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Gulf Coast Amateur

Radio Club

PO BOX 595

NEW PORT RICHEY

FLORIDA 34656

Clubhouse QTH

6909 Tierra Verde
St

Port Richey, FL

34668

PICNIC OPEN TO ALL HAMS - YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A CLUB MEMBER

You and your family are

Annual

**HAM RADIO
PICNIC**

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH
1 PM**

CREWS LAKE PARK - PAVILION #1
16739 Crews Lake Dr, Spring Hill, FL 34610

RSVP BEVERLY VIA EMAIL--> PICNIC@GULFCOASTARC.ORG
SO WE CAN GET A LIST OF WHO IS COMING AND WHO IS
BRINGING WHAT. COVERED DISH, SNACKS, SODA, ETC.

Club Officers

President

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WA3YFQ

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KN4EPU

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Chris McCullough,
KC3CJU

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Immediate Past President

Barry Keaveny
N2NVP

Webmaster

Chris Bloxsom AA4CB

Some Links of interest

This month I will post a bunch of links to online local amateur radio clubs.

[East Pasco Amateur Radio Society](#) (..of course 1st on list)

[Zephyrhills amateur Radio Club](#)

[West Central Florida Group](#)

[Florida Weak Signal Society](#)

[Tampa Amateur Radio Club](#)

[St. Petersburg Amateur Radio Club](#)

[Suncoast ARC](#)

[ARRL West Central Florida Section](#)

If you see something on the web that you would like to share please send an email to webmaster@gulfcoastarc.org

ARRL Headquarters Monitoring Progress of Hurricane Lane, Radio Gear Available to Deploy

[UPDATED: 2018-08-23 @ 1242 UTC]: ARRL Headquarters is in monitoring mode, as powerful Hurricane Lane — now a Category 3 storm — approaches Hawaii, ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager Mike Corey, KI1U, said on Wednesday, and Ham Aid Amateur Radio equipment is available for deployment.

Corey said the Hurricane Watch Net (HWN) has a team on standby to assist with communication between Hawaii and the mainland, if needed. Amateur Radio at the National Hurricane Center in Miami also is standing by to assist with communication between the Central Pacific Hurricane Center and the National Hurricane Center. The Salvation Army Team Emergency Network (SATERN) is also keeping an eye on the situation but has not activated. The VoIP Hurricane Net is currently monitoring the situation and will reevaluate tonight.

As of 1200 UTC on August 23, Hurricane Lane was 230 miles south-southwest of Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, moving northwest at 7 MPH and on course to pass very close to or over the main Hawaiian Islands Thursday and Friday. It is a Category 3 storm, with maximum sustained winds 130 MPH. Hurricane-force winds extend out 40 miles; tropical-storm-force winds extend out 140 miles.

A hurricane warning is in effect for Oahu, Maui County, to include the islands of Maui, Lanai, Molokai, and Kahoolawe, and Hawaii County. A hurricane watch in effect for Kauai County, including the islands of Kauai and Niihau.

The ARRL Hawaii Section is engaged with Hawaii Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) and on standby to assist with shelter operations, if that becomes necessary. Volunteers are also assisting the National Weather Service and state emergency managers. ARRL Puerto Rico Section Manager Oscar Resto, KP4RF, is visiting Hawaii this week and has offered to assist and share his knowledge from the response to Hurricane Maria, which devastated Puerto Rico last year.

Corey said that at this time, no personnel or equipment are needed. He asked that those in the affected area alert ARRL of any communication gaps that might evolve as well as any key information that could be shared via Amateur Radio networks.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has released preparedness and safety information for the public during hurricane season.

New Hams

The August test session resulted in three new Technician class licenses: KN4OHQ, KN4OHR and KN4OHT.

Jeff - W2JL

**G.C.A.R.C. Repeaters
146.670 FM & C4FM
145.330 FM & C4FM**

ARRL VE test session



NO EXAMS WERE HELD THIS month due to Wednesday was July 4th holiday. See you next month.

