

RADIOWAVES



The MARCI Newsletter

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From The President of MARCI

Greetings from Rome, Italy. As you read this the November issue of RADIOWAVES my wife and I are on vacation celebrating our 35th Wedding Anniversary. Wow, does she deserve this. It is, in fact, my first trip to Europe and no doubt it will be a memorable experience.

Our 3rd Annual MARCIFEST went smoothly, and I mentioned on the Sunday night net the night after the fest, that our volunteers did just a terrific job. I again want to say a big, big, thank you to all those that very graciously volunteered their time. I am very appreciative of your efforts. I hope all of you enjoyed the day as much as I did. I was hearing stories this week of old friends seeing other old friends and the like, enjoying the day, the experience, and generally having a good time. That's what it's all about.

October is now in the rear-view mirror and as we look forward members have some choices to make, choices for the awards for Ham of the Year, Elmer of The Year, and any Special Recognition Awards. Our club secretary, Tim Hostetler, has by now sent each MARCI member an email requesting your participation and vote for those you think are most deserving of each category. Please respond to his email and do so expeditiously. The awards will be presented at the December 5th Christmas Party/Meeting.

In addition, Jack Ham, our Treasurer, has been working with the Peridia Golf and Country Club where our Christmas Party/Meeting will be held on December 5th. He will be sending you details about the dinner that evening, cost per person, how to make reservations, etc. Please make life easy for Jack and respond as soon as you can so that he can inform Peridia about the number of members that plan to attend.

As I mentioned last month, Ken Olson, our Vice President, and Jack Ham worked the phones negotiating with amateur supply/dealers and have some terrific items for prizes at the Christmas Party. As usual, we will have a few other surprises to ensure a great time for everybody. I look forward to seeing you ALL there.

Ken Olson will preside over the November General Membership Meeting on Tuesday the 7th while I am out of town. Ken has promised to sing 'Happy Birthday' to me as my birthday is November 9th. I'm sure you will all enjoy his rendition and make sure he sings it LOUD enough for me to hear! Ken and Tim Hostetler, our Club Secretary, are your program presenters for the evening.

During the years that I have been honored to be President of the Manatee Amateur Radio Club, at some point during each year I have had to inform you the about the sudden passing of one of our own. That has not happened this year (knock on wood.). Let's hope our luck holds out, that we all get through the remainder of 2023 unscathed and can truly have an enjoyable Holiday Season ahead and a safe and healthy end to 2023.

I'll close this month again as I always do by just saying PLEASE 'tell someone you love them'. I hope you all enjoy the November General Membership Meeting.

Remember to please make your choices for MARCI Award Winners, and I will see you all next month at the Christmas Party/Meeting.

'73, Mike Ryan, K4CVL

From the Editor

Greetings from your new Radiowaves editor, Bill Miller. This is my second attempt with this November issue, and I am still in the process of learning, so please be patient with me.

Member Updates

Please welcome the following individuals who were approved for membership at the MARCI Board of Directors meeting on September 19th:

Cameron, Jim	KN4SPZ	Jim's QRZ biography
Nudy, Lisa	KQ4KVVH	

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 November 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 in. The next meeting is on November 21st. 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. November 1st at Noon – **Ladies' Day**

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

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>.

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!

Until next month, enjoy the great fall weather! 73.

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

From the Secretary

The monthly meeting of the Manatee Amateur Radio Club was held October 3rd at the Bible Baptist Church on Morgan Johnson Rd (57th Street East). There were 27 people in attendance. After a short business meeting, a presentation was given by Tony Vasile, KB9A, Tony explained his approach to construction for his students. After Tony's well-received presentation, Mike - K4CVL, asked for ideas for future presentations. We have experts among us in many fields, so let us know what a good presentation would be.

