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In this month's edition of the Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club's newsletter we are going to get some education on Podcasts. Podcasts pertaining to Amateur radio of course. Over the past couple of years there have been numerous people podcasting over the internet. Some you might of heard of and some you may not have. Well let's start with what is a podcast.

Definition of podcast

: a program made available in digital format for automatic download over the Internet. It can be audio and or video format.

Why are there amateur radio podcasts? We let's face it, there is no way any TV station is going to produce a show just for Ham radio. Heck we are lucky that Last man Standing is coming back to network television. That show has done a wonderful job promoting ham radio to the public. The funny part is that there is a ham radio in the background of the set and maybe every couple of episodes there is a reference to it. Not like the man is on there calling CQ or anything.

So here we go with AA4CB's top 5 list on Amateur radio Podcasts.

Ham Nation

URL : <https://twit.tv/shows/ham-nation>

Video Channel on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

Time: Records live every Wednesday at 9:00pm Eastern

Hosts: Bob Heil, Gordon West, George Thomas, Don Wilbanks, Valerie Hotzfeld, Amanda Alden, Dale Puckett

The excitement and importance of ham radio - from tossing an antenna wire into a tree allowing you to talk to the world, to the importance of ham radio operators in time of disasters.



With over 350 episodes under their belt, by far one of the best resources out there. Forget about Wednesday night television. Go check out the latest information in the Amateur radio community with this weekly Video podcast. If you miss the live broadcast on Wednesday nights you can catch it again on Youtube. Along with all the previous episodes.

They cover many different topics. There is something for everyone. While you are there on their channel you can check out the rest of the twit networks programming. You might find something else of interest there. *Hint: The Screen Savers*

Backed by the excellent production quality and support from the Twit network they truly produce one of the best video podcasts on the World Wide Web.....does anyone even can the internet that anymore??... I am showing my age now..

W5KUB

URL : <http://w5kub.com>

Video Channel on [Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

Time: Records live every Tuesday night 9 pm Eastern.

Hosts: Tom Medlin , Katy Allen, Dave Casler, Martin Jue, Riley Hollingsworth.



Two words to describe this show.

Live inter-active Broadcasts.

Okay that was 3 words.

The show is too big for two words, and its growing every week. This is the show that streams live coverage of the BIG Ham fests like Dayton (Xena) and Huntsville, Alabama. They set up at these big shows and have

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145.330 FM & C4FM**

video running 99% of the time. Sometimes they even stream the ride to the show. So you are there watching the crew drive to the hamfest. You see all the behind the scene action going on. Such as when Tom hits the wrong button on the control panel and the video goes all sorts of wacky.

There goes Tuesday night Television. Watch this instead. TV will rot the brain. This show will enlighten you. After watching a couple of episodes they will feel like family on the screen. Tom has a wonderful program every week. They have guests from around the world on the show. When they are setup at Dayton he has a very special guest that has been off the world. Astronaut Doug Wheelock sits down and talks to Tom and everyone watching.

This really is my favorite show on the 'net. I know I have mentioned this program in the newsletter months ago. One of the best things about this program is that Tom takes live calls. Yes you can talk to them on Tuesday night's live broadcast. They have a live chat room running throughout the show. You can login to the chat server and join hundreds of other hams in the room. Ask questions in there or just monitor. They do have an HF net on before the show begins. So you can use your own equipment and communicate with W5KUB directly over the air waves.

Live from the Ham Shack

URL: <https://www.livefromthehamshack.tv/>

Video Channel on [Youtube](#)

Time: Mondays NOT a LIVE broadcast. So check the website for latest episode.

Hosts: Jason Johnston



HAMRADIO2.0

LIVE FROM THE HAMSHACK

Here is the description from the man himself.

My name is Jason, callsign KC5HWB. I started this Video Podcast in 2014 and named it 'Ham Radio 2.0' because I wanted to focus on the next steps for Amateur Radio. This series has grown beyond my original expectations and it is time to take it to the next level. Watch for upcoming updates to this series and the direction it will be going for 2017 and beyond.