Exams are held on the first Wednesday of every month
At the Clubhouse 6909 Tierra Verde St. Port Richey FL 34668
Port Richey, FL 34668

Time: 6:30pm

Tech through Extra Exam's

Walk-ins are welcome!!!!

Contact Roy KM4OR (727) 848-4829 or Kevin W4KJP (727) 842-7732

Documents required:

- 1) If applicable, an original and a copy of Amateur license held.
- 2) Positive (Photo) ID
- 3) A check for \$15.00, payable to ARRL/VEC. or cash.
- 4) Any certificate of successful completion of examinations (CSCE)

Clubhouse open house

Starting in April The Clubhouse will be 'manned' on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. As a paid Gulf Coast Amateur Radio member you always have access to the clubhouse 7 days a week. Whether you want to go up and operate HF/VHF/UHF the new stations set up in the radio room or watch TV , or just get away from it all. It is there for you.



There is also a new "Workbench area" assembled in the main room so you can solder up some of those projects you have always wanted to build.

Gulf Coast ARC is on Social Media



Come find us on Social media. Twitter Youtube Facebook
Keep up to date with the latest activities. Post your comments. Start some conversations. Ham radio Videos?? We have them. You can add your own to our Youtube page.

Upcoming Local Hamfests

Pasco County HamFest

09/22/2018
Start Date: 09/22/2018
End Date: 09/22/2018
Location: Gunn Highway Flea Market
2317 Gunn Highway
Odessa, FL 33556
Website: <http://sarcfl.com>
Sponsor: Suncoast Amateur Radio Club
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 145.350 (no PL tone)
Public Contact: Don Nystrom , KA2KDP
PO Box 1992 New Port Richey, FL 34656
Phone: 727-868-0176
Email: n9ee@tampabay.rr.com

Gulf Coast ARC's Fall Hamfest

10/27/2018
Start Date: 10/27/2018
End Date: 10/27/2018
Location: Millennium Academy
10005 Ridge Road
New Port Richey, FL 34652
Website: <http://gulfcoastarc.org>
Sponsor: Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 146.67 (no PL tone)
Public Contact: Ralph McCullough , WA3YFQ
6615 Doon Street New Port Richey, FL 34653
Phone: 727-247-4790
Email: wa3yfq@yahoo.com

Fall 2018 LARC Hamfest

11/03/2018
Start Date: 11/03/2018
End Date: 11/03/2018
Location: Revolution Church of Lakeland
7315 Kathleen Road
Lakeland, FL 33801
Website: <http://lakelandarc.org>
Sponsor: Lakeland Amateur Radio Club
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 146.685 (PL 127.3)
Public Contact: Kevin Rought , N4KWR
9145 Evans Pass Polk City, FL 33868
Phone: 863-393-4336
Email: rought82@gmail.com

When anyone first gets into a hobby, they have questions, lots of questions. Some of the answers can be found in books or online, but like any hobby, ham radio has a lingo all its own. For the newcomer, the lingo can be very intimidating. Being in a club allows one to absorb some of the language just by hearing it in context. Most hams are only too happy to explain it to someone else as well.

Most ham operators have more interests than just Amateur Radio. They may be expert gardeners, woodworkers or collectors. By joining a club and participating actively in it, you can avail yourself of the friendships and social contacts that the club provides. Who knows, you likely bring a skill or an experience level to the club that others will see as valuable too.

Another area where belonging to a club brings benefits is in the area of what I call "the big project." If there is a need for a tower to be erected, or some other large job, club members can be counted on to band together to get it done, whether for the club as a group, or for the benefit of an individual member. Just remember to reciprocate on the next "big project" for someone else.

Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club Application for Membership

Name1: _____ Call: _____ Class: _____
 Name2: _____ Call: _____ Class: _____
 Name3: _____ Call: _____ Class: _____
 Address: _____

Alternate Mailing Address: _____
 _____ from-to Dates: _____
 (mm-mm)

Telephone () _____ ARRL Member: Y / N / Life
 Cell Phone () _____ ARES / RACES Member: Y / N

Birth Month/Day: 1: ___/___ 2: ___/___ 3: ___/___

E-Mail: _____

Dues: Individual: \$25, Family: \$30 Treasurer Received: \$ _____

Occupation: _____

If Retired, Previous Occupation: _____

Make checks payable to: Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club

Mail to: Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club

Post Office Box 595

New Port Richey, FL 34656-0595

Membership Information

The membership year begins on January first and dues are due by January 31.

Dues are \$25.00 per person per year for an individual; or \$30.00 per year for a family membership (All members must live at the same address).

Benefits of Membership

- Access to the Club's radio equipment at the Clubhouse.
- License Classes
- VE Testing
- ARES / RACES and SkyWarn are actively supported by the Club
- Field Day with our Communications trailer
- Community events supported by our Club.

PayPal now available



Join or renew
GCARC & ARRL
MEMBERSHIP
ONLINE HERE

Secure Payments By
PayPal

VISA MasterCard DISCOVER AMERICAN EXPRESS

NO PAYPAL ACCOUNT NEEDED!

Next Club meeting

Our next club meeting is on August 27th at the clubhouse. Time is 7pm. We will be discussing everything!! There are a bunch of newly licensed operators around.

Meetings are always open to the public.

If you missed last month's meeting it is not too late. Most meetings are available on the [Club's Youtube channel](#).



Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club
"An ARRL Affiliated Club"

Welcome to the Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club!
(West Central Florida Section, An ARRL Affiliated Club)
Next Board Meeting April 9th, 2018 7:00 PM
Next General Meeting April 23rd, 2018 7:00 PM

<http://gulfcoastarc.org>

Club nets

The Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club's Tuesday Night Net is held on the WA4GDN club repeater On 146.670 Mhz at 7:30 PM. This is a Trader's Net and General Information Net. 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 guys from LARC went to this island to operate radio.

Last month we informed you about some local hams traveling to grid EL84. They made it there and here are their results.

K4R EL84 Grid Expedition @K4R_EL84 · Jul 19

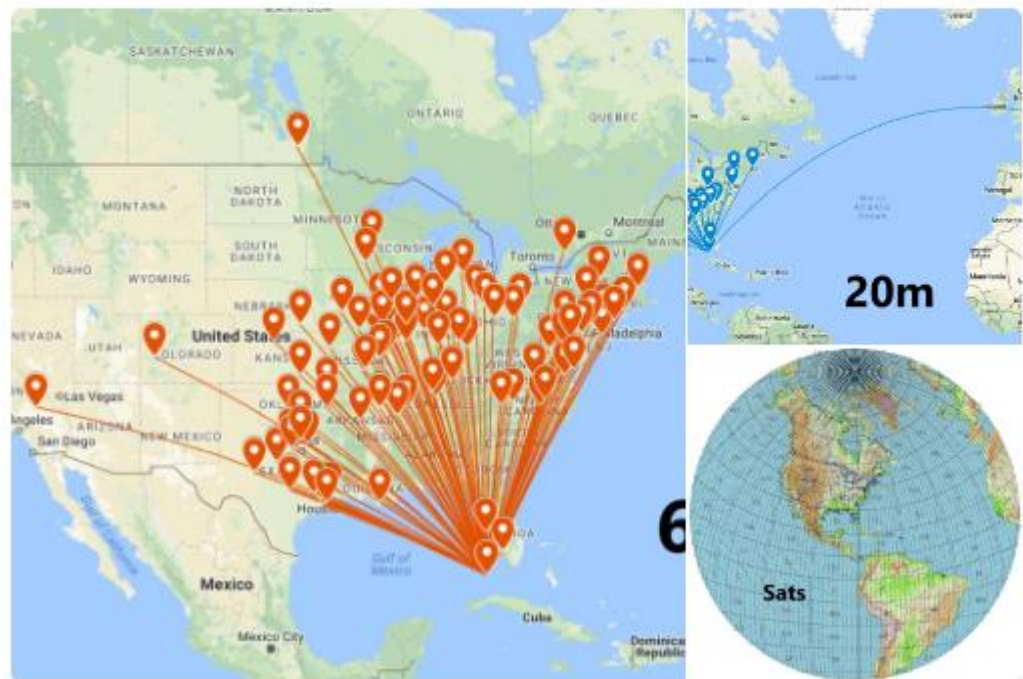
All logs have now been uploaded to LOTW, and HF logs submitted for WWFF-KFF. QSL cards coming soon.

