

RADIOWAVES



MARCI Newsletter

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Important Information – Please Read!

Ride Needed to Monthly MARCI Meeting

Barry Yoder, W8SJO, needs a ride to our monthly meeting this coming Tuesday evening. If you can help Barry, please contact him:

Barry Yoder
508 44th Ave E, Lot A16
Bradenton, FL 34203
Phone: 941-932-0088
Email: jaclanG27@aol.com

His address is about 1/2-mile SE of the Desoto Mall.

2023 MARCI Membership Dues – Pay at Our General Meeting

Dues can be paid at our general membership meeting this coming Tuesday, January 3rd. You may pay with check or cash. New members (and those who did not pay dues last year) need to fill out the application that is available online and bring it with them. Here's a link to the membership information on our MARCI website:

<http://manatee.startlogic.com/WP/membership/>

From The President of MARCI

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe Christmas and will have one heck of a Happy New Year! For the first time in more years than I care to remember I will NOT be playing music and/or entertaining with my band at someone else's New Year's Party. My wife had OTHER plans this year and we will party like its 1999.

Over the Christmas weekend my wife Sue and I visited her family scattered around the Ft. Lauderdale area as we have done for a number of years. But this year was just a little different. While we typically first stay and visit with Sue's uncle and his wife for the weekend, this year her uncle and his wife were on a cruise, so we had their house to ourselves. The trouble was the weather was a good deal cooler than in years past. A GOOD DEAL COOLER. When we arrived at the house in Ft. Lauderdale, we immediately went to the thermostat to turn on some heat in the house. This was not to be. We could not figure out how to get the climate control system to in fact warm the house. And with 'Uncle Bill' on a nice warm ship in the western Caribbean, a cold couple of nights were in store. But that's what sweatshirts and pants are for right? In any event, we survived and enjoyed the weekend visiting the rest of the family in their somewhat warmer surroundings. After all was said and done, we were glad to be back home late on Monday night and got THE HEAT TURNED ON. I guess it's true what the young lady with the ruby slippers once said, 'There's no place like home.'

I want to thank those of you that sent personal messages to me about the MARCI Christmas Party. Your thoughts were/are much appreciated. It is gratifying to know that you had such a good time though it appeared all who attended enjoyed the show. It's great that we can gather and enjoy each other's company once again. Let's hope that the environment will continue to be safe, and we can continue live monthly meetings, VE Sessions, hamfests, and more.

I mentioned a number of times lately in past issues of RADIOWAVES and on most recent Sunday night nets that MARCI is in need of some help with the Sunday Night Information Net Control Operator roster. If you would be interested in helping out occasionally, please contact me at mryan001@tampabay.rr.com

On schedule during the first quarter of 2023 are a few programs that I hope you will enjoy at our monthly General Membership Meetings. That being said we are always open to input and new ideas from you about topics you would like to know more about. Whether it's operating modes, new gear, HF operations and logging, programming your radio, you name it. What's on your mind?

MARCI Dues for 2023 are now being accepted. There will not be any increase in dues for 2023, with single operator membership of just \$25 per year and an additional family member for just \$5 more. Instructions for payment are on the website whether by check and the MARCI P.O. Box or via PayPal.

I'll close this month again as I always do by just saying 'tell someone you love them'. See you soon and Happy New Year to all. '73, Mike K4CVL -

From the Editor

Member Updates

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

Ehrich, Andy	KN4BLU
Olson, Emily	KQ4FFF
Palmu, Eric	KO4ZMT

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

Monthly MARCI Board of Directors Meetings

The MARCI Board of Directors meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month starting at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are held via Zoom. ALL members are invited to join the meeting. The next meeting is on January 17th. The link for the Zoom meetings stays the same each month.

Use this link to join the Zoom meetings:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2151362926?pwd=MTlpWWFpQlhnNU1LU25kaDhpdE9xdz09#success>

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

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

MARCI Polo Shirts and Patches

A few members are interested in purchasing polo shirts, embroidered with our MARCI logo, your first name and call sign. Orders are being taken now. **Please contact Marsha to order your shirt(s) by Monday, January 16th.** The following is included from a recent issue of Radiowaves:

The shirts are \$30.00 up to XLG; add \$2.00 for the 2X size. This includes your name, call sign and the logo *embroidered* directly on the shirt above the pocket. Shirts are available in RED, WHITE, and (dark) BLUE.



If you are interested in just the patch to sew onto an item or to add to your collection, they are \$18.00.