Another good show that is on almost every week. I have seen this man operate at the Orlando Hamcation and he does most of the work himself. Jason really does a lot, I mean a lot of reviews on DMR gear. Such as hotspots, handhelds and mobile radios. It is safe to say that he loves the DMR mode. That is not the only thing on his show he also cover many other topics such as System Fusion Wires-X over ham-mesh network, various equipment unboxings, APRS, AllStar, and too many more to list here.

Ham Radio NOW

URL: <https://www.hamradionow.tv/>

Video Channel on [YouTube](#)

Time: GOD only knows

Description from his website.

HamRadioNow is an online television show, a webcast, an audio podcast, a

YouTube show... whatever you want to call it, it's for and about Amateur Radio. Our host is David Goldenberg W0DHG. Gary Pearce KN4AQ has moved on to bigger and



better podcasts (but promised to visit now and them). Gary's been a ham for over 50 years, and a broadcaster for almost that long. David's a little newer, but he's dived head first into EmComm, Scouting, and public service.

And OK, we have kind of an identity problem.

Sometimes we're a talk show, with guests from across the Ham Radio spectrum (little joke there). Gary thinks he does the best interviews in ham radio media, but that's really your call, isn't it?

Sometimes we haul the gear out on location and do a magazine-style show or mini-documentary. Not often... that's a whole lot more work. And it's a lot more expensive.

Sometimes we present forums and seminars from various Amateur Radio events like hamfests and conferences. That's expensive, too.

Sometimes it's just strange stuff, like Gary pointing a camera out the window of his car while he drives cross-country, talking on the radio, or just talking to the audience. And those shows get the most favorable comments.

And now we've added the EmComm Extra episodes that have an EmComm focus. (No, there's nothing 'extra' about them... we just like alliteration).

So you never know what's coming next, though once in a while we'll talk about it, or give you a heads-up on our Facebook Group or Twitter.

The show is recorded, not live, though often we push the Facebook Live button. But there's no set schedule. We average one program a week. You watch the show whenever you want, either right here on our Episode Pages, or on our YouTube Channel. It's all the same stuff. Or you can download just the audio and listen on your phone with our RSS feed.

* The most important Amateur Radio program on the Internet?
A totally bogus, empty, made-up claim that sounds really good.

Ham Radio Concepts

URL: <https://www.hamradioconcepts.com/>

Video Channel on [Youtube](#)

Time: As soon as he is done editing

Host: Eric Hofer



Eric puts Florida on the Podcasting Map and he does a great job. A local from Roseland Florida has spent the last couple of years recording and editing his shows. He does a lot of videos and provides good real reviews of products. He has been seen at a bunch of the local hamfests in the area. His videos cover a wide range of topics. Some shows are about DMR, operating ham radio out in the field, multiple software reviews and how-to information, QRP radios and antennas, and a separate video for each US ham band.

That's it for the reviews. I will add links to the next section so that you can check out other podcasts that are on the web.

Some Links of interest

This month I will post a bunch of links to Amateur Radio podcasts.

Check them out.

<https://www.icqpodcast.com/>

<https://www.kb6nu.com/>

<https://www.hamradioworkbench.com/>

<https://www.qsotoday.com/>

<https://myamateurradio.com/>

<http://hamradio360.com/>

<http://amateurradio15.com/>

<http://100wattsandawire.com/>

<http://www.arnewslines.org/>

<http://fieldradiopodcast.org/>

<https://www.essexham.co.uk/essexham-podcast/>

<http://phasinglinepodcast.com/22-the-other-ham-radio-podcast/>

<http://www.arrl.org/doctor>

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

The UN Amateur Radio Club's 4U1UN...

