

RADIOWAVES



The MARCI Newsletter

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From The President of MARCI

The year 2023 is fading in the rear-view mirror. But it's Christmas. You know, the time the kids sit under the tree and open their gifts and the parents open the bills. But wait. There is fun and frolic even for you and me, the more mature, sophisticated participant in The Holiday Season. I'm speaking of course about the MARCI Annual Christmas Party/Dinner and Awards Presentation event on December 5th. I hope that you all plan on attending. It should be a great time, a great night out, and a great start to the Christmas Season.

Thanks to the Thanksgiving Holiday and what is still ahead, I will be a prime candidate for a gym membership once the next few weeks have passed. But I guess that is what New Years' Resolutions are for. In any event, I hope all had a fantastic Thanksgiving Day and weekend. I immersed myself in non-stop football while taking on an award-winning turkey with all the accoutrements.

Speaking of awards, may I remind you that at the Christmas Party I will be presenting the MARCI Awards for 2023. Do you remember the awards? Members were asked to vote for Ham of The Year, Elmer of The Year, and various Special Recognition Awards. I must say your emailed response to "Vote Your Choice" was amazingly low. We will have to find another way to vote on these or to better stimulate a response to gain your participation in the voting process or do away with them altogether. I think it would seem unfair not to recognize those who have done a lot for MARCI and deserve recognition.

Now back to Thanksgiving and being thankful. Frankly, I think we all have a lot to be thankful for. We have some members who are not in the best condition health-wise. Maybe that is you? A few members are in worse condition than others while most are as fine as "frog hair." Be thankful. Let us hope that at this time next year we will be celebrating another year like 2023 without the loss of a member.

I want to send a special THANKS to Bill Miller, K9HXO. He accepted the role as editor of our RADIOWAVES newsletter and has done a terrific job. Under the expert tutelage of Brian Biery, our previous editor, Bill has proven to be more than worthy of my/our appreciation. Thanks Bill!

Finally, for those that cannot make the big party, I'm sorry and we'll miss you. Please have a terrific, safe, and happy Christmas Season, and we'll see you at the January General Membership Meeting. I'll close this month again as I always do by just saying *PLEASE* 'tell someone you love them'. Merry Christmas all!

'73, Mike Ryan, K4CVL

From the Editor

Greetings from your Radiowaves editor, Bill Miller.

Great accomplishment - Noah Olson, W4NKO



Noah has been working hard to master Morse Code. Over the past several months he struggled to learn all of the alphabet and he now knows them all, even “F”, “Q” and “Y”. He now copies code at 10 WPM. The proof of his success was when Noah made his first CW QSO on November 25th with Bill, K9HXO. The contact was on 28.080 MHz. The signals were 599 for both Hams.

Be sure to congratulate Noah. He is 15 years old.

Member Updates

Please welcome the following individuals who were approved for membership at the MARCI Board of Directors meeting on November 21, 2023:

Boeger, Theodore	KY4EL
Glassini, Mike	WB2BLJ
Gray, Joe	N3LMV
Gray, Sheila	KB3TYK
Ortgiesen, Ray	WF1B
Raucci, Richard	No Call
Rice, Alan	WA4VAT
Zipay, Douglas	WH2G

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>.

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 in. The next meeting is on December 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=Qm52YWJGaWF4U29SMGk3bWVzRk1Ddz09Ham>



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. It is in the Publix strip mall at the south end of the mall. Here's a link to the menu: <https://www.beefobradys.com/menus.aspx>.

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!

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

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 January 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!

ARRL Announces Changes in Membership Options

At the ARRL Board Meeting in July, the Directors approved increasing the regular membership dues rate to \$59 a year starting January 1, 2024. They also decided to separate the printed version of all magazines from membership, effective January 1, 2024, making these available as add-on subscriptions. **All ARRL members will continue to enjoy access to the digital editions of all ARRL magazines: QST, On the Air, QEX, and NCJ.**

Option 1

Members who prefer to continuing reading the magazines online do not have to do anything. All members can access the digital editions of ARRL magazines at www.arrl.org/magazines

Option 2

Members who prefer to continue receiving a printed magazine may add-on a pro-rated print subscription now. A print subscription is \$25 per year. Your magazine subscription will be synced up with your current membership term.

You may subscribe online at www.arrl.org/myARRL (you must be logged into the ARRL website). Or subscribe by phone at 888-277-5289 (toll free in the US)

You may subscribe online at www.arrl.org/myARRL (you must be logged into the ARRL website).

In case you missed it, MARCIFEST was held again this year on October 23 at Bible Baptist Church in Bradenton.

Admission - 124 Tickets
Tailgate - 22 Tickets.

We had 60 folks apply for the door prize drawings, Including 2 from one of our "Award Winning Net Controller."

Ham Shack of the Month

We had no Ham Shack of the Month submissions for this month. Please consider sending me a description of your shack and interests in Ham Radio. It would be good if you could also send a photo or two of your set-up.
Until next month, shop early! 73.

Bill Miller, K9HXO, email to bill.miller.mi@gmail.com
Radiowaves Editor

From the Secretary

November MARCI Club Meeting Notes

The monthly meeting of the Manatee Amateur Radio Club was held November 7th at the Bible Baptist Church on Morgan Johnson Rd (57th Street East). There were 42 people in attendance. After a short business meeting chaired by Ken Olson, K4KEO, a presentation was given by Ken and Tim Hostetler, WD8JTR, demonstrating the application of "stealth technology" in deploying various antennas. Ken provided these pictures which demonstrate different antennas used by MARCI members to deter problems that occur with HOAs.



