

RADIOWAVES



MARCI Newsletter

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From The President of MARCI

At the most recent Board of Director's Meeting (July 18th), there were no new membership applications to vote on so I must assume that our standing paid membership remains at 119. But I'm as optimistic as ever that MARCI will continue to grow. There are more people and hams moving to our area all the time, so we are bound to grow. (Of course, hams qualify as people although my wife uses other names for me when she's trying to pull me from the radio at dinnertime, describing me as another species altogether.)

But think about this. With all the new people coming to the area, and new houses being built, and more hams coming into the area, why do we not see a new subdivision being built without a MANDATORY HOA, with NO DEED RESTRICTIONS and without most restrictive COVENANTS that stifle or outright prevent hams from putting up antennas? Sounds to me like the greatest idea since the folded napkin. I recently heard that a project named Motor Enclave of Tampa is selling condo garages alongside a racetrack where you can pretty much do anything you want in whatever car you can drive in their controlled environment. Is that called freedom? A subdivision constructed with a racetrack for autos as the 'residents'. I wonder what the neighbors think of the noise, however? You'd have to wonder if a tower rich neighborhood would be a quieter 'neighbor'.

I'm happy to announce that the MARCI tradition known as RADIOWAVES will live on. I spoke this week with Bill Miller, K9HXO and Bill has graciously volunteered to be the new editor of our newsletter and I've given him the green light. Bill is stepping in after the retirement from the position held by Brian Biery, N4BB. After speaking with Bill, I have no doubt he will do a great job for us. When you see Bill or hear him on the air, please say thanks to Bill!

We're just about through the month of July and of course we skipped our General Membership Meeting for the month. We did enjoy a MARCI SOCIAL DAY at Bob Borsari's (W4WRS) QTH. Bob was absent and I mentioned this during that weekend's Sunday night net that he was not able to attend due to a serious condition. Bob's condition resulted in the loss of the greater portion of his left leg.

As a result, there is a need to construct wheelchair ramps in Bob's house so that he can navigate throughout while temporarily using a wheelchair. I could use some help with this project. Three ramps will have to be built and while I may be able to handle the lion's share of the work myself, there is a time element to be considered as these need to be in place on or before August 5th. I was told that this subject was mentioned at the 'Burger Wednesday' luncheon this week. Were there any volunteers? I could use a hand so please contact me.

It has been an unusually hot month. Mrs. Mike (Sue) opened our electric bill last week and said emphatically that we are moving to Alaska. Since I would rather just make contact with Alaska by radio (especially on 6mtrs) my vote on that particular move was 'NO'. But it is hot, and it can be most dangerous to some. Please look out for one another. Stay in the air conditioning if you can (and stay AWAY from solar panels. Far away...inside joke.)

I have to go and throw another log on the fire here now so, as usual I'll close this month again as I always do by just saying *PLEASE* 'tell someone you love them'. See you Tuesday Aug. 1st at the next General Membership Meeting.

'73, Mike Ryan K4CVL

From the Editor

We Have a New Radiowaves Editor!

As Mike mentioned in his President's message, Bill Miller - K9HXO, has agreed to take on the role of Editor for our Radiowaves newsletter, beginning with the September issue. I will work with Bill next month as he settles into his new role. I know he already has a few ideas about additions to the newsletter to "make it his own!" When you see Bill, please thank him for his willingness to become our new Radiowaves Editor!

Here's a link to Bill's interesting biography on the QRZ website:

<https://www.qrz.com/db/K9HXO>

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.

Member Updates

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

No new MARCI membership applications were received to be voted on at the MARCI Board of Directors meeting on July 18th.

July was a notable month for MARCI member Scott Sligowski, formerly KQ4JIK. Scott applied for vanity call sign W4GEM which was approved by the FCC. In addition, Scott took his General license exam and passed with flying colors! Please congratulate Scott on this major achievement when you see him!

By the way, an excellent website for looking up available calls, applications, and call sign information is <https://www.radioqth.net>. You may also search the FCC database by going to their Universal Licensing System website at <https://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsApp/UlsSearch/searchLicense.jsp>.

If you are a Facebook user, be sure to check out our MARCI Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/966175460080399>.

