

RADIOWAVES



MARCI Newsletter

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FROM THE PRESIDENT OF MARCI

Happy belated 4th of July everyone! The 4th of July – also known as Independence Day – is a time to celebrate America. It marks the day in 1776 when the Second Continental Congress* unanimously adopted the Declaration of Independence, signaling the official separation of the 13 original colonies from Great Britain during the Revolutionary War. Since that day, July 4, 1776, has been considered America’s “birthday,” making her 246 years old.

FIELD DAY 2022 has come and gone. Unfortunately, most of MARCI’s membership chose not to be involved in the annual event. Unfortunate when you consider that a number of our members are new, are new hams, have no experience in operating HF, no experience with the setup and/or handling of antennas, antenna tuners, transceivers, with logging contacts, scheduling/teamwork, propagation, and band conditions.

Our friend Bob Borsari, W4WRS offered to host a MARCI Social Event at his home QTH in East Bradenton. Thank you, Bob! Bob’s address is 11208 Upper Manatee River Road, Bradenton, FL 34212. The event is scheduled for Saturday July 16th. Those attending should plan to arrive at roughly 4:00 pm with chowtime at 5:00 pm. Brian Biery, N4BB our MARCI Club Secretary has sent repeated reminders via email with a spreadsheet attached indicating those food and beverage items being supplied and those which we’d like someone to bring along if you care to. (If you’ve NOT seen the email(s) from Brian, better get in touch with him as this indicates MARCI does not have a good contact email for you.) Contributions to the event are not required just come out and enjoy the day with us. Members, non-members, friends, family, significant others, mothers-in-law, and such are all invited and encouraged to come out and mingle. Please contact Brian at N4BB.brian@gmail.com for more details [*if you have not already done so*], to let him know whether you will or will not attend, and what you might bring to share if you care to. Brian is finalizing the information this week so let him know as soon as you can!

By now all should now that we are NOT having our MARCI monthly meeting in July as we traditionally take this month off from that meeting. Our next General Membership Meeting will be on August 2nd. This will be a LIVE MEETING to be held at the BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH at 2113 Morgan-Johnson Rd. in east Bradenton. Yes, LIVE MEETINGS are back! I/we hope to see all of you there. ‘Swap and Drop’ tables will be in the rear of the room for those with something TOO GOOD to throw away but that a member might like to have. You may also find something to pick up for yourself as well.

This morning I received news that a previous MARCI member, Harold ‘Rick’ Mixon, KB4CIA had passed away yesterday. Rick lost his long battle with cancer.

I'll keep my little corner of RADIOWAVES short this month and merely thank you for supporting MARCI. I wish you all '73 all and have a great month. And tell someone you love that you love them, PLEASE. See you soon. I trust you had a happy 4th of July.

-Mike Ryan, K4CVL

*(Note: Some had claimed they have seen me in portraits painted of the 2nd Continental Congress. This is not true. I was not there as I could not get my horse started that morning.)

From the Editor

To start out on a lighter note, our venerable MARCI President's age has been the subject of much debate in past years and continues to this day. Mike has finally given us a clue about how old he is in the footnote to his President's message on the previous page. Congratulations Mike on your longevity!

This newsletter would normally have gone out about a week before our monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of the month. Since we do not have a meeting in July, and since the big news this month is our social event on the 16th, I'm sending the newsletter out closer to that date.

July 16th MARCI Social Event

The date is fast approaching for our MARCI social event at the home of Bob Borsari, W4WRS, on Saturday, July 16th, starting at 4 pm. As of this writing, we have 29 members, guests, and people interested in ham radio who will be joining the festivities!

Please consider the following:

- If you have one, please wear a call sign badge or some other visible form of identification so we can easily identify each other.
- Dress comfortably, and don't forget the insect repellent!
- Come prepared to socialize with your fellow MARCI members and guests. We have many new members since we last met in person, and they are anxious to meet you for the first time!

Bob's address is: 11208 Upper Manatee River Rd, Bradenton, FL 34212

Directions from the north of the Manatee River crossing the Fort Hamer Bridge:

Head south across the bridge, then turn left at the first traffic light onto Upper Manatee River Rd. Turn right onto the first road, Gates Creek Rd, and Bob's house is the first home on the right. You can't miss his antenna tower!

