

TARC Communicator



Official Publication of the Titusville Amateur Radio Club

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Our primary mission is to provide for education, training, maintenance, licensing and testing of Amateur Radio Operators as defined in FCC Regulations Part 97.
 Our purpose is to foster comradery among fellow Amateur Radio Operators within the North Brevard, Florida area through social events and organized Ham radio contests.
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Weekly On-the-Air Nets				
Name	Frequency	Day	Time	Net Control
2 Meter SSB Net	144.210 MHz USB	Monday	7:00 PM	George WG4ES
Skywarn Net	146.970 MHz	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Barry N4NMF
Mosquito Net	28.333 MHz USB	Wednesday	7:00 PM	George WG4ES
Friendship Traders Net	146.970 MHz	Thursday	7:00 PM	Keith KN4AQ
Magic 6 Meter Net	50.250 MHz USB	Friday	7:00 PM	Mike KW4DX

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PRESIDENTS Message

My personal thanks to all those that volunteered and worked Winter Field Day. Sorry I missed all the festivities. Special Thanks to the following;
 Greg KK4LBW for stepping into the leadership role to set the tone for our success.
 Tom KN4GLO and Sally KN4HPX for providing their QTH as an excellent location!!
 To all the operators and those that stood by to assist. All your efforts are appreciated.
 After a successful Winterfield day, we can look forward to a quieter February and then onto our next event of Mosquito Tailgate on March 28, 2026

Diane N4DCK



President Diane Kennedy ~ N4DCK president@k4ksc.com (321) 291-4092 Cell/TXT	Vice President Keith DeSoto ~ KN4AQJ vice.president@k4ksc.com	Secretary Greg Hand ~ KK4LBW secretary@k4ksc.com	Treasurer Steve Schindler ~ NA4SA treasurer@k4ksc.com	Director Roy Merritt ~ NARKM rkmeritt@yahoo.co.uk
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Meeting Minutes

Date: January 27, 2026 **Location:** Titusville, Florida

1. Call to Order & New Member Applications

The meeting was called to order.

Introductions to new Officers and Director for 2026 TARC.

Established Quorum to conduct club business.

Applications for membership were received from Scott Cranit, Harry Shelter, and Paul Fee.

- **Motion:** A motion was made and seconded to accept these applicants as members.

Result: Motion carried unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report

A formal statement for the current month was not available as account transition to Launch Credit Union has just begun. A recap of the 2025 fiscal year was provided:

2025 Recap:

- **Total Annual Income:** \$3,144 (approx. \$855 in membership dues, \$2,250 in contributions).
- **Total Expenses:** Approx. \$1,800 (includes insurance, trailer tags, maintenance/upgrades, PO Box, and event costs).

2025 Net Income: \$1,376.

Current Status (as of Jan 27, 2026):

- **Current Bank Balance:** \$10,000.21.
- **Motion:** A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Result: Motion carried unanimously

3. Secretary's Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting held on November 25, 2025, were published in the December 2, 2025, newsletter.

- **Motion:** A motion was made and seconded to accept the Secretary's minutes as published.

Result: Motion carried unanimously.

4. Officer & Committee Reports

Net Coordinator Report (Barry – N4NMF):

- **Tuesday Night SKYWARN Net:** 10 check-ins last week.
- **Wednesday Mosquito Net (28.333 MHz):** No report this week due to illness.
- **Monday 2M SSB Net (144.210 USB):** Managed by George; had approx. 7 check-ins.
- **Thursday Friendship & Traders Net:** Averaging 8–10 check-ins.
- **New Friday 6M Net (50.250 USB):** The inaugural net had 7 check-ins.

Note: All net times and frequencies are listed on the first page of the club newsletter.

Repeater Trustee Report (Dave – KY4F): The repeaters are generally healthy. There was an issue this week with the 146.970 repeater, which Barry was able to reset remotely.

Winter Field Day Report (Greg): A recap of the recent Winter Field Day 2026 event was provided.