“Swap & Drop” Table at Our August Monthly Meeting

Remember to bring items that you are no longer using but may still be of use to other MARCI members, to the “Swap & Drop” table at the back of the meeting room. You may find something that you’d really like to have for use in your shack!

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 August 15th. The link for the Zoom meetings stays the same each month.

Use this link to join the Zoom meetings:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4340953241?pwd=Qm52YWJGaWF4U29SMGk3bWVzRk1Ddz09>

Ham Radio Lunch Bunch at Beef ‘O’ Brady’s – Wed. August 2nd at Noon – **Ladies’ Day**

Please note that you do NOT have to have a ham radio license to attend the lunch!

Attention Ladies! The first Wednesday of each month is “Ladies’ Day.” A special table is available for all the ladies attending the lunch. Ladies may come every week, of course!

Consider joining these great folks at the Ham Radio Lunch at Beef ‘O’ Brady’s every Wednesday at noon. The restaurant is located at 1795 Lakewood Ranch Blvd, Bradenton, FL, 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. Here’s a link to the menu:

<https://www.beefobradys.com/menus.aspx>.



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

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

MARCI Social Day Was a Success!

The MARCI Social Day this year was held on Saturday, July 15, 2023. We gathered again at Bob Borsari's house (at the south end of the Fort Hamer Bridge). The festivities started around 4 PM.

As Mike mentioned in his message, Bob was unable to be with us for the social day due to his hospitalization. We thank Bob and his wife, Anne, for graciously allowing us to hold this annual event given Bob's hospital stay. We really appreciate all that the Borsari's have done and continue to do on behalf of our MARCI members!

A special thanks to Jack Ham – WG9X, our MARCI Treasurer, for coordinating all of the food, beverages, and attendance at Social Day!

A special thanks also to Phil Wilson – N8IPS, and his helper, Luke Olson, for their expertise in grilling the burgers and chicken! Great job guys!

Pictures from Social Day

Jim Zientara – W4MAN, was the designated “picture taker” for our event. Thanks Jim for sending all of the photos, most of which are included in this newsletter. Yes, I know Jim and his wife are in two pictures, but he is deserving of the credit!



Our grill masters – Phil Wilson - N8IPS & Luke Olson – Thanks fellas!



The Olson's: front row: Luke & Emily-W4ERO
back row: Noah-W4NKO, Ken-K4KEO and XYL Amy



Anne Paxson – Bob Borsari’s XYL and gracious hostess! Thanks Anne!!



