

# RADIOWAVES



## MARCI Newsletter

**FROM THE PRESIDENT:** Greetings all and Happy Halloween! There is nothing scary in this month's comments though it is a little spooky to think that we are nearing the end of it all - - the year that is. Where did the year go? Last year time seemed to drag on and on as we were basically 'confined to quarters'. Things are a lot looser these days though some measure of safety is still in order on a case by case basis.

MARCI General Membership Meetings will continue via ZOOM for the foreseeable future. Until I am confident that YOU are confident (and unfortunately this may not be anytime soon for some of you) meetings will continue virtually. While on the subject, we have quite an interesting meeting in store for the November effort on Tuesday November 2<sup>nd</sup>. In addition, the December G/M Meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> will be quite a unique and fun affair. I will not rain on the parade but you ALL should tune in via ZOOM for this one! Get ready for a good time! December 7<sup>th</sup> means more to some than others, though all of us must remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our country on that day of infamy.

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting about MARCIFEST which we held on 10/12, I could already tell we were going to have a great hamfest. The volunteers had been organized and accepted their roles with enthusiasm.

On 10/23 when MARCIFEST finally got under way things went sharply and smoothly. It seemed like everyone was having fun, was glad to participate and be a part of the plan, to be OUT AND ABOUT and working alongside fellow hams in an historic project: the MARCI Club's first hamfest. My hat's off to you all and I thank you as well for such a fine effort and making it such a fun day. The MARCIFEST volunteers...

George Hawrysko K4AWA (MARCI VP), Ed Skalecki NI4MX (Board Member), Ed's wife Donna Skalecki KF4MHI, Pete Jaroski KA1WBE (MARCI Trader's Net Control OP) and his wife Susan, Tim Hostetler WD8JTR, Chris Ebert KB2ICN, Nate Ravid N8RVD and his wife Carol, John Hubbard AD4ZH, Robert Jones KO4LXL, Bob Gates KJ4IC, Roger Mort WA4DNO, Clyde Wiggins WB4GLI, Cindy Wiggins WB4ZBH, Earl Ritchie K4UFB, Jeff Lewis KY4JP, David Blackmore N1IAC, Jack Hamm WB9KVD, Cathy Hamm KN4PXJ, Susan Ryan KB4WHI (my wife who deserves special thanks for putting up with the smell of PAINT in the house for weeks, while I painted all the signage), a big thanks to the VOICE OF MARCI Frank Giannone, WO4GQ 'Marcifest Talk-In Station', and a HUGE SPECIAL THANKS to Cecil Fox, KF4CSM for helping me with the logistics and planning as well as getting permission for us from the Bible Baptist Church to put on our wacky-gala-thon known as MARCIFEST in the first place.

I hope to see all of you on ZOOM during the next MARCI General Membership Meeting, Tuesday November 2nd. Our program for the November meeting is by George Hawrysko, K4AWA our club VP. It should be a most interesting ZOOM Meeting. Until then, stay safe, take care all, and PLEASE...tell someone that you love them.

**FROM THE EDITOR:** The first annual MARCIFest has come and gone and by all accounts it was a great first effort. Congratulations to the crew that organized and ran the event. I could only be there for a short time on Saturday because of other commitments but I enjoyed myself at a great show.

With Hurricane Season almost over we can perhaps breathe a sigh of relief but lets remember the “No Name Storms” of the past and not drop our guard completely.

We are an older group of people in our club so we should be aware that we as individuals are at a higher risk from COVID-19 and it’s variants than the population as a whole. Therefore I am pleading with those of us who have not yet been vaccinated to get it done AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. There is a negligible risk from the vaccine, I personally have had three shots of the Pfizer Vaccine, the original 2 shot regimen plus the booster and have had NO reactions at all. It is SAFE no matter what the BS on the Internet would have you believe. No one griped about vaccines for the usual childhood diseases so there is no reason to gripe about this one. Besides IT WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE.

I realize that this looks like a kind of a rant but I (as a former medical professional) simply cannot understand why so many people are listening to the advice of lunatics and con men over the reasoned advice of doctors and specialists in communicable diseases.

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## PHOTOS FROM THE MARCIFEST



The winner of a \$50 ARRL Gift Certificate is Jack Moyer, K4KDI from Orlando. The winners of a \$25 ARRL Gift Certificate are Pedro Alicea, WY4A from Altamonte Springs and another \$25 ARRL Gift Certificate was won by Andy Blitz, KO4FEY from Estero (near Ft. Myers).









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**CLUB MEETING:** This will be a Zoom meeting on November 2, 2021 Our meetings will be on Zoon until further notice

(See the President's message on Pages 1 and 2 of this issue.)

**Monthly Board Meeting** TBA (may be replaced with a teleconference)

**Monthly ARES Meeting** TBA (may be replaced with a teleconference)

### Club and Other Nets:

MARCI Info Net	Sunday 7:00 PM	146.820 – 100 Hz.
ARES Net	Monday 7:00PM	146.820 - 100 Hz.
MARCI Traders Net	Wednesday 8:00 PM	146.820 –100 Hz
Manatee Skywarn Net	Thursday 8:00 PM	146.820 - 100 Hz.
WCF Eagle Net (Local NTS Net) Nightly	8:30PM	145.43 – 100Hz or 442.95+ 100Hz
WCF Technical Net (tech assist.)	Thurs 9:00PM	145.43 – 100Hz or 442.95+ 100Hz

**PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN ALL THE NETS ANY TIME YOU CAN.** The nets on Monday (146.820) and Thursday (146.820) are logged for the Manatee County Emergency Management and create “bill-able” hours of Volunteer Participation which often results in County provided equipment for ARES. And DON'T FORGET about the Regional Nets on NI4CE on 145.430 and 442.950. The Eagle Net, the NTS Traffic Net is on every night at 8:30 PM. The regional Skywarn Net is on Tuesday at 9 PM, The Technical Net is on Every Thursday at 9 PM or immediately after the end of the Eagle Net should that net run a little over.

Our Club Net on Sunday night is recently very poorly attended. Our club has over 60 members. Surely at least 15 Or 20 of you can take 20 minutes out of your Sunday evening to check into your own club net! The most common complaint I hear about repeaters of all sorts, local and regional, is that **“there's no one on”**. The old saying about **“if you don't use it you will lose it”** was never truer than now.