- **Statistics:** 218 total contacts made (7 CW, 208 SSB, 3 Digital).
- **DX Highlights:** Contacts included DX to Australia, New Zealand, Belgium, Panama, San Marino, Spain, Canada, Hawaii, Costa Rica, Mexico, as-well-as CONUS with Texas, North Carolina, and Georgia being the States with the most contacts.
- **Public Outreach:** Two GOTA (Get On The Air) stations were successfully operated. Titusville Mayor Andrew Connors visited operations for approximately 90 minutes.
- **Acknowledgments:** Special thanks were given to the antenna crew, the food and hospitality team (Stephanie – K4MVO and Sally - KN4HPX), mentors (including Mike – KC4JEM), and the cleanup crew.

Action: Log data was uploaded and received to the WFD organization for scoring.

Meeting Minutes—Continued Date: January 27, 2026 **Location:** Titusville, Florida

5. New Business & Call for Volunteers

Diane -N4DCK announced the immediate need for volunteers for several committees. Sign-up sheets were circulated.

- **Mosquito Tailgate (March 28, 2026):** Needs a Chairman and committee members.
- **Technical Committee:** Needs a Chair and members to perform annual inspections and maintenance on club equipment and repeater sites.
- **Grant Committee:** Need individuals with grant-writing experience to secure funding now that TARC is an official 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

Florida QSO Party (April 25, 2026): Needs a Chairman and committee members.

6. Program / Presentation

Topic: "Tech Talk: What can I listen to?" Presenter: Keith – KN4AQJ

Keith provided an informative presentation on monitoring analog frequencies now that the Brevard County 800MHz public safety system has gone digital/encrypted. He provided various frequencies for members to program into their radios to remain active listeners, including:

- Florida East Coast Railroad (Narrow FM)
- Law Enforcement Intercity mutual aid channels
- Local aviation towers (TICO, Patrick SFB, Dunn Airpark) and Guard frequencies.
- Marine VHF channels (16 and 22A) during launch operations.
- KSC operations UHF frequencies.

Keith – KN4AQJ offered assistance to any members needing help programming these into their radios.

7. Good of the Order

- **Barry** shared details about his new 220 MHz repeater located in central Titusville with Frequency: 224.320 MHz (- 1.6 MHz 222.720, PL 123.0.

A member offered thanks to Greg for his coordination and leadership during Winter Field Day.

8. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1955 – 27Jan2026.



Club News

NEXT MEETING IS February 24, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Indian River Masonic Lodge, 19 N. Washington Ave. Located at the Corner of S. Washington Ave. (Rte. 1) and Garden St.

Visit Us on Facebook!!

Our new Facebook Public Page is online now! It's a work in progress, Please go there to like and follow us. <https://www.facebook.com/K4KSC/>
I'm looking for club photos to post!!

Consider joining our Facebook Private Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/447071731203431>

Visit Us on Online!! Find us online at: www.K4KSC.com

Titusville Amateur Radio Club Membership Application (All Current Members Primary, Family or Life **must fill out this Application**. The form is available on our website K4KSC.COM or copies will be available at each meeting.

* Checks are made out to **K4KSC Inc**

* If applicable, please put your callsign in the memo field of your check.

If you wish to pay in cash (correct change is appreciated), please bring it and your completed Membership Application to the meeting and give it to Steve – NA4SA our Treasurer.

Titusville ARC Call Sign / Name Badges – \$11.00 each (+Tax) and price is **subject to change**.

These **can be ordered directly** by getting a form from Barry N4NMF— Then fill out the Form and take it to : **Award Trophy – 4424 S. Hopkins Ave., in Titusville. 321-269-7584**. You can talk with Kevin or other staff members whom will be glad to help you place your order. You can also contact Barry N4NMF for help or questions about ordering them.

220 Repeater in Titusville. N4NMF Repeater—UPDATES & UPGRADES

224.320 MHz (- 1.6 MHz 222.720, PL 123.0

The **AllStar (Node: 67523)**, and **EchoLink (Node: 75970, N4NMF-R)** Nodes are up and operational.

It has about a 15 mile or so range depending on location, terrain or other objects in the way, so give it a try if you have 220 MHz equipment (**Update:** I have added a Mirage 220 Amplifier which if my Antenna gain at 6+ db is accurate should boost the signal from around 30 watts or so now to about 95 Watts ERP with the Amplifier in place.