Contact Info:

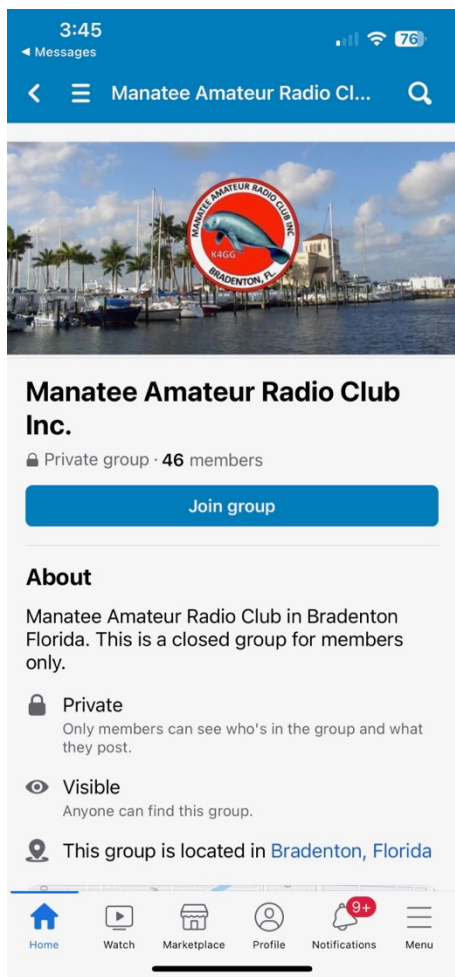
Marsha Littlefield - (941-224-0400)

Email - Mympmarsha@Yahoo.Com

MARCI Christmas Dinner & Awards Banquet

By all accounts, our annual Christmas Dinner & Awards Banquet was a great success! Mike Ryan, our President, took MANY pictures of the attendees (there were 66 by the way). These pictures have been uploaded to our MARCI Facebook page. Please go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/966175460080399> to view the pictures.

Note: if you are NOT a member of the MARCI Facebook group, you will see the following screen when you access the page:



You will need to join the MARCI group since it is private. When you click **Join group**, you will be presented with three questions. Answer the questions and click **Submit**. One of the two moderators will evaluate your application and grant you membership if you qualify.

I am including pictures of the 2022 award winners here for your information. Please congratulate these folks when you see them for their contributions to MARCI!



Cecil Fox – KF4CSM – Ham of the Year – Two years in a row! Congratulations Cecil!



Ed Skalecki & Mike Ryan presenting the Ham of the Year Trophy to Cecil Fox, – KF4CSM



Ed Skalecki – NI4MX – Elmer of the Year – 4th time in 6 Years! – Congratulations Ed!



Jack Ham – WG9X – Treasurer of MARCI



Brian Biery – N4BB – Secretary of MARCI & Radiowaves Editor



Tony Vasile – KB9A – Net Control Operator



Pete Jarosik – KA1WBE – MARCI Ham Trader's Net Control Operator



Mike Ryan – K4CVL - MARCI President & Our Emcee for the Evening – Thanks Mike!



Cindy Wiggins – WB4ZBH – MARCI Nominating Committee



Bob Borsari – W4WRS – MARCI Nominating Committee



Barb Cabral – KB4DWR – MARCI Nominating Committee

Welcome Our Newest Member – Emily Olson – KQ4FFF

The Olson family has been very active in our group this past year. Ken Olson, K4KEO, and his son Noah, W4NKO, age 14, joined MARCI. Ken upgraded his license class to General during a Volunteer Examiner (VE) session back in June 2022. At the same session, Noah, passed his Technician exam!

Not to be outdone, Ken's daughter Emily, age 10, decided to follow in her brother Noah's footsteps. She passed her Technician exam during the last VE session held on December 17th last month! Emily was assigned call sign KQ4FFF by the FCC. Emily immediately asked her father to apply for a vanity call sign for her, W4ERO, and is awaiting her new call sign from the FCC. She is undoubtedly the youngest member of our MARCI group. Here's a picture of Emily with the VE team.



Front row: Emily Olson – KQ4FFF, Cathy Ham – KN4PXJ – VE
Back row: Jim Woodson – KE4INM – VE Coordinator, Cindy Wiggins – WB4ZBH – VE,
Jack Ham – WG9X - VE

MARCI Lunch Bunch at Beef 'O' Brady's

Please note that Beef 'O' Brady's is closed on Mondays until further notice. The day for the lunch has been moved to Wednesdays at noon. You will be notified of any future changes to the schedule via email.



Consider joining these great folks at the MARCI lunch on Wednesday, January 4th at Beef 'O' Brady's, located at 1795 Lakewood Ranch Blvd, Bradenton, FL. Here's a link to the menu: <https://www.beefobradys.com/menus.aspx>.

Ham Shack of the Month

Unfortunately, we did not receive any pictures this month. Everyone - please consider sending us a picture of your shack for inclusion in a future Radiowaves!