Jay Willever – K0LJW & XYL Julie



Mike Ryan – K4CVL, Tony Vasile – KB9A, Ken Olson – K4KEO



Mike Ryan – K4CVL & XYL Sue



Bill Miller – K9HXO & XYL Debra



Phil Wilson – N8IPS & XYL Holly



Our picture taker, Jim Zientara – W4MAN & XYL Fran



Alan Blair – KA4AHB & XYL Cynthia



Mike Jenkins – KQ4MEJ



Chuck Roswell – K2MGL & XYL Barb



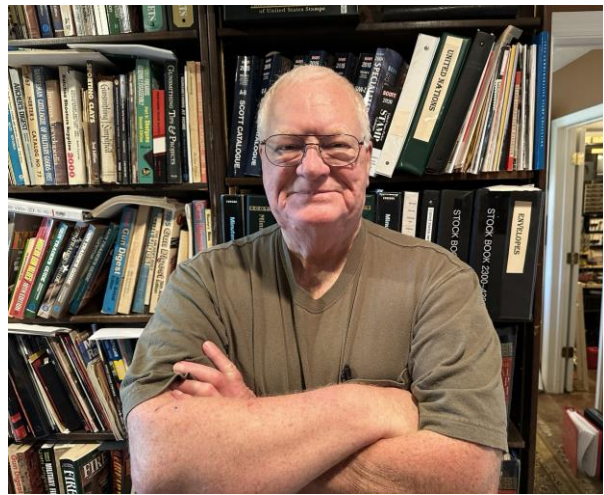
Frank Giannone – WO4GQ



Brian Biery – N4BB & XYL Dottie



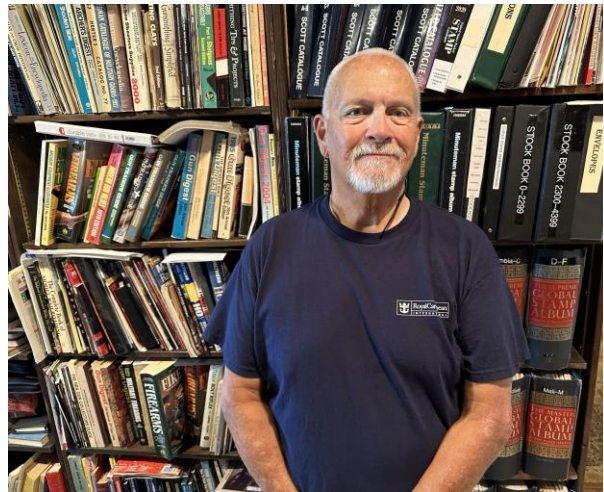
Nate Ravid – N8RVQ & XYL Carol



Dale Harrell - KJ4AY



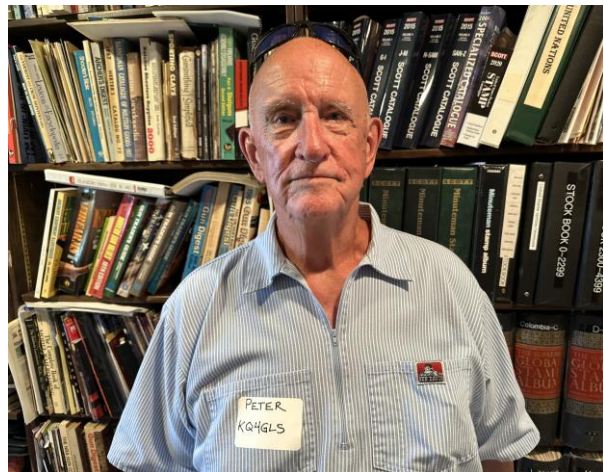
Scott Sligowski – W4GEM



Dawson Blackmore – N1IAC



Tony Vasile – KB9A



Peter Aylen – KQ4GLS



A veritable feast #1!



A veritable feast #2!



Bill Turner – KQ4CQY



Jim Zientara – W4MAN & XYL Fran



Julie, Fran & Dottie



Nate, Linda Goen (Indigo CERT), Dawson



Pardon my back!



Socializing!



Jack Ham – WG9X, Frank Giannone– WO4GQ,
Cathy Ham – KN4PXJ, Brian Biery – N4BB



Bob Borsari's Maryland license plate

W4MAN - MAN, What a Ham Call - Jim Zientara

I passed the FCC Novice test in 1958 by sending and receiving Morse code at 5 words per minute plus passing an FCC exam. The FCC US mailed my new license. It was KN9MAN. The first "N" meant Novice. I was so surprised that the suffix actually was a word, MAN.

Naturally I joined the American Radio Relay League, ARRL, and became a life member.

The "MAN" in code is dah dah, dit dah, dah dit. It is very rhythmic. However, I soon learned to give an extra pause after the "A" or it could be interpreted as dit dah dah dit, the letter "P."

On the air with a Heathkit DX-100, the Benton Harbour kilowatt, I was soon ready for the General test. It required a trip to Chicago to an FCC exam site and passing a 10 words per minute (WPM) in Morse code in front of an examiner. My adjusted license was now K9MAN, dropping the first "N" for Novice.

I received an Indiana auto license plate of K9MAN. Several people asked if I had anything to do with dog handling. The plate could be read K9 (canine) MAN (man who handles dogs).

Then came the Advanced test, once again in Chicago, but at 13 WPM. Never could get up to 20 WPM for the extra class. The FCC then changed the Extra exam by dropping the code test.

Moving in 1972 to Sarasota, I called the FCC in Washington, DC. I told them I was moving from the 9th call area to the 4th call area and needed a new call sign. I did not want to be known as K9MAN/4.

An FCC man said that K4MAN was not available, but W4MAN was. I took it. The FCC man changed it right then, mailed me my new call license, and I became W4MAN.

Naturally, I needed a new Florida license plate for the car. On the plate, the outline of the State of Florida is in the middle and written over it is the "4" of W4MAN. However, the "4" looks like a "Y." Several people looked at the plate and called me Mr. WYMAN.

Once on the air for 25 years continuously, you become eligible to join the Quarter Century Wireless Association, QCWA. They meet at 11:00AM in Sarasota on the first Monday of each month, except during the hot summer. They once knew a K4MAN, but he had passed away.

