

RADIOWAVES



MARCI Newsletter

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From The President of MARCI

It was announced last month that RADIOWAVES has a new editor Bill Miller, K9HXO. Bill's first issue as editor is delayed a month while some technical issues are being worked out. Thanks to Brian Biery, N4BB we continue to have the newsletter while Bill and Brian work out a few details. So, thanks to Brian for the September issue. As always, he's done a great job bringing us RADIOWAVES each month and again this month.

Last Sunday I had a little accident here at the Ponderosa. I will not go into detail but will simply say it had something to do with having two extraordinarily large left feet. However, I can tell you that I was painfully hobbling around putting up storm shutters this week, taking down antennas, and a million and one other things that must be done in preparation for the hurricane. Storm surge is no easy task to prepare for even while in 'good condition'. Sue and I live on the water which had a higher threat degree due to the predicted water rise. I hope all of you got through Hurricane Idalia without a scratch.

Speaking of the hurricane, no doubt folks were taking this one seriously. (Perhaps Hurricane IAN last year taught us some lessons?) In this case, eyebrows were raised and red flags were being waived by just about everyone. To make the point ever clearer, BURGER WEDNESDAY was cancelled. Serious business that (lol).

ARES members were put at a distinct disadvantage while using the MARCI two-meter repeater this past week. The backup power source did not last long after the building where the repeater is located shut down their power. I will be looking into this in the very near future and will make every effort to see that we have a more reliable power source for the repeater especially during emergencies. No doubt many of us will continue to keep one eye on the weather as we still have a considerable portion of the hurricane season to get through. Let's hope we continue to dodge any major damage and/or direct hits.

Next month is our 3rd annual MARCIFEST hamfest on Saturday, October 21st. The hamfest is late in the month when the days are a bit shorter but also a good deal cooler. I hope that we can count on some volunteers as in years past to help with traffic control, ticket sales, the tailgating area, and entrance/exit security. Though things start early as they do at any hamfest, the festivities are generally over and done with by noon so if there are enough volunteers no one has a long day. If you can help for 2-4 hours, it would be very much appreciated. I will be contacting some of you by email or phone. If you would like to volunteer for a few hours on the morning of Saturday October 21st please contact me by phone or my email address mryan001@tampabay.rr.com or (941) 376-6453.

The month of August sported a handful of birthdays. Clyde and Cindy Wiggins WB4GLI and WB4ZBH, both had birthdays (the SAME DAY). Ron Silver WA4LOX also had another birthday. Ron has been a ham so long, his WAS award was given to him on a rock with his callsign chiseled into it.

I look forward to seeing you Tuesday Sept. 5th at 7:00pm (if I can walk) at the next General Membership Meeting. Our special guest/presenter this month is Ron Rowe, KN4PGF who will be treating us to a program about the Civil Air Patrol (CAP). We have never had a presentation on this subject in the past and I doubt many of our members know very much about the CAP and what they do. It should be an interesting presentation! I'll close this month again as I always do by just saying *PLEASE* 'tell someone you love them'.

'73, Mike Ryan K4CVL

From the Editor

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.

Please welcome the following individuals who were approved for membership at the MARCI Board of Directors meeting on August 15th:

Fiozzo, Greg	KD2HRD	Greg's QRZ biography
Stark, Steve	NI4J	Steve's QRZ biography
Tonelli, John	KQ4JJU	No QRZ bio as yet

At the VE exam session on Saturday, August 19th, Maria La Fond “aced” her Amateur Extra exam! Congratulations, Maria, on achieving this goal! Maria is pictured here with the VE team.



Pictured, left to right: Cindy Wiggins – WB4GLI, Clyde Wiggins – WB4ZBH, Jim Woodson – KE4INM (Volunteer Examiner Coordinator), Maria La Fond – KQ4JJV, Jack Ham – WG9X, Cathy Ham – KN4PXJ, Ray Linke – K2DEE

As I mentioned last month, 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>.

MARCI Facebook Page

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 September 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 September 19th. 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. September 6th 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, former Radiowaves Editor

N4BB.brian@gmail.com

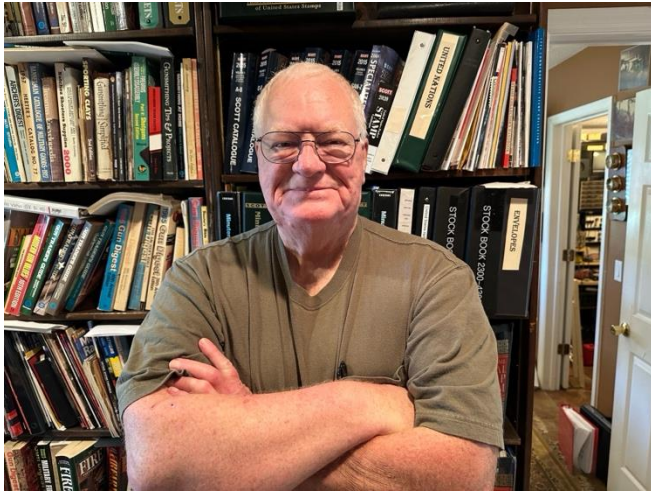
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Bill Miller, K9HXO

Radiowaves Editor

MARCI Social Day Picture Error

The MARCI Social Day this year was held on Saturday, July 15, 2023. We gathered again at Bob Borsari's house. There were 30 pictures of the event included in the August issue of Radiowaves. I misidentified one of the pictures. This picture was identified as Dale Harrell – K4JAY. The picture is of Kenny Heavrin - KY4COP. I apologize for my error – Brian.



Kenny Heavrin - KY4COP

Parks On the Air (POTA) – Ed Skalecki – NI4MX

Our August feature presentation was on the topic of Parks on the Air (POTA), presented by Ed Skalecki. Ed gave us a great amount of information and told us about many of his personal experiences.