MARCI Christmas Party

The MARCI Christmas Party has been set for Tuesday, December 5th at the Peridia Golf and Country Club located at 4950 Peridia Blvd E. in Bradenton. Jack - WG9X reported that 68 signed up last year and meals were \$34.00 There will be a very slight price increase this year for a similar menu as last year. Stay tuned for further details.

MARCIFEST

The third annual MARCIFEST was held October 21st with 22 tailgaters in attendance. The hamfest was well attended and a good time was had by many who sought out those bargain deals. New acquaintances and renewed greetings of some old friends were made. There were several gift certificate award winners. Rober Boone - KZ4ZZ won a \$25.00 ARRL Gift Certificate and Tracy Landsberger - W2CBC won a \$50.00 DX Engineering Gift Certificate.

Annual MARCI Awards

This annual MARCI Christmas Party is rapidly approaching, and the MARCI Board of Directors is now soliciting nominations for the annual awards presented at the banquet.

The criterion for each award is as follows:

Ham of The Year

Typically awarded to a MARCI member who has gone 'above and beyond'. Some examples are, but not limited to, a member who has demonstrated superior service or dedication to MARCI by donating personal time to MARCI for a specific reason or task and performed extraordinarily. A member who did assist in transporting a member or members who cannot or may not have been able to provide their own transportation to meetings, or a member serving on the board of directors, be that an officer, or other official functioning member of MARCI.

Elmer of The Year

Typically awarded to a MARCI member who has frequently provided 'Elmering' (i.e., education, technical assistance, station set-up or computer aid, antenna or radio mentoring, or other practical ham radio related experiences) to members in need, through direct individual contact, print, or group session. Another example would be a member who has given of their time to assist the MARCI Club by providing demonstrations or programs at one or more monthly meetings.

Special Recognition Award(s)

The criteria here should be someone who has been not only a standout member of MARCI for whatever reason but whose efforts demonstrate an effort to the promotion of, service to, and dedication to the Manatee Amateur Radio Club. An example would be someone who has performed on a committee or acted as a regular net control op or even as a substitute control op for one or more nets. You may nominate more than one individual in this category.

Thanks for taking the time to participate in this important effort to recognize your fellow MARCI members. You will soon receive an e-mail ballot if you haven't already. Please e-mail your choice of MARCI members for these awards by replying to this email. Your votes will go to the MARCI club secretary.

JOTA Weekend

On Saturday October 21, Girl Scouts, ages 9 – 11, learned about Amateur Radio and wireless technology and achieved their ARRL badge over the JOTA (Jamboree On The Air) weekend at the Red Cross Chapter House.



This is the badge awarded to the Scouts who participated.



Emily, W4ERO, helped greatly in this project. She is in the white shirt in the back row and with Mickey, KM4BHF. Micky facilitated getting MARCI involved.

Emily writes about her JOTA - Girl Scout Experience

I was asked by Micky Taylor KM4BHF from Sarasota Emergency Radio Club if I could be able to join them on Saturday, October 21st to be a mentor for 20 Girl Scouts who are taking their radio merit badge class. I was so excited to be asked to help and I couldn't wait to go. I gave a talk to the girls about how I got interested in ham radio and what it means to me. Their class was set up into stations where they were taught things about ham radio, these included doing their names in CW, learning how to talk properly on a radio, learning about QSL cards and what they are used for, learning the phonetic alphabet, they were shown an oscilloscope and frequency wave forms.

I felt it was a very rewarding thing to do and I'm glad that I had the opportunity to help and support these hard-working girls.

Emily Olson, W4ERO

Other contributors to the program:



Paul, KT4AS, at the CW Station, helps Scouts tap out their names in Morse Code.



Chris Ebert, KB2ICN, demonstrated FRS handheld radios and basic radio operation. They were then able to take their new skills into the radio room to get on the air!



Chuck, K1CHC, drove a Red Cross Emergency Response Vehicle out and accessed the radio in the unit to request moving the Yagi antenna for the scouts to observe.

