

RADIOWAVES



The MARCI Newsletter

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From The President of MARCI

It was announced a couple of months ago that RADIOWAVES has a new editor, Bill Miller, K9HXO. Welcome to Bill's first issue! Thanks again to Brian Biery for performing a yeoman's job as our previous newsletter editor. But it's Bill's baby now. Don't be surprised if the shack of the month photos appear with members in their bathrobes. It's either that or you get me with my wife's cat 'Gabby' at the mic.

I've spoken repeatedly here about the weather and specifically about hurricanes. Maybe if I keep up that chatter, we'll continue our lucky streak. In any event, this season has been one for the books but at least we've been out of the bullseye. Let's hope things stay that way the rest of the season. It pays to be prepared in any event.

Next month is our 3rd annual 'MARCIFEST' hamfest on Saturday, October 21st. The hamfest is later in the month when the days are shorter and cooler. In last month's RADIOWAVES, I had asked for some volunteers to help for a few hours at the event, and to contact me directly. To date the total that have called and/or emailed is ZERO. I did, however, reach out to a few members and have had positive results. (Thank you very much in advance.) I have a few more on my list to contact as Ed Skalecki, NI4MX, will need a few hands to route the tailgaters to spots at the hamfest. Also, watch your email inbox for the MARCIFEST FLYER which our club secretary will be sending your way with details on the event. If you have something that you would like to SELL at the hamfest, we plan to set up a club table to help with this as well as to welcome possible new MARCI members. I'll have more on this subject at the General Membership Meeting which is next Tuesday.

Only a few months away now is our annual Christmas Party/Meeting which is being held again at Peridia Golf & Country Club on State Rt-70 in Bradenton on December 5th so SAVE THE DATE.

Ken Olson, K4KEO, has been negotiating with amateur supply stores and dealers to get the best value for our dollar when it comes to the prizes to be awarded this year. I'm sure that everyone will be very satisfied with the variety. The prize drawings will be fun!

I'll close this month again, as I always do, by just saying 'PLEASE tell someone you love them'. I look forward to seeing you all Tuesday, October 3rd at 7:00pm at the next General Membership Meeting.

'73, Mike Ryan, K4CVL

From the Editor

Greetings from your new Radiowaves editor! I am in the process of learning how to make our newsletter as readable and interesting as Brian Biery, N4BB. 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	KQ4KVH	

Congratulations to MARCI member Scott Sligowski on passing his Amateur Extra Exam! Scott also changed his call-sign from W4GEM to AE4SS. Please congratulate Scott when you see him.

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 October 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 October 17th. 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. October 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! 73.

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

Civil Air Patrol – Ron Rowe – KN4PGF

It was a pleasure to speak to the club recently. From its beginnings of hunting submarines in the Gulf of Mexico, the Civil Air Patrol continues to be relevant today. As a full auxiliary of the U. S. Air Force, the 60,000 members of the Civil Air Patrol remain dedicated to its core missions of emergency services, aerospace education and a cadet program. For every \$1 of investment by the taxpayer the Civil Air Patrol volunteers return \$3 in value for emergency services. Last year nationwide, the Civil Air Patrol conducted 525 search and rescue missions, 391 finds and 151 lives saved. We are dedicated to public service and are pleased to tell you our story. For more information go to <http://www.GoCivilAirpatrol.com>.



Capt. Ron Rowe, Civil Air Patrol

The Radio Amateur's Code – Jim Zientara – W4MAN

The American Radio Relay League, ARRL, at ARRL.ORG, has the following Code on their website that anyone can access:

The Radio Amateur is:

CONSIDERATE...He/[She] never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

LOYAL...He/[She] offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, especially new hams.

PROGRESSIVE...He/[She] keeps his/[her] station up to date.

FRIENDLY...He/[She] operates slowly and patiently when requested; offers friendly advice and counsel to beginners.

BALANCED...Radio is a hobby, never interfering with family, job, school, or community.

PATRIOTIC...His/[Her] station is always ready for service to country and community.

I believe the ARRL is the main organization defending our frequencies from those who want to take them away from us. I believe it is important to be a member. There are many benefits, including equipment protection and receiving the *QST* Magazine.

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

Ham Shack of the Month – Bill Miller – K9HXO

This month's "shack of the month" belongs to our Editor, Bill Miller, K9HXO



Bill described his station as...

My main rig is a recent Elecraft K3S. I previously had an Elecraft K3 which was more than adequate. I've worked the world with it and did a credible job in a number of contests. The 3S has a number of great features that I wanted so I made the plunge. I have the P3 scope to use with it. I also have an FT-817ND (up for sale). I use a 19-foot tall 4BTV antenna which is great for 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters. I operate CW almost exclusively. My key of choice is Begali which is superior to my older Bencher paddle. I can copy 25 wpm comfortably and do ok with 30 wpm in contests.

I have DXCC on 15 and 20 Meters and I'm close on 10 and 40.

I am listed on QRZ if you are interested in [my bio](#).

Thanks,
Bill, K9HXO

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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. \$400 + shipping, if out of the area.

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

With my son's help, I am trying to declutter my home.

I have a large (to me) amount of aluminum and PVC tubing suitable for antenna construction, etc. I also have a great deal of equipment suitable for off-grid operations including a tilt over mount that fits a standard 2" hitch mount. Rope, and all sorts of equipment other than the actual radios, which will make off-grid operations much easier. Before it all goes to the metal man or ebay I am offering it at NO CHARGE to the members of MARCI. I am too old to make use of this material so it should go to anyone who will make use of it.

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.

I still have the original hard copy manual for the Tektronics Scope as well free to a good home.

73,

Geoff Haines, N1GY

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, October 3rd**. 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, October 17th.

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, October 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 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!