Par End-fed, 40-10M at K4KEO Flower-pot antenna at KB4EXI Vertical at K9HXO

After a well-received presentation, Ken asked for ideas for future meeting presentations, reminded folks that it's time to pay 2024 dues and reminded folks to get their orders in for the Annual MARCI Christmas Banquet by the end of November. A request was made for pictures to be submitted for "Hamshack of the Month" to be published in *Radiowaves*.

Who Gets Your Stuff? By Jim Zientara, W4MAN

It can be assumed that you have valuable assets that you want to be given away according to your wishes when you pass. There are many reasons that may prevent that from occurring. It is extremely important to work with an estate planning attorney. The attorney will help you write a will. The consequences of going without a will can be devastating. State Statutes will take care of distributing your wealth, despite your wishes. A judge in the probate court will read the will the State wrote. He will order an executor, or personal representative, to carry out the provisions of that will.

Creating a will makes good sense, even good financial sense.

During your talk with him, your attorney will give you lots of ideas to consider. Here are some of them.

Usually, the first person in line to inherit is a surviving spouse by marriage, and that would exclude a long-time significant other, though they may even live with you. Often, there is a spouse and children, making it complicated, if, for instance, the children are from another marriage or adopted and under 18.

If assets are held jointly with rights of survivorship, JTWRROS, the survivor will get them.

Suffice it to say, you should contact your attorney for guidance.

The attorney will suggest starting with an "Inventory" of stuff, and a list of who should get what. You must put in writing, for instance, that you want a particular ham to get your 2-meter transceiver.

Some assets are "registered," i.e., a life insurance policy, IRA, stock, bond, or other financial instrument. These may specify the beneficiary. As a result, an executor may need 10 plus death certificates, with cause of death.

Tangible personal property is not "registered" and could be golf clubs, jewelry, an antenna, or a favorite keyer. Your will can stipulate that there is a separate "writing" which can direct tangible property to selected people. This separate writing is just a piece of paper with your name, signature, and date, and a title, such as, "Separate Writing as of 1/1/2023". No notary is required.

For example, if a separate writing states that you leave your Bencher to a friend, but he says he has no use for it, you can rip up this separate writing and start afresh.

You can have as many separate writings as you like. This is easier than redoing your will each time you need to change your mind about who gets what. Ask your attorney about it.

You may want to specifically not give someone anything. It is best to name that person in your will and add a note, stipulating that for personal reasons, "John Doe" gets nothing. It may prevent John from petitioning the Judge that the will writer accidently left him out of the will.

You can write your own will from sources available on the internet, but it may not be accepted by the Probate Judge.

When the end comes, you will have done your best to determine *who gets your stuff*.

December Puzzle — Geoff Haines — N1GY

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MARCI Christmas Party

The MARCI Christmas Party will be held Tuesday, December 5th, 2023, at the Peridia Country Club. Arrival Time will be 6:30 PM with the dinner buffet opening up at 7:00 PM. The buffet menu is Garden salad bar, Chicken Cordon Blue, Champagne Salmon, Sliced Roast round of Beef, Green Beans, Honey Glazed Baby Carrots, Au Gratin Potatoes and a non-alcoholic Beverage. Cake will be served for dessert.

For any questions, please contact Jack Ham via phone or email.

Jack Ham - WG9X

941-567-6716 jham58@tampabay.rr.com

Items for Sale

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



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. \$250 + shipping, if out of the area.

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

I will remind the members that I still can make the various cable assemblies to allow remoting the control heads of those radios so equipped. I am able to do this in 4, 6, and 8 conductor assemblies with modular plugs, male or female at both ends as required.

73,
Geoff Haines, N1GY

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For Polo Shirts with MARCI sew on patches contact Marsha Littlefield – (941-224-0400) Email - Mympmarsha@Yahoo.Com
Marsha will appreciate getting multiple orders. Contact her for details.

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.
The schedule for next year, 2024, will be available in December.

Please note that testing starts promptly at 9:00 a.m.

2023 VE Exam Schedule:

Dec 16 (last VE exam of 2013)

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

Operators' License Class

Trailer Estates CERT is offering classes to assist in obtaining a HAM Radio Operators' license. Your prospective HAM operators are invited to attend.

The classes will be held in the evening in Trailer Estates. The schedule is December 4th, 7th, 11th, 14th and the 15th if necessary.

Please send email to me and I will forward to the class.

Sharon
originaltr@cs.com

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. Do to the annual MARCI Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 5th, the next general membership meeting will be on Tuesday, January 2nd at the usual location. 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, December 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. Due to the Christmas holiday, the next regular general membership meeting will be on Tuesday, January 23rd 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 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 poorly attended. The club has over 120 members. Please consider taking 20 minutes out of your Sunday evening to check into our MARCI club net!

On Monday evenings, you can drop in on the Manatee County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) Nets at 7 p.m. These are a bit more tactical and an easy way to improve your 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](https://www.weather.gov/SKYWARN).

The Regional Nets are 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 late.

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!