

RADIOWAVES



MARCI Newsletter

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FROM THE PRESIDENT OF MARCI

I am writing this column earlier than usual as my wife Susan and I will be out of town for a period. But as was mentioned here the last couple of months, it's hurricane season. As I write this column, I'm watching the local weather reporters begin to guess which way the next tropical development that could affect Florida (Invest 98 as it being called tonight) is moving. But by the time you all read this my guess is whatever was coming as of tonight has already become a named storm / hurricane and come and hopefully gone without incident. I will be keeping my fingers crossed.

I will keep things brief this month, but I need to thank Ed Skalecki, NI4MX and his son Nick, KJ4EXV for helping with some much-needed maintenance on the MARCI repeater recently. The repeater's antenna was replaced and some critical adjustments to the repeater were made. The three of us spent a number of hours at the site but it was generous for Ed and his son to give up their Saturday to complete all the work. Thanks Ed.

Recently it was announced that a new location for 'Burger Monday' was introduced. Jack Ham has arranged for a room at a popular local restaurant for those wishing to enjoy lunch together, be they MARCI members or not. In case you missed the email announcement here it is for your enjoyment.

"Hi Ham Operators and MARCI members. We are starting up the Monday Lunch bunch again. It will be at Noon at Beef 'O Brady's. Come one, come all. Tell us how big a fish you caught or how deep your ground rods are. We will be there to listen as well.

"This restaurant has \$8 Burger Mondays. We should be able to get 1/2 of the side room for ourselves. We are going to start next Monday, 9/19/22. Gather about Noon in their side room. Front door, back left corner behind the cash register stand.

Beef O Brady's is located at 1795 Lakewood Ranch Blvd, Bradenton, FL. It is near the corner of Lakewood Ranch Blvd & SR 64 (Manatee Ave). It is in the Publix strip mall on the far south end of the mall. See y'all there. Jack WG9X"

MARCIFEST 2022 is of course October 15th. VE Exams will be offered by Jim Woodson, KE4INM, and his volunteer VE crew. Tony Vasile, KB9A, will be manning a MARCI Club Table in the tailgate area. If you have something to sell but not enough gear to tailgate, you might drop it off with Tony. With any luck you can turn your once 'a treasure' into cash. Be sure to see Tony about the drawing for door prizes as well. MARCIFEST will be a great time to get to know or visit with other MARCI members, do a little shopping in the tailgate/flea market area, and enjoy some great eats courtesy of 'TY's GOLDEN HOG' food truck.

By now everyone should know we will be conducting our annual Christmas Party and dinner at the Peridia Golf and Country Club on State Rt-70 in Bradenton. Several emails were sent out to the membership with details on this. However, if you have NOT seen the information there is still plenty of time to add your name to the list of attendees. It will be a great night out with plenty of prizes to be won and other surprises. Contact Jack Ham, WG9X at jham58@tampabay.rr.com.

As I will still be out of town for the next General Membership Meeting on October 4th, I will miss the presentation by Tony Vasile, KB9A. But I know what's on the agenda and also know you will enjoy the information he has to offer so be sure to make this one.

I'll be watching the weather. Hope all stay well and safe. Look out for one another. And, oh yeah, tell someone that you love them.

See you soon. '73. - Mike, K4CVL

From the Editor

I apologize for not sending this out sooner, but as almost all of you are aware, we had a rather impressive Hurricane Ian visit us for the past few days! Mike's comments about the tropical development, Invest 98, were prophetic in a sense. Mike's comment, "...whatever was coming as of tonight has already become a named storm / hurricane and come and hopefully gone without incident. I will be keeping my fingers crossed." Obviously, Mike uncrossed his fingers at some point since he left on vacation...!

Hurricane Ian

Thursday morning, Sep. 29th, 0600

I am completing this issue of Radiowaves, while sitting at my dining room table, in the dark, except for the light provided by one of my battery-powered lanterns. Power for our community went out around 8 pm yesterday. Millions of Floridians are without power currently.

I spent yesterday monitoring the K4GG repeater (until it lost power), and other repeaters, for our ARES/RACES activities. We were activated by Manatee County Emergency Management yesterday (Wednesday, September 28). All level 1, 2, and 3 credentialed ARES members were asked to check into the net every 2 hours for any assignments.

Steve Park, W4OEP, a fellow MARCI member, and the Manatee County Emergency Coordinator (appointed by ARRL), manned the radio room at the Manatee County Emergency Operations Center. He went there early Tuesday evening, and the EOC was "locked down" around 8 pm, meaning no one was able to enter or leave. Steve spent the night there. I imagine he also spent last night there as well.