...was back on the air briefly on August 22, after a lengthy absence. Following completion of antenna installation work, Adrian Ciuperca, KO8SCA, who has been helping to restore the station to operation, was on 20 meters for a short time (SSB only; a pirate was using the call sign on CW), generating a pileup and working about 2 dozen callers. Once all is in place, 4U1UN will operate from a remote operating position on the third floor of the UN Headquarters. 4U1UN is the 34th most-wanted DXCC entity. -- Thanks to The Daily DX



Time to get into Yaesu System Fusion and Wires-X



YAESU FTM-7250DR

Yaesu did it again with a new super Dual Band 50W with Wires-X capability and supporting FM/C4FM, 225 Memories, RX 109-579.995MHz at this low HRO price.

For a Limited Time Only!

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More Info

*After Coupons & Promotions

ARRL VE test session



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)

September testing results: For the first time in 2018, there were no pre-registrations or walk-ins appearing for the September VE Testing session.

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

53rd Annual Melbourne Hamfest

10/12/2018
Start Date: 10/12/2018
End Date: 10/13/2018
Location: Melbourne Auditorium
625 East Hibiscus Blvd.
Melbourne, FL 32901
Website: <http://www.pcars.org>
Sponsor: Platinum Coast Amateur Radio Society
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 146.850 -600 (no PL tone)
Public Contact: PCARS Melbourne Hamfest , W4MLB
PO Box 1004 Melbourne, FL 32902
Phone: 321-508-3791
Email: mhamfest2018@pcars.org

Gulf Coast ARC
Elections are coming soon.
come to your club meeting to vote

Positions to be voted on:
Vice President & Treasurer

Next upcoming meetings:

September 24

October 22

November 26



<http://gulfcoastarc.org>



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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy September everyone. There is not too much to report this month. We did have good turnout at our club picnic. The temperature was a bit hot but it looks like we all survived it.

At our last club meeting we talked about not having a cotee man triathlon race event. So instead of not doing anything we are going to have a FOX Hunt. Barry N2NVP is organizing this event.

Do not forget that the clubhouse is open to everyone on Saturdays. Time is about 11am to 3 PM. Give me a call on the radio or phone to make sure we are going to be there. Some Saturdays I have to sneak away and do the Pasco County ARES thing. Then after that is over I am usually up at the clubhouse.



Reminder to everyone that the Club elections are coming up and I suggest that everyone attend the next couple of club meetings. We currently have 2 positions up for vote. One is the Vice-president and Treasurer. If anyone would like to run for either position please get in touch with one of the election committee members. NOVEMBER is the election. This is very important make sure that you are a paid FULL member of Gulf Coast in order to vote.

Speaking of positions on the Board Bill has resigned from his position due to health issues. We would like to thank Mike Semer N2KNW for filling in to the end of his term.

73'y

Ralph McCullough WA3YFQ

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Next Club meeting

Our next club meeting is on September 24th at the clubhouse. Time is 7pm. We will be discussing some club activities. 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 needs Net control operators

The Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club is in need of Net Control Operators.

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.

Wires-X node is now On-the-Air

WIRES-X

Wide-Coverage Internet Repeater Enhancement System



There is a Wires-X node on the 146.670 repeater. It is accessible from any Yaesu Digital radio. Users can now connect to 'rooms' or connect to other repeaters around the world. For more info on Wires-X please contact Chris AA4CB.

WIRES (Wide-coverage Internet Repeater Enhancement System) is an Internet communication system which expands the range of amateur radio communication. For WIRES-X, an amateur node station connecting to the Internet is used as the access point and connects the wireless communication to the Internet. Users' stations can communicate with other amateur stations all over the world using a node within the radio wave range.

WIRES-X supports the C4FM digital and the clear and crisp voice technology enables high sound quality. By repeating C4FM digital data as it is via the Internet, users can enjoy clear voice communications even if they are thousands of miles away each other.