The "W4" means I am probably an old timer. After 50 continuous years on the air, I became eligible for the Old Old Timer's Club. I will never change my call. Find me at MAN-2 on the MARCI repeater.

Note that I moved from Sarasota County to MANatee County in 1986. My two kids graduated from MANatee High School. I was born a male and became a MAN. The MAN marches on.

73,

Jim Zientara W4MAN, W4MAN@arrl.net

Wiss key, 4, Mike, Alah, no Vember. Dit dah dah, dit dit dit dit dah, dah dah, dit dah, dah dit

The American Radio Relay League - Jim Zientara – W4MAN

The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) is the national association for amateur radio, connecting hams around the U.S. with news, information, and resources. The ARRL represents us to fight against those who would like to take away our frequency privileges. The following is from their website.

“Founded in 1914 by Hiram Percy Maxim as The American Radio Relay League, ARRL is a noncommercial organization of radio amateurs. The vast majority of active radio amateurs in the nation are ARRL members with its proud history of achievement as the standard-bearer in amateur affairs. ARRL’s underpinnings is Amateur Radio’s five pillars: Public Service, Advocacy, Education, Technology, and Membership.”

I strongly recommend joining at ARRL.org. At currently \$49 per year, it is a small price to pay. The ARRL has many benefits for members. Here are just a few.

From your one subscription, ARRL publishes four magazines that cover a variety of ham radio interests. They are:

- *QST*, the monthly membership journal, features projects to build, operating and technology tips, amateur radio news, and more.
- *On the Air*, their newest publication, is a bimonthly that explains the basics for new hams.
- *QEX*, ARRL’s bimonthly journal for experimenters, taking technology to the next level.
- *NCJ: National Contest Journal* is published monthly, focusing on the world of radio sport, with everything from contesting tips to event scores.

The usual method for a member is to subscribe to and receive *QST* in the mail monthly. Then contact ARRL and they will notify you by email when the other three magazines are available online.

The ARRL also publishes many books on many topics. They are the go-to books for education. The ARRL provides insurance coverage for ham radio stations including accessories, antennas, rotators, and towers, data processing systems, computer, and component parts, and media. Coverage is up to \$15,000 per policy period. Check the ARRL website for the details.

One of my favorite ARRL member benefits is email forwarding. By emailing the ARRL, they will assign you a special email address. It is (your call)@arrl.net. For example, W4MAN@ARRL.net. Any email sent to W4MAN@ARRL.net is forwarded to my Gmail account in less than 30 minutes or so. By using this unique benefit, hams can email you without you having to give your maybe long and sometimes complicated email address that can change over time. Once you have your new email address, go to QRZ.com, or other databases, open an account. and add your new email address to your profile. It’s so simple, easy to remember, and pass it along.

Hams are communicators. Let the ARRL email forwarding service make it easy for us to do so. Visit ARRL.net for many other benefits of membership.

73,

Jim Zientara, W4MAN, W4MAN@ARRL.net, Life Member.

Ham Shack of the Month – The Olson Family

This month's "shack of the month" belongs to the "Olson Family!" Family Patriarch Ken Olson, K4KEO, has assembled this well-appointed shack over the years. He now shares it with son Noah, W4NKO, and daughter Emily, W4ERO, undoubtedly our two youngest MARCI members.



Here's Emily, at the controls, and "On the Air!"

Here's a list of the equipment in the Olson "shack:"

Kenwood TS-590SG HF + 6m	PC with WSJT-X & N3FPJ software
MFJ941E HF Tuner	End Fed 40-10, End Fed Half Wave
Yaesu FT-8800 Dual Band FM	Antenna
Kenwood NX-800 UHF FM + NXDN	20 Meter Dipole
Kenwood NX-320 UHF Portable FM + NXDN	10 Meter Dipole
Explorer QRZ-1 Dual Band FM Portable	6 Meter Dipole
Wouxun KG-UV6X Dual Band FM Portable	UHF 6db Fiberglass Vertical
Raspberry Pi with Ham Pi software	UHF/VHF 7db/4db Fiberglass Vertical

Ken, Emily, and Noah all have a number of QRZ awards which can be seen on their respective QRZ pages:

- Ken: <https://www.qrz.com/db/K4KEO>
- Noah: <https://www.qrz.com/db/W4NKO>
- Emily: <https://www.qrz.com/db/W4ERO>

Please be sure to look at their biography information as well.