Frank Giannone, WO4GQ, also a fellow MARCI member, in addition to his ARES duties, was also monitoring GMRS channel 17 for any CERT teams that had any special needs. I did the same for my CERT team here in my community.

I activated my CERT team in my community at 0700. It will be a busy day, and I'll get back to the newsletter later.

Friday morning, September 30th, 0700.

Well, that was fun (NOT really)! Three of my CERT team members and I surveyed our community. There were dozens of trees, many of them oak trees, that were simply pushed over to the ground, exposing the rather small root ball. A few homes had some shingles missing, but all in all, we weathered the storm quite well.



Living in a gated community has advantages and disadvantages. Just prior to a storm approaching, the security company locks the gates in an open position to allow residents and emergency vehicles easy access. When we lost power, one of our exit gates closed along with the barrier arms. Consequently, people trying to exit at that gate had to use the entrance gate, which made life interesting. It's somewhat like driving the wrong way on a road, but fortunately at a very low speed. After power was restored, the main exit gates opened, and one of the barrier arms. The second barrier arm was stuck in a partially closed position so any vehicles exiting through the gate would have to stay to the right-hand side. This means that larger vehicles would have to travel about a mile to use the other exit gate in our community.



Our fascinating amateur radio hobby is a great form of enjoyment for all of us. It's times like these, when a disaster strikes, that we can invest our time to put our knowledge, skills, and equipment to good use in serving our community!

Okay, enough about ARES/RACES, CERT, and the issues in MY community. I'm sure many of you experienced similar, if not significantly more serious issues where you live. If you have some pictures that you would like to share in the November Radiowaves, please send them to me. Due to space limitations, I will have to select only a few pictures to be included, so I appreciate your understanding.

Final note from your editor: I will send this out once my internet service is restored. It's been out since yesterday. Very frustrating!

New and Returning Member's Corner

Please welcome the following individuals who were recently approved as new or returning members by the MARCI Board of Directors:

Bascom, Greg	KO4TYA
Blair, Alan	KQ4BOJ
Boone, Robert	KZ4ZZ
Broome, David	KC4EZ
Miller, William	K9HXO
Murray, Craig	AB9JJ
Ritchie, Earl	K4UFB
Rowe, Ron	KN4PGF

If you joined or rejoined in the last few months, and you are not listed above, please let me know and I will be sure to add your name in the next issue of Radiowaves.



Consider joining these great folks at the MARCI lunch on Monday, October 3rd at Beef O Brady's, located at 1795 Lakewood Ranch Blvd, Bradenton, FL.

HOA Antenna Restrictions and Exceptions

From: Bill Miller – K9HXO

“I have been troubled about the Hustler 4-BTV (HF vertical) that I had approved by my HOA. Some neighbors complained to the HOA board and I have been waiting since early September to now find that I can keep the antenna up.

“Our board member chairman, who has supported me throughout, asks if I can put him in touch with a ham who lives in a restricted neighborhood and which has a policy about the erection of a ham antenna.

“Can you help locate such a person?”

If you can help Bill, please contact him directly at k9hxo@yahoo.com and copy me at N4BB.brian@gmail.com.

Radiowaves Content Needed

We are continually looking for content for our monthly newsletter. If you have pictures of your 'shack' or have ideas for additional items on a monthly and/or quarterly basis, please send them to N4BB.brian@gmail.com.

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

Brian Biery, N4BB, Radiowaves Editor

MARCIFEST Flyer



Manatee Amateur Radio Club **2nd Annual MARCIFEST**

Saturday Oct. 15th, 2022
8:00am – 1:00pm

Bible Baptist Church

2113 57th St., E. Bradenton, FL 34208

General Admission **\$5.00**

Tailgating **\$5.00**
Setup 7:00am

Talk in 146.820- Repeater PL 100hz
Sponsored by MARCI * www.manatee-arc.org

VE Exams on site at 9:00am

Easy access from I-75
Exit #220 – Go west on State Rd 64 -
then left (south) on 57th St. E.
Exit #217— Go west on State Rd 70
Turn right (north) on Caruso Road
which Becomes 57th St. East or
(Morgan-Johnson Road) — 1.2 miles to Church



K4GG Repeater Antenna Replacement

On Saturday, September 17th, Mike Ryan, K4CVL, our MARCI President, Ed Skalecki, NI4MX, our repeater trustee and board member, and his son Nick, KJ4EXV, were part of the work crew to replace the MARCI (K4GG) antenna. Thank you, Mike, Ed, and Nick!



Ed and Nick preparing to work on the antenna.