Directions from the south of the Manatee River starting at the intersection of SR 64, Lakewood Ranch Blvd (it ends at SR 64) and Upper Manatee River Rd:

Head north on Upper Manatee River Rd and turn right at the traffic light at the intersection of Upper Manatee River Rd and Fort Hamer Rd, continuing on Upper Manatee River Rd. Turn right onto the first road, Gates Creek Rd, and Bob's house is the first home on the right. You can't miss his antenna tower!

Barry Yoder, W8JSO, needs a ride to the social event

Barry recently submitted his application to join MARCI, and he would like to join us for our social event. Barry was licensed in 1954 and holds an Amateur Extra class license! He has a medical condition which will not allow him to drive. He's asked if someone would be willing to pick him up to attend the event. Barry's address is 508 44th Ave E Lot A-16, Bradenton, FL 34203. If you can give Barry a ride, please contact me for more information at 919-412-8264, or via email at N4BB.brian@gmail.com.

Harry, VE3HHS, wants to meet you “on the air”

Harry Splett, VE3HHS, a MARCI member, is currently residing at his home in Ontario, Canada. He has asked if any of our members are on the HF bands. Harry says, “I am on 3755 every morning around 7 am and on 7264.5 at 8 am, Monday through Friday. Let’s hear from you guys on Amateur Radio!”

Until next month, continue to enjoy our fascinating hobby, and stay safe!

Brian Biery, N4BB
N4BB.brian@gmail.com
Radiowaves Editor

Don't Leave Home Without It - Jim Zientara, W4MAN

Going on a trip? Be sure to pack your toothbrush and clean underwear. If just wandering around town, make sure there is enough gas or stored electricity in the car.

In 2018, I had a local attorney update some estate documents for my wife and me.

Some of the documents are the living will, will, living revocable trust, durable power of attorney, health care surrogate, declaration naming a pre-need guardian, etc. Your attorney might recommend these or other documents for you.

With a ton of documents in my hand, I asked if I could scan and copy them to a flash drive. "Sure, why not?" said the attorney. Not being an attorney nor practicing law, I took the advice.

There is no personally identifiable information, such as Social Security numbers, bank account numbers, etc., on the documents. The documents only pertain to my wife and I and our heirs.

I bought a metal, not plastic, flash drive that had a ring loop on it and 32 GB of storage. We attached them to our key rings. I then scanned and copied these legal documents to our flash drives. Password protection is optional.

I thought it was a good and handy idea. Your GB storage size may vary.

A few weeks after receiving the updated documents and loading them on the flash drives, my wife and I attended the annual convention of the National Model Railroad Association in Kansas City, MO. My wife of 56 years became ill and was briefly in the emergency room at a KC hospital. Medically, everything worked out fine.

The Admissions Administrator at the hospital asked if my wife had a living will and other legal documents available. I said I had what was probably wanted. It is on a flash drive. The Administrator hesitated because of the fear of a virus on the flash drive that could affect the hospital's network. However, Admissions did have a computer that was not on the hospital's network.

I gave the Administrator my wife's flash drive. My flash drive had similar information. The Administrator returned after a few minutes and couldn't stop talking about how wonderful the flash drive arrangement worked. It had all the documents they needed, and they were up to date.

The Administrator said she will tell the hospital, her parents, and everyone else of the great idea of the flash drive filled with appropriate documents.

A legal question for your attorney is validity. Is your will, health care surrogate, etc., valid in other states and outside the country? My attorney couldn't say, but having the paperwork is better than not having it.

I suggest speaking with a qualified professional to get your legal documents in order, because you just don't know where you will be when you need them, regardless of your age.

A grandparent may want to put on a flash drive information for himself, spouse, kids, grandkids, etc. For example, who has authority to help a grandkid visiting you that gets hurt and needs hospitalization?

Frequently, people leave their important documents in a file cabinet, a safe deposit box, with their attorney, etc. They may be secure, but how do you get to them when needed? An early question asked is, show me the paperwork. If you had a flash drive, I assume there is somebody, somewhere, that could print out the documents.