Thank you, Ken, for sending the picture of your "shack" with Emily at the controls, as well as the list of all of your equipment. You truly have a station to be proud of, and it's remarkable that you have inspired Emily and Noah to become so active and so accomplished in our hobby at such young ages and in such a short amount of time!

Emily's Pocket!

One of the newest MARCI members is Emily Olson W4ERO, who is the daughter of MARCI Vice President Ken Olson, K4KEO. Emily is 11 years of age with a general class license that will soon become an extra class licensee.

Emily ordered a MARCI shirt for a female, but it came without a breast pocket. Emily wanted a pocket. So, at the Lunch Bunch, held every Wednesday at noon at Beef O' Brady's, 1795 Lakewood Ranch Blvd, another new member, Maria La Fond, KQ4JJV, general class and soon to be extra class, agreed to make a pocket for Emily's MARCI shirt.

To get the right size, location, kind of material, etc., Maria used Jim Zientara W4MAN as a model. Maria did the sewing and it turned out perfectly. Emily is proud and happy with her new pocket.



Shown standing are Emily and Jim showing off their pockets. Emily's pocket now contains a small spiral notebook and a pen, just like Jim carries.



Hams learn and help each other.

73, Jim W4MAN

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Items for Sale

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

ASTRON 3A Power Supply

A nice clean Astron 3-amp linear power supply from the estate of Dave Henderson, NR1DX. This was owned by a devout NON-smoker and is in excellent condition. Price is \$35.

From the estate of Dave Henderson NR1DX, there are three laptop computers for sale by Dave's widow. These are older, somewhat outdated computers but still may have some value to an individual with less than optimum needs. These could be used for radio contact logging, FT8, or just something for the kids to play with. At only \$25 each how can you go wrong?

The battery in each would need replacing (if you want to run them on battery power) but each will run on the supplied power supply just as well. These are sold 'as is' of course with no refunds or exchanges. All three laptops were recently run for testing purposes to be sure that they operate on their included power supply. Contact Mike Ryan, K4CVL (941) 376 – 6453

#1 DELL D830 LAPTOP

PROCESSOR: INTEL CORE DUO 1.20 GHz
MEMORY: 1 GB
HHD: 80GB
SCREEN: 15.4" XGA
RESOLUTION: 1280 x 800
OPERATING SYSTEM: WINDOWS XP SERVICE PACK 3

#2 HP PAVILION dv6 LAPTOP

PROCESSOR: INTEL CORE DUO T6400 2.00 GHz
MEMORY: 4 GB
HHD: 285GB
SCREEN: 15"
RESOLUTION: 1280 x 768
OPERATING SYSTEM: WINDOWS VISTA – HOME VERSION PACK 2