John Snow, W3ATR, supported the event as well by making radio contact with several groups of Scouts. I have no photo of him.

MARCIFEST 2023

MARCIFEST was held again this year at Bible Baptist Church in Bradenton.

Awards

Gift Certificate awards were for the people who drove the furthest to attend MARCIFEST.



Greg Fitcher, N4RVD, of Middleburg, FL, drove the furthest. He was a \$50 winner, pictured here with Tony Vasile, KB9A.



Skip Bissailon, KA1OKP, of Titusville, was the second gift certificate winner pictured with Mike, K4CVL is. He won a \$25 certificate for driving the 2nd farthest.



Robert Boone, KZ4ZZ, of Bradenton, was the third winner also pictured here with Mike. He also won a \$25.00 certificate.

Additionally, two door prizes were also given at MARCIFEST.

The \$50 Gift Certificate donated by DX Engineering was won by Tracy Landsberger, W2CBC, of Bradenton.

A \$50 ARRL Certificate was won by Hong Phom who is currently unlicensed.

MARCI Work Crew



Ken and Emily

Sellers and Buyers



Ham Shack of the Month – Phil Wilson, N8IPS

This month's "shack of the month" belongs to Phil Wilson, N8IPS.



Phil described his station ...

N8IPS' shack currently runs FT-8 with a Raspberry Pi. I'm still using my old Icom-706 that rode mobile throughout my working years. My Elmer, N5EKW, introduced me to 2meter repeaters & auto patch phone calls. In the late 1970's with no cell phones, this was a peek into my future, as a traveling, HAM, Photography, nerd.

73, de N8IPS, Phil

What Happens to Your “Stuff,” by Jim Zientara, W4MAN

There are two basic problems: 1) where is your stuff and 2) who gets your stuff. Consider giving access to your trusted people, i.e., those who need to know, as part of your financial and estate plan.

As a start, clean up the mess you will leave. You should have an inventory of your ham equipment, its current value, etc. You also need an inventory of the rest of your stuff. You should make a written document or create something else permanent, like a flash drive. To protect your will, deed, title to the home, and other important documents you also need a similar physical storage method, accessible by your trusted contact.

A well-equipped financial and estate go-kit, along with a radio go-kit, should be part of your planning. I believe that a financial and estate plan is incomplete if not adequately shared with the people who may need to know how to put your plan into action following your disability, incapacity, or death.

The estate problem can be complicated and prone to arguments. I feel it is your job to leave a clear picture of where your stuff is and then who gets it. It's not fair to leave the work to others. Once you have an idea of where your stuff is and a written plan, the next problem is, who gets your stuff.

Leaving little stickers here and there have a tendency to disappear. Let's try and do it right the first time.

73,
Jim

November 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 Bue, Champagne Salmon, Sliced Roast round of Beef, Green Beans, Honey Glazed Baby Carrots, Au Gratin Potatoes and N/A Beverage. Cake will be served for dessert. All MARCI members with spouses or significant others are welcome to attend.

The cost is \$36.00 each.

Checks can be made out to MARCI and paid at the meetings or at Wednesday Luncheons to Jack Ham, WG9X, Club Treasurer. Cash is also acceptable. Alternately, checks may be mailed to

MARCI

P.O. Box 1823

Oneco, Florida 34264

Please allow plenty of time if paying by mail.

Please include names and call signs for everyone who is being paid for.

Also, if you would like to add 2024 dues to that payment, please pay \$ 25 for one or \$ 30 to include an additional family member. Again, make it clear the names and call signs of those being paid.

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. \$300 + 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

MARCI Polos



For Polo Shirts with MARCI sew on patches contact Marsha Littlefield – (941-224-0400) Email - Mympmarsha@Yahoo.Com

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.

Testing starts 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

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Operators' License Class

Trailer Estates CERT is offering the 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. Please join us on Tuesday, November 7th. 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, November 21st.

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 will be on Tuesday, November 28th 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.

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!