The flash drive is just one of many places to store documents. There are various vaults online in the cloud to consider. Some people may feel that uploading documents to the cloud is risky. Maybe so, but the digital world knows lots about you right now.

Since the hospital incident, we've been adding more info to our flash drives and the online vault, including pictures of the family, cardiologist heart scans, and other items I may need or like having handy on a moment's notice. There really is no limit to what to add.

My cardiologist thought it is a great idea. It gives a picture of the heart in the past and a new heart scan may indicate if things have changed.

I've since added other medical documents, such as my latest blood test, list of prescriptions, vitamin supplements, a list of doctors, my pre-paid funeral director, etc. The info held on the flash drive keeps growing and is being updated frequently.

If you like and as a courtesy to my fellow hams, my office will help in the scanning and transferring of your documents to the flash drive that I'll provide.

So don't leave home without it. That is, your flash drive on your key ring.

73,
Jim Zientara, W4MAN
Cell 941-224-1347, Jim39434@gmail.com

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July Puzzle - Geoff Haines - N1GY

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Items for Sale

Mike Ryan – K4CVL – Call (941) 376-6453

Radio Shack SWR/POWER Meter. NEW IN THE BOX with manual. NEVER BEEN USED. Works 3–30 MHz. Handles up to 2 KW. Asking \$45.00.



Jack Ham – WG9X - jham58@tampabay.rr.com and (941) 567-6716

I now have for sale the following:

- (2) 10 M Hamsticks
- (4) ProAm Ham Stick type antennas: PHF 12,17,20 and 40. The numbers are the respective bands in Meters. The 40M has a railing or ladder clamp on it with the interface connector.
- Included are 4 other ProAM antennas. I do not know the bands they are for. They can be seen on Maple Leaf Communications Web Site.
- Asking \$50 for all. What a deal!

I also have a DISCONE Antenna. Used at camper for 2m and 70cm. Worked well. I will throw in a 10' section of ½" pipe for mounting. Asking \$ 50 for this antenna as well. Another great deal.

Gould OS3600 Dual Trace 100 MHz Oscilloscope with **DM3010** Digital Measuring Unit. Complete with Operating Manuals, Parts List and Schematics. Vintage equipment category. Scope works fine but there is no power getting to the DM3010. Was used as demo equipment for shows and customers. Otherwise has very few hours on it. Will sell for \$125. Great for bench service work.

IEC 20MHz Log Linear Sweep Generator Model F77. Complete with (2) Operating Manuals, Parts List and Schematics. Vintage equipment category. Works fine. Was used as demo equipment for shows, customers, and a few personal audio projects. Instrument has very few hours on it. Will Sell for \$75. Great for bench service work.

MFJ-931 Artificial Ground. \$50.

Mike Wise - K4PRO - Call (941) 704-4030

- Vibroplex CW Keyer with Plexi cover. Asking \$150.00
- DX Engineering DXE-RF-PRO-1b Magnetic Receive (only). Amplified loop antenna works well on 30-160 with 50 or 75 ohm cable. Asking \$250.00.
- Timewave ANC4 Noise Eliminator. ANC-4 is an RF device that eliminates or reduces man made noise Asking \$150.00.

Pete Jarosik – KA1WBE - Please call or text (941) 580-8696

- Kings Type RF connectors for RG-8U, RG-213 \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20
- MFJ Voice Keyer \$100



- MFJ 906 Tuner (300 watt) \$40



- Very rare EL-KEY lever CW keyer (only 400-600 made in the late 50's) \$100.



- Astron RS-12 Power Supply. Asking \$35.



- Drake MS-4 speaker and power supply \$150.



Estate Sale Items from Steve Milovich, W4ASM, of Parrish
Contact Pete Jarosik – KA1WBE - Please call or text (941) 580-8696

Note: All items but one (*) are manufactured by Swan

Power Supplies

PS-10, 400 PS, DSU-2

VFOs

410, 410C, 420, Tempo 2010 External VFO

Radios

240, 350 (3), 350A, 350B, 350D, 400 (2), 500. Cygnet 300B

Antenna Tuners
St-1 (2)



It covers the bands of 160-10 meters, switched inductance T-match type, and is designed as a legal limit (1KW) tuner, built to complement legal-limit amplifiers.