Ed's presentation was “live – on the air” so to speak. The primary website he used was

<https://parksontheair.com/>

The “Great Flood” at Bob Borsari’s Home

Annually, MARCI, the Manatee Amateur Radio Club, has a social gathering where 40+ hams and spouses get together. This year, it was once again at Bob W4WRS and Anne Borsari’s home in Bradenton. The party ran from about 4-6 PM on July 15, 2023. A good time was had by all, with lots of food and drink.

For pictures of the event, go to the MARCI website, Manatee-arc.org, look for Radiowaves and the August 2023 issue. This is also a good way to put call sign to picture.

After the party ended, Jim Zientara - W4MAN and Bill Turner - KQ4CQY. were talking about ham radio. Bill mentioned he had a mobile rig in his car. Jim asked to see it and they both went outside. Bill has an arrangement with a cup holder for his Handy Talkie for two meters/70 centimeters.

While standing there in the 90+ degree heat, we both felt that the ground was swampy. We looked around and Bill found a broken ½ inch water pipe under full pressure soaking the ground between the house and the road. Without awareness and repair, that pipe could have run full force for who-knows-how-long.

We searched but could not find a shut-off valve. Jim went inside and sought the help of Jack Ham WG9X, Cathy Ham KN4PXJ, Phil Wilson N8IPS, Holly Wilson, and Anne Borsari, the only ones left. We all searched but could not find either the pipe’s or the main water’s shut-off valve.

Bill, being a mechanic and parts buyer at Galati Marine, stepped up. He went to Bob’s garage and found the tools and parts to fix the broken pipe. Fighting the water pressure, Bill cut off the broken section of the pipe and added a small section of garden hose. Clamping both ends stopped the leak.

However, fighting the constant water pressure did give Bill a bath. It was 2 hours of very strenuous, taxing, and time-consuming work. Once done, Bill received a bottle of Gatorade and a big pat on the back for a job well-done.

It’s amazing how versatile and helpful hams are. An old-time word used for a helpful ham is an “Elmer.” Bill Turner - KQ4CQY is an “Elmer.” See the next page for a picture of Bill.

73, Jim Zientara W4MAN
W4MAN@ARRL.net

Note: Comments from Anne, Bob’s wife, about the article:

“Love it, Jim. Just add a note at the end that Bob and Anne want everyone to know how extraordinarily grateful they are to Bill Turner, who improvised to stop the gusher, and to the others (Jim Zientara, Jack Ham, and Phil Wilson), who braved extreme heat and darkness to locate and diagnose the problem.

Anne”



Picture of Bill Turner - KQ4CQY, taken at the MARCI social day event, earlier in the day of the "Great Flood!"

Ham Shack of the Month – Tim Hostetler – WD8JTR

This month's "shack of the month" belongs to our MARCI Secretary, Tim Hostetler – WD8JTR.



Tim had this to say about his radio gear...

"Most items in my shack are just like me...about five years short of "antique." My main rig is a 35-year-old ICOM IC-735. It's been a stellar performer that I recently had recapped and aligned. I've worked the world with it. I tune an 88-foot end-fed long wire with an ancient Ten-Tec tuner. The end-fed is stealthily hung about 25 feet up a Caribbean avocado tree and tied off to the corner of the soffit. For CW, I used a Bencher paddle to feed a TRAC CMOS keyer which is also 35-years old. I've replaced the CMOS components once. A side note: when the keyer failed, I replaced ALL of the CMOS devices rather than waste time trying to troubleshoot which chip had failed. I think I had five bucks in the repair. For digital operation, I finally upgraded my Windows XP machine to a Windows 10 machine. I'm a firm believer of "if it ain't broke, don't fix it." I'll let all of you blaze the Windows 11 trail for me. I use a Tigertronics sound-card interface. That's about it for the WD8JTR shack."

Tim has an entry on QRZ: <https://www.qrz.com/db/WD8JTR>. Please be sure to look at his biography information as well.

Thank you, Tim, for sending the picture of your "shack," as well as the list of all of your equipment. You truly have a great station!

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Items for Sale

Lyle Weissbach – KQ4HDK – (973) 568-9989 or fetzer3@aol.com

MFJ-4225MV 25-amp LED Meter power supply purchased in May of 2023 for \$169.95.
Looking to sell for \$50.00.



Thanks. Lyle, Del Webb - KQ4HDK

Bill Miller – K9HXO – bill.miller.mi@gmail.com or (616) 648-6330

K3 for sale – SN 5098. The unit is factory built and reconditioned a few years ago and comes from a non-smoking home. It is in great condition with no scratches. The screen is very clean and the controls are all clean and function well. It works perfectly. Purchase includes power cable and manuals. Will be shipped in the original box and packing materials.

\$1400 including shipping – CONUS only
PayPal best, add 3%, or USPS money order
NO RETURNS

It works perfectly.

Includes:

- 100 W Amplifier Option
- 2.7 KHz filter – installed
- KUSB Serial Bus Adapter
- KAT3-F 100 W ATU - Factory Installed
- KAV3-F RX Ant., IF Out and Xverter Interface
- Owner's Manual, power cables and update paperwork.



FT-817ND. Non-smoking home, No known issues! Includes MH-31A8J dynamic mike, 12v charging cable, VHF/UHF antenna, LDG tuner and manual. Rig is in original box. \$500 + shipping.

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.

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:

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, September 5th**. 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 **Tuesday, September 19th**.

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

General membership meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday each month. The next regular general membership meeting in September will be on **Tuesday, September 26th** 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 meets every Sunday night at 7 p.m. on the K4GG repeater, 146.820. It 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 **120** 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!