Yes, that's Mike doing his "high wire" act!

Fraud & Cyber Crime—Deputy Tom Kaczmarek

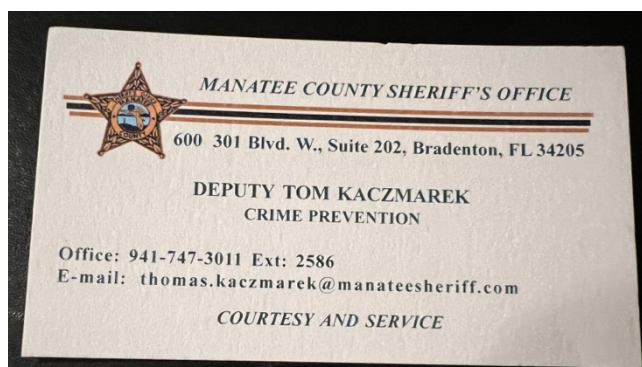


At our last MARCI general membership meeting on Tuesday, September 6th, Deputy Tom Kaczmarek of the Manatee County Sheriff's Department gave an excellent presentation on Fraud & Cyber Crime.

From your editor's perspective, there are a few important points that Tom made in his presentation that I'm acting on:

- If possible, NEVER use a DEBIT card for purchases at gas stations, restaurants, online shopping, etc.
- Seniors are particularly susceptible to scams, such as from unscrupulous contractors. To verify information about a contractor, visit this website: www.myfloridalicense.com. Also, obtain multiple estimates and NEVER give payment up front!

Tom provided his contact information if you need to report a crime or have any questions.



Ham Shack of the Month – Stan Kinney – N8RNK



I received my Technician ticket in 1990 after getting out of the air force while working at The Ohio State University/OARDC Wooster Campus as the safety officer. My first radio was a Yaesu FT-470 dual band HT. Latter I purchased a FT- 50 and 51 which I still have.

- Bottom left in pic is a Yaesu FT-736 quad band (2m, 6m, 220 & 440). I have Mirage 160 w amps for 2,6 and 440. I purchased a silent key's FT-1000D loaded and Ten Tec Titan amp (amp is top right).
- Above the radios is a 3 band SWR meter, 2 antenna controllers and HF SWR/PWR meter. HF antenna switches to the right. I have two towers one VHF (6,2m beams and Diamond tri-band vertical (2,6,440) scanner & CB. CB is used for SKYWARN.
- My HF tower has a Mosley TA-44 10, 15, 20m with WARC & 40m upgrade. Also pictured, a Diamond tri band vertical (2,220, 440).
- Next shelf is the MFJ 6m SWR/PWR meter, AEA DSP-2232 and PK232SC TNC's.
- Next shelf is a Radio shack scanner and CB radio. I also have my home security system at top left.
- In the right console is my Alinco DR1200 packet radio APRS Station and PK-232 TNC. Also, a Peet weather station and 2 power supplies for the Mirage amps, APRS radio and accessories.

I started attending the Dayton Hamvention in 1991 and had some good deals, listened to featured speakers and purchased my equipment at Dayton, Miami, and Orlando Hamfests.

My other hobby is motorcycles. I have toured Europe, Scandinavia, Great Britten, Isle of Man, Italy, Sicily, and most of the United States on my BMW moto.

Everyone - please consider sending us a picture of your shack for inclusion in a future Radiowaves!

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Items for Sale

Jack Ham – WG9X – WG9X@arrl.net 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.