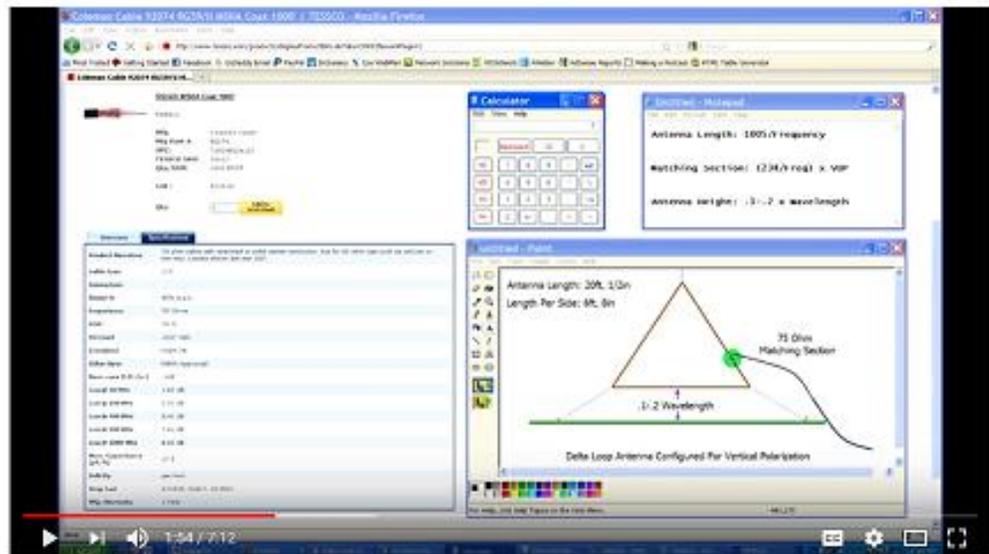
Utilizing the digital communication, the WIRES-X operation is simple, easy and user friendly.

Varieties of the new functions as well as voice communications expand opportunities for enjoyment of ham station operation.



How to Build a 6 Meter delta loop

Click on picture to start [video](#)



Part 1 - Six Meters Delta Loop Antenna

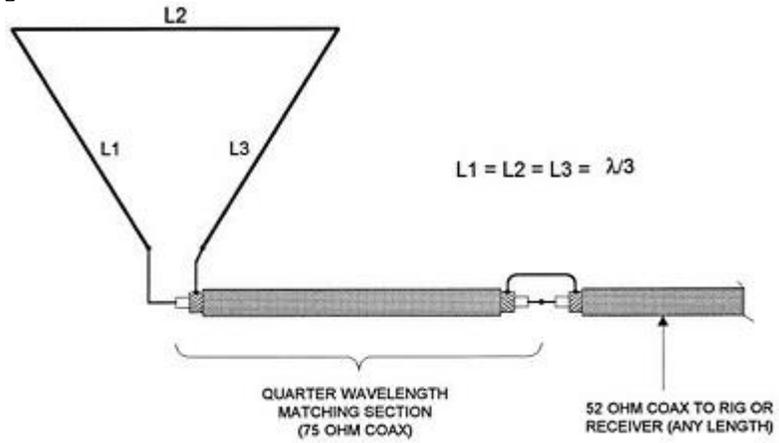
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ettbawdhqLc>



The Technician class has access the entire 6 meter amateur radio band. They can operate CW, digital and phone. Antennas for 6 meters are small and easy to build. A delta loop antenna is one of the easiest antennas to build. I have built many of these antennas. Most of the new HF gear out there comes with SIX meters. The most common reason I get about why you're not on 6m is "I do not have an antenna for it" or "no room for a mono-band yagi antenna". Well hopefully this will help you out and get you on the band. Easy to build and easy to put up. It will not break the bank and if you are like most hams you have the parts laying around in your shack.

BTW The band is open especially in the summer and a bit in Dec-Jan. so get out

there and get on the air!!



CLUB MEETING

*It's free!
bring friends,
conversation &
fresh ideas*

@ 7 PM

MONDAY, SEPT 24

50/50 - FOOD - REFRESHMENTS

AT GCARC CLUBHOUSE

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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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