January Puzzle – Geoff Haines – N1GY

QST Jan 23

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Items for Sale

Jim Letterio – KD5FQM - KD5FQM@arrl.net

Icom ID-4100a, Dual band vhf/uhf, DSTAR. \$250

Tigertronics SignaLink, 2 CAB6PM cables (6 pin, for ICOM or Yaesu) \$100

None of the equipment has been in a smoking environment or been mobile. I'm the original owner with original boxes.

Contact Jim via email or by phone: 505-263-6504

Mike Ryan - K4CVL - mryan001@tampabay.rr.com

The SWAN items listed for sale are from the estate of a SK in Parrish, FL. All were tested to make sure they power up and have output unless indicated. These are sold 'AS IS' with no returns though I think these items are priced accordingly. I have not been able to put any of these 'on the air' as there are no mics that pair with any of the radios, but most have rated output or at least close based on what I could see on a Swan watt meter. If there are any known anomalies, I have described these as best I can. All come with manuals and power cables unless noted. Those units that require power supplies do not have supplies included with transceivers. Pictures are available on request. If you have interest but questions, please contact me. – Mike, K4CVL

Swan 500 Recvr and TX good \$225

Swan 350 (there are three total) \$125 each. One with weak recvr \$100

Jack Ham – WG9X – WG9X@arrl.net and (941) 567-6716

Yaesu FT-70DR/DE - C4FM Handheld. Brand new, still in unopened box. \$ 140.

Gould OS3600 Dual Trace 100 MHz Oscilloscope. Complete with Operating Manuals, Parts List and Schematics. Late 80's era scope. Works fine Used very little Will Sell for \$125. Contact Jack Ham. wg9x@arrl.net or call 941-567-6716. Great for bench service work.

Interstate Electronics Corp. (IEC) 20MHz Log Linear Sweep Generator Model F77. Complete with (2) Operating Manuals, Parts List and Schematics. Late 80's era. Works fine. . Instrument has very few hours on it. Will Sell for \$ 75. Contact Jack Ham. WG9X@arrl.net or call 941-567-6716. Great for bench service work.

Icom IC- PW1. 1 KW HF Linear Amp. w/automatic Antenna Tuner. Good Shape. Asking \$ 2,500.

Icom IC-9100. HF/VH/UHV 75-watt Transceiver. Many great features. Great Shape. It's a good matchup to IC-PW1. Asking \$ 1,500.

Icom IC-2100. 2 Meter 55-watt FM transceiver. Asking \$ 130.

For all the Icom items, contact Jack Ham. WG9X@arrl.net or call 941-567-6716, for more Information.

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: 3rd Saturday of the month, every two months.

Testing starts at 9:00 a.m.

2023 VE Exam Schedule:

02/18

04/15

06/17

08/19

10/21 Plus MARCIFEST

12/16

Location:

Bible Baptist Church of Bradenton

2113 57th St E

Bradenton, FL 34208

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

SKYWARN: <https://www.weather.gov/skywarn/>

ARRL: ARRL.ORG

Club Meetings

Monthly MARCI Club Meeting

General membership meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Bible Baptist Church located at 2113 57th St E, Bradenton, FL 34208.

Monthly MARCI Board of Directors Meeting

The monthly MARCI Board of Directors (BOD) meeting is held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. All members are welcome to attend (you don't have to a member of the BOD). The link to the Zoom meeting does NOT change each month. Please join the meeting using this link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2151362926?pwd=MTlpWWFpQlhnNU1LU25kaDhpdE9xdz09#success>

Monthly ARES Meeting

General membership meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday each month. The next regular general membership meeting in January will be on Tuesday, January 24th at 7 p.m. at the Bible Baptist Church located at 2113 57th St E, Bradenton, FL 34208.

Clubs and Other Nets

MARCI Info Net	Sunday 7:00 p.m.	146.820 - 100 Hz
ARES Net	Monday 7:00 p.m.	146.820 - 100 Hz
MARCI Traders Net	Wednesday 8:00 p.m.	146.820 - 100 Hz
Manatee SKYWARN Net	Thursday 8:00 p.m.	146.820 - 100 Hz
WCF Eagle Net (Local NTS Net)	Nightly 8:30 p.m.	145.43 - 100 Hz or 442.95 + 100 Hz
WCF Technical Net (tech assistance)	Thursday 9:00 p.m.	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 p.m. 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 95 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 p.m. They are a bit more tactical and an easy way to improve your own operating skills.

On Thursday evenings at 8 p.m., 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 p.m. 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 p.m.

The ARRL West Central Florida Technical Net is a very popular and informal activity held every Thursday at 9 p.m. 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!