SKY-WARN Net control operators. Please contact Chris at kc3cju@gmail.com. Let's keep this b monthly net going!

We would like to thank Karl WA2KBZ for his presentation at the September meeting on "grounding".

Dave Rockwell will be giving a presentation via zoom at this months meeting. That will wrap up presentations for this year. We are looking to start scheduling presentations for next year. If you have a subject you would like to do a presentation on please contact me at chuck5kaz@gmail.com.

Finally with elections looming I would like to encourage members to consider running for the board seats that are being contested. We need new blood, new ideas from time to time! I will not be running for any of-
fice. As I have stated before President is not something I wanted or feel I am qualified for. I feel my skills are more suited for the things I do now with the newsletter and website!

Chuck
K5KAZ

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

Member Meeting Upcoming Presentations

<i>October 2025</i>	<i>ARES Presentation / Q&A</i>	<i>Dave Rockwell, ARRL assis- tant section manager</i>

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

ARRL Wants Every Ham to Help Us Pass The Bill

09/26/2025

ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio® needs every radio amateur in the United States to send letters to Washington as we continue our nationwide grassroots campaign to pass the Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act. The process is simple: click the button at www.arrl.org/HOA, put in your call sign, and press the red SEND MY LETTERS button. It takes mere seconds!

The letters will automatically be sent to your elected officials encouraging them to support the bipartisan bills. This legislation is intended to prevent restrictive homeowners' association (HOA) rules that currently prohibit or severely limit the installation of amateur radio antennas. Passage would give amateur radio operators the same rights to install antennas on their property as those enjoyed by users of TV antennas, wireless internet, and flagpoles.

Spreading the Word

ARRL CEO David Minster, NA2AA, [was the guest on the Ham Radio Crash Course YouTube channel](#). Host Josh Nass, KI6NAZ, spoke with Minster for 45 minutes about this important letter writing campaign.

ARRL West Gulf Division Director John Robert Stratton, N5AUS, shared insight into the importance of getting every ham to send a letter on the W5KUB Amateur Radio Roundtable podcast with Brett Glass, WY7BG, and Glen Popiel, KW5GP. See that discussion [on YouTube](#), listen to it [on Podbean](#), or view it [on Facebook](#).

"You don't have to be a member," said Stratton. "Any amateur radio operator in or out of an HOA should go to the website." Go to www.arrl.org/HOA.

ARRL is also encouraging radio clubs to provide letters of support, and is urging each club officer to sign the letters. There are [instructions for clubs](#) (PDF) on how to complete the letter and a [sample letter for clubs](#) (DOCX) that should be customized with their information.

Send your letters now.

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

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			SKYWARN NET 7:30 PM 146.670Mhz	10M HF NET 7:30 PM 28.430Mhz USB		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Fusion Net 7:30 145.350MHz	GCARC Info & Trader Net 7:30pm 146.670Mhz		10M HF NET 7:30 PM 28.430Mhz USB		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30	31	
	MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING	GCARC Info & Trader Net 7:30pm 146.670Mhz		10M HF NET 7:30 PM 28.430Mhz USB		



POTA! October 4th, Werner Boyce Salt Springs 9:00am

Also on Oct. 4th there will be a "club luncheon" at Sony's BBQ, 5130 Little Rd. New Port Richey at 11:30am!

Testing! October 11th, 10 am. Millenium Academy

Contact AL aj4ja@icloud.com!

October Tuesday Night Net Controller Schedule

OCTOBER 7	PAMELA	KQ4IOT
OCTOBER 14	CHUCK	K5KAZ
OCTOBER 21	BARRY	N2NVP
OCTOBER 28	NICK	KN4IKR

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

MONDAYS DIGITAL NET



7:30pm 145.350Mhz

TUESDAYS



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



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