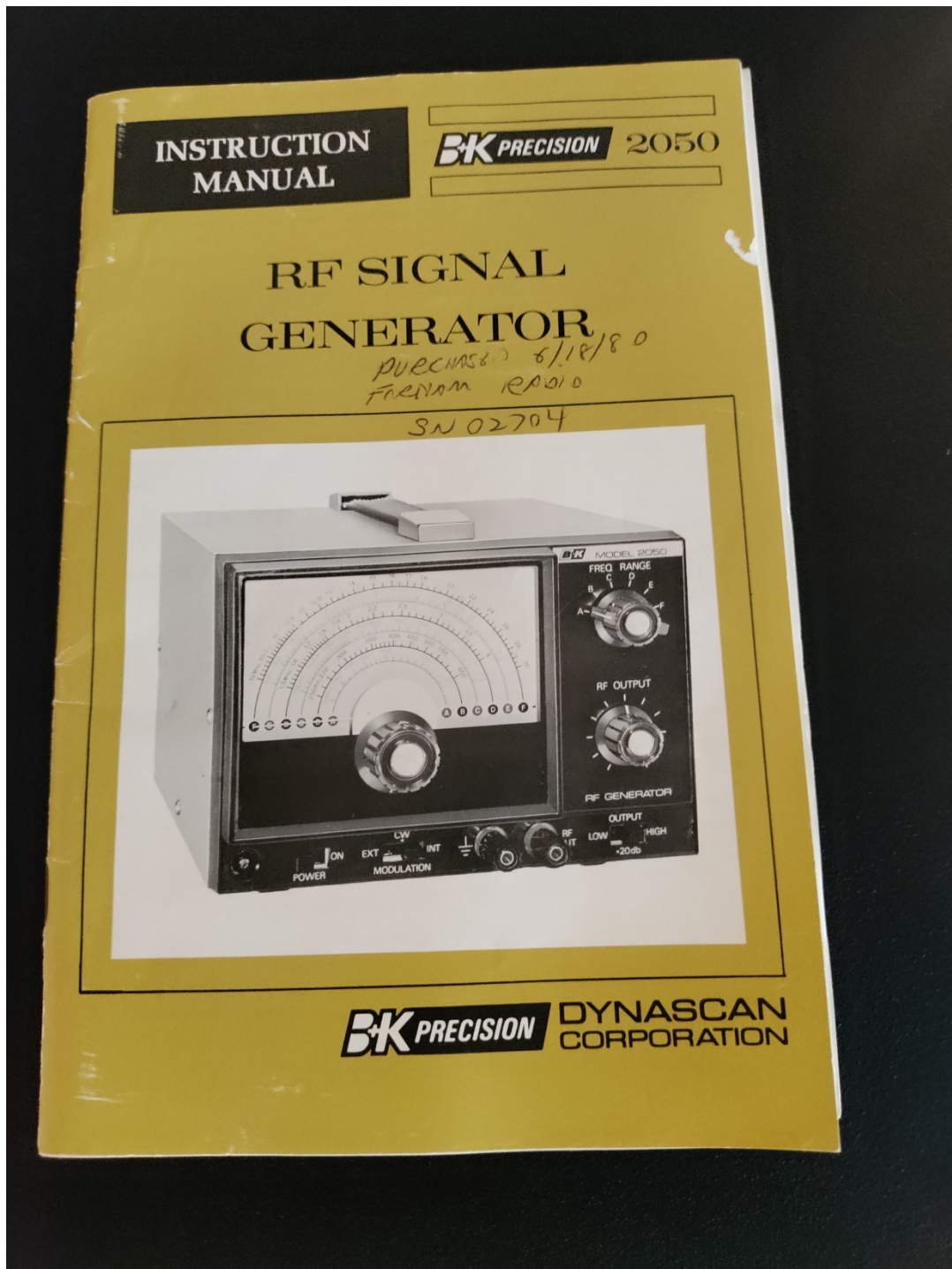
Gould OS3600 Dual Trace 100 MHz Oscilloscope with **DM3010** Digital Measuring Unit. Complete with Operating Manuals, Parts List and Schematics. Vintage equipment category. Scope works fine but there is no power getting to the DM3010. Was used as demo equipment for shows and customers. Otherwise has 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.

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

- B & K RF Signal Generator Model 2050
Frequency range: 100 kHz to 30 MHz
This unit is in like new condition. Asking \$ 75.00



- MFJ Voice Keyer \$100



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

- I now have 3 headsets for sale, priced at \$15.00 each, for which I can build adapters to fit most radios. This includes the adapters to change them from 4 contact plugs to 2 x stereo plugs. The adapter from there to the radio would be extra depending on the Brand and Model of the radio.
- 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

The MARCI library has over 45 amateur radio books and study aids available for short term loans. Please visit the MARCI website at <http://manatee.startlogic.com/WP/marci-library/> for a complete description.

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: Saturdays - October 15, 2022 (at MARCIFEST) & 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: Manatee-ARC.org

The ARES website: MCESG.org

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

ARRL: ARRL.ORG

Club Meetings

Monthly MARCI Club Meeting

Our October 4th meeting will be “in person” at the Bible Baptist Church located at 2113 57th St E, Bradenton, FL 34208.

Monthly ARES Meeting

General membership meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday each month. The next regular general membership meeting in October will be on Tuesday, October 25th at 7 pm at the Bible Baptist Church of Bradenton and will also be available on Zoom.

Unless changed by Manatee County officials, the meeting will be held in the EOC on a quarterly basis. The next quarterly meeting would be on November 22nd. If a change to the schedule is made, you will be notified directly by the ARES staff, and this newsletter will be updated.

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!