Asking price \$100

Meters

WM-2000

Amplifiers

Swan 1200z, CUBIC 1500ZA (*)

Jack Mrozak – K2CTH – (941) 254-7393

Since hurricane season is here, this is a perfect item for emergency power:

Yamaha Inverter Generator, 1600 watts/2000 watts peak. Never used. Bought new about 2 years ago for \$550. Will sell for \$400. Nice for emergencies or field day.



Geoff Haines – N1GY – (941) 447-8579 (cell) or (941) 752-3696 (home)

- Offer to build: Custom extension cables for any remote-able radio such as the Yaesu FTM-300, 350 etc.
- Anderson Powerpole Power Distribution Blocks in 4+1, 6+1, and 8+1 sizes \$10, \$15, \$20 each respectively. Can custom build to suit.
- In addition, I have more parts and components than I will ever use, so if you need something, a transistor, a plug, a jack, etc. Call me first, I will give you a great price (as in no charge).

MARCI Library Update

This was mentioned last month, but bears repeating. Our Treasurer, Jack Ham, WG9X, was given a set of flash cards to assist in studying for the General license exam. This study aid will be added to the MARCI library soon. If you are looking to upgrade your Technician License to a General License, these flash cards will help you tremendously in your efforts to master the test material.

Refer to the Mometrix Test Preparation website for more information:

<https://www.flashcardsecrets.com/hamradio/>

VE Exam Sessions

When you're ready to take the Technician, General or Amateur Extra License exams, you may take them locally.

VE Exam Sessions: August 20, 2022 – October 15, 2022 – December 17, 2022.

Location:

Bible Baptist Church of Bradenton
2113 57th St E
Bradenton, FL 34208

Testing starts at 9:00 am.

Contact: James E. Woodson
(941) 301-8703

Sponsor: Manatee Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Websites of Interest

Our MARCI website is located at Manatee-ARC.org

The ARES website is located at MCESG.org

Manatee County Public Safety: https://www.mymanatee.org/departments/public_safety

ARRL: ARRL.ORG

Club Meetings

Monthly MARCI Club Meeting

We do not have a meeting scheduled in July each year. Our August 2nd meeting will be “in person” at the Bible Baptist Church located at 2113 57th St E, Bradenton, FL 34208.

Monthly MARCI Board of Director’s Meeting

Tuesday, July 19th at 7 pm on Zoom.

Monthly ARES Meeting

The next general membership meeting will be on Tuesday, July 26th at 7 pm at the Bible Baptist Church of Bradenton and will also be available on Zoom.

Clubs and Other Nets

MARCI Info Net	Sunday 7:00 pm	146.820 - 100 Hz
ARES Net	Monday 7:00 pm	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 8:30 pm	145.43 - 100 Hz or 442.95 + 100 Hz
WCF Technical Net (tech assistance)	Thursday 9:00 pm	145.43 - 100 Hz or 442.95 + 100 Hz

PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN ALL OF THE NETS ON OUR REPEATER

Our Manatee Amateur Radio Club Net every Sunday night at 7 pm on the K4GG repeater, 146.820, is an excellent opportunity to learn about all the fun amateur radio activities that are happening in our club and across our ham radio community.

Our Club Net on Sunday night is often 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!

On Monday evenings, feel free to drop in on the Manatee County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) Net at 7 pm. They are a bit more tactical and an easy way to improve your own operating skills.

On Thursday evenings at 8 pm, we host the National Weather Service SKYWARN Net. Everyone is interested in the weather and SKYWARN is an easy way for you to contribute to this popular public service program.

DON'T FORGET about the Regional Nets on NI4CE on 145.430 and 442.950. The Eagle Net, the National Traffic System Traffic Net, is on every night at 8:30 pm. Whether you are interested in "Traffic Handling" or not, everyone is welcome to check in and enjoy putting your radio to good use. They also host the regional SKYWARN Net on Tuesdays at 9 pm.

The ARRL West Central Florida Technical Net is a very popular and informal activity held every Thursday at 9 pm or immediately after the end of the Eagle Net should that net run a little over.

With so many opportunities to listen in and participate, you are sure to meet new folks and discover many more of the interesting ways to use and enjoy your amateur radio license!