6 Meter Magic Net—UPDATES & UPGRADES

6m loop is up! Thanks to Keith and Paul



Club News

Call For Volunteers—Committees

Mosquito Tailgate **March 28, 2026 7 am**

We Still need a Chairperson—Please Email me if your interested. President@K4KSC.com

Committee Members

- KK4LWB Greg Hand
- KC4JEM Mike Eldridge
- N4NMF Barry Kennedy
- KN4AQJ Keith Desoto

Florida QSO **April 25. 2026**

We Still need a Chairperson—Please Email me if your interested. President@K4KSC.com

Committee Members

- KW4DX Mike Daniels
- HK6PZV Albeiro Gonzalez

Technical Committee

We Still need a Chairperson—Please Email me if your interested. President@K4KSC.com

Committee Members

- N4DCK Diane Kennedy
- KW4DX Mike Daniels
- K4YF Dave Mclean (Trustee)
- KB4B Jay Buie
- N4NMF Barry Kennedy

Grant Committee

We Still need a Chairperson—Please Email me if your interested. President@K4KSC.com

Committee Members

- K4MVO Stephanie Merritt
- KK4LWB Greg Hand
- W3ZI Mark Johnson



 **BIG WIN! K4KSC Winter Field Day Final Score**

Fellow TARC Members,

The numbers are in, and the results are spectacular! Our collective effort during Winter Field Day 2026 has officially paid off, and the growth we've shown as a club is nothing short of incredible.

Our Final Score:

- **Total QSOs:** 218
- **Final Score:** 2,508

To put that in perspective, we scored **1,268 points higher than our 2025 results!** That is a massive leap forward for K4KSC, proving that our preparation, mentorship, and persistence on the airwaves have truly elevated our club's performance. **Great job, TEAM!!!**

A huge thank you goes out to every single person who contributed to this success. Whether you were part of the Friday antenna crew, a station sponsor, a late-night DX hunter, or part of the hospitality team that kept us fueled—this victory belongs to all of you. We operated with proficiency, welcomed the public, and most importantly, grew stronger as a community.

Looking Ahead: Join us for the Mosquito Net Tailgate! While we celebrate this win, it's already time to look toward our next big opportunity to showcase amateur radio to the community. Please join us in collaborating and planning for our premier spring event:

- **Event:** Mosquito Net Tailgate
- **Date:** March 28, 2026
- **Time:** 7:00 AM – 2:30 PM
- **Location:** Fox Lake Park

Highlights: Featuring equipment swaps, technical demonstrations, and social networking for local tech enthusiasts. Let's carry this contagious energy from Winter Field Day straight into Fox Lake Park! Thank you again for making WFD 2026 an unforgettable success.

73,

Greg Hand – KK4LWB WFD Event Coordinator greg.kk4lwb@gmail.com



Upcoming Event **HamCation 2026—<https://www.hamcation.com/>**



Location, Date & Time

Central Florida Fairgrounds and Expo Park
4603 West Colonial Drive
Orlando, Florida 32808

February 13, 2026 | 9AM to 5PM
February 14, 2026 | 9AM to 5PM
February 15, 2026 | 9AM to 1PM

HamCation® is the 2nd largest gathering of radio amateurs in the world annually.

HamCation is sponsored by the Orlando Amateur Radio Club, an ARRL-affiliated club, and is supported by volunteers from radio clubs throughout the region.

Upcoming Event **Mosquito Tailgate 2026**

Titusville Amateur Radio Club
The Mosquito net meets each Wednesday on 28.333 MHZ 7:00PM
 with **George WG4ES**
 COME CELEBRATE OUR 34th. ANNIVERSARY

**MOSQUITO NET
 TAILGATE 2026
 FOX LAKE PARK
 MARCH 28th at 7AM**

**Fox Lake Park is located at 4400 Fox Lake Road
 Titusville, FL. Free Tailgating**

146.970 tone 107.2

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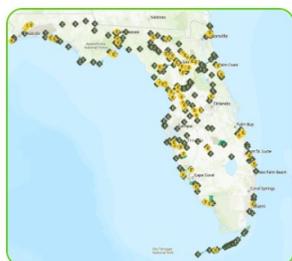


Upcoming Event Florida State POTA <https://fspota.org/>



Florida State POTA

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There are many parks to choose from!