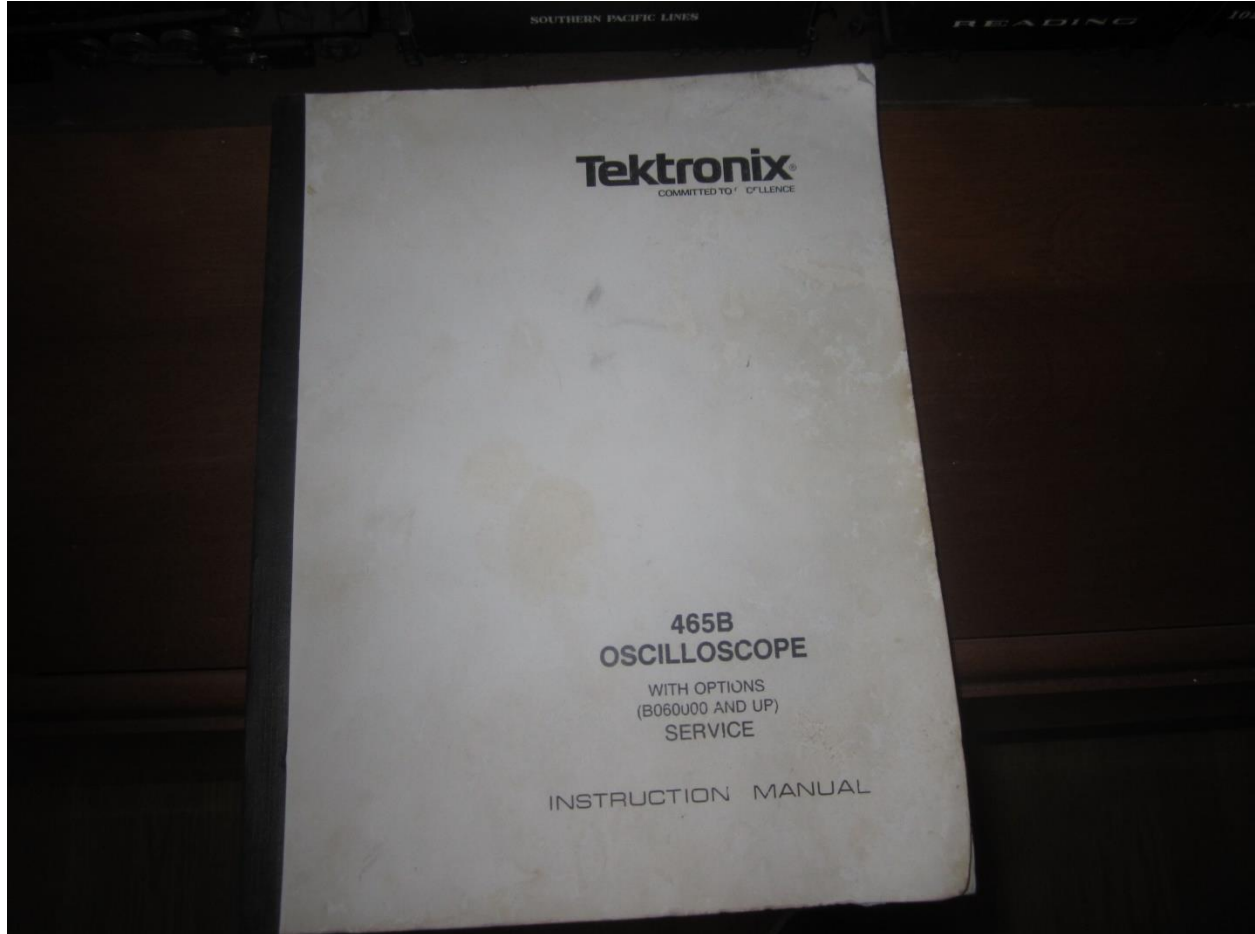
#3 HP2000 LAPTOP

PROCESSOR: AMD E-450 1.65 GHz 64BIT
MEMORY: 4 GB
SSHD: 500 GB
SCREEN: 15"
RESOLUTION: 1366 x 768
OPERATING SYSTEM: WINDOWS 7 HOME PREMIUM
PASSWORD - 12345

Contact Mike, K4CVL (941) 376 – 6453. (Mike can pick up and deliver to the buyer.)

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 for \$20, \$30, and \$40 each respectively. Can custom build to suit.



From GEOFF HAINES, N1GY:

To whoever got the Tektronix scope that I gave away some time ago, I have recently come across the **INSTRUCTION MANUAL** for that device. You are welcome to it, just call me at **941-447-8579** and we can arrange a mutually agreeable handoff point.

VE Exam Sessions - Sat. Aug 19th at 0900

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:

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 (**except July**) at 7:00 p.m. at the Bible Baptist Church located at 2113 57th St E, Bradenton, FL 34208. Please join us on **Tuesday, August 1st**. Remember to bring items that you are no longer using but may still be of use to other MARCI members, to the “Swap & Drop” table at the back of the meeting room. You may find something that you’d really like to have for use in your shack!

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 next meeting will be on August 15th.

The link to the Zoom meeting does NOT change each month. Please join the meeting using this link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4340953241?pwd=Qm52YWJGaWF4U29SMGk3bWVzRk1Ddz09>

Monthly ARES Meeting – At EOC in August

General membership meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday each month. **The next regular general membership meeting in August will be on Tuesday, August 22nd at 7 p.m. at the Manatee County Public Safety Center (EOC), located at 2101 47th Ter E, Bradenton, FL 34203.**

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 115 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) Nets 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. The National Weather Service SKYWARN Storm Spotter Program website is weather.gov/SKYWARN.

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!