Final stats on K4R:

6m: 101 QSOs during 2-3 openings

Sats: 141 QSOs in 63 grids

HF: 52 QSOs in about an hour of operating.



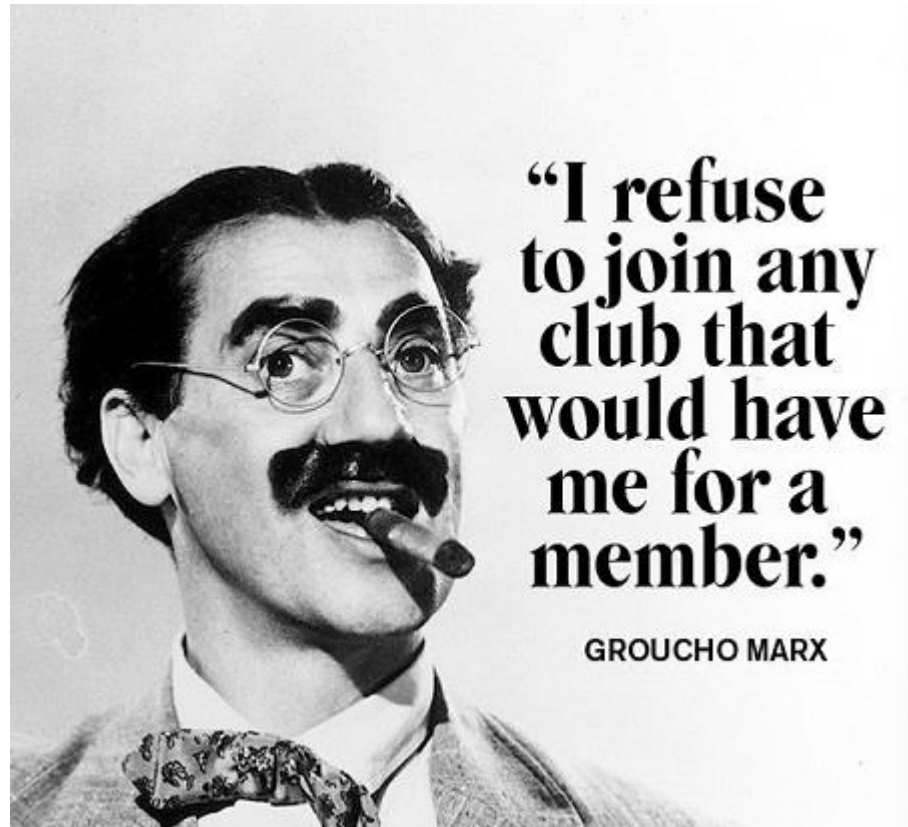
Call for Articles

We are always looking for articles to publish in the newsletter. Topics should apply to Amateur Radio, or other closely-related topics. Submissions may be edited for grammar, content, or length; however, that is usually pretty rare. The deadline for submissions is the 25th of each month; however, submissions received after the deadline will be considered. If a late entry doesn't make it in the current month, it may be used in the following month.

Email you article to webmaster@gulfcoastarc.org

Until next month... (C :

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73 de AA4CB