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Venice, Florida

Contest is April 17-20. 2026

Be sure to mark your calendar for the Florida State Parks on the Air contest! Usually held over the first weekend in April (adjusted for Easter Sunday). Whether you are a casual operator, contestant, in Florida, out of Florida, or even outside the United States, this contest is for you.

We urge, but do not require, contestants to also be members of the national Parks on the Air ([POTA](#)) organization.

This is a four-day event normally held over the first full weekend every April (adjusted for Easter Sunday). Operating time is from 1200 UTC to 2359 UTC each day, Friday through Monday with NO overnight operation allowed from 8:00 PM to 7:59 AM the next morning. Most Florida parks open at 8:00 AM local time, and close at sundown. The operating time period of 8:00 AM – 7:59 PM (local time) each day should allow time to enter the park, set up a station, operate, and tear down in time to leave before park closing. The event was started in 2016 by a group of amateur radio operators from central Florida who love to get out and operate portable in our beautiful home state. In 2025 management of the event passed to the [Tamiami Amateur Radio Club](#) in Venice.

It has always been held with the intent to:

- Promote public awareness of ham radio and Florida’s state parks system
- Contribute to the recognition and appreciation of Florida’s diverse ecology
- Encourage camaraderie and sportsmanship among Florida’s Amateur Radio Operators,
- Encourage youth (under 18) participation, and

Provide a venue for Florida amateurs to get out and enjoy operating in the great outdoors.



Florida has an award-winning State Parks system featuring more than 170 park sites, including cultural centers, archeological digs, Civil War-era forts, wildlife preserves, and recreational areas – not to mention beaches! Be sure to visit floridastateparks.org for more information on camping, educational materials, park maps, and a complete list of parks organized by region.



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There's TARC, then again, more TARCs

by
Sam,
K3SY



We are used to seeing our good old Tamiami Amateur Radio Club logo signifying we belong to what is sometimes referred to as Little TARC to distinguish us from our neighbors to the north where you may belong to the Tampa club, or Big TARC.



At breakfast the Tuesday morning after HamCation, Steve, NS4P, had a brochure with TARC emblazoned on the top. I asked if it was from Big TARC, to which he replied "might be Bigger TARC". Looking further, it was from Titusville FL, and to beat all— their newsletter is called "The Titusville Communicator". Wonder who thought of it first?

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Now I started to wonder how many TARCs exist, so I Googled it, and (guess what?), there are a bunch of them. You may belong to the Tuscaloosa Club.



Tuscaloosa Amateur Radio Club
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Promoting amateur radio and preserving the magic of radio



Or, if you live in Tulsa, OK, TARC may be your home there. Perhaps Turlock, CA is where you hang your hat, where you may operate on the TARC repeater in Yosemite National Park.



If you like wearing cowboy hats like some of our members (Jack, Tom), Temple, TX or Taos, NM will provide a TARC for you to join.



More TARCs >>>>>



The Townsville Amateur Radio Club Inc.

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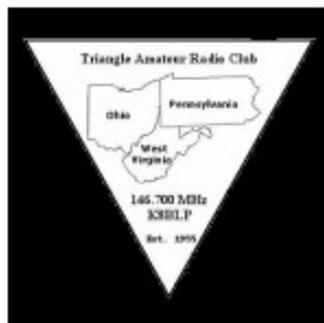
Perhaps you have made a 10 meter FT-8 contact with one of our friends down under in the Townsville TARC.



The Tupelo Amateur Radio Club is located in Tupelo, MS with the neat call sign KK5K, while the Totah TARC meets in Farmington, NM



I seems no matter where you go in North America, you can join a TARC club. Take your pick!!



And if you are a real gung-ho DXer you may want to work toward a TARC award from the:

TAICHUNG AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

In Taiwan

Whooda' think there are so many TARC's?



2026 MONTHLY EVENTS

JANUARY 27-28: Winter Field Day

KN4GLO QTH

Coordinator: Greg KK4LBW

MARCH 28: Annual Mosquito Tailgate

Fox Lake Park

NEED A Committee Chairperson

April 25: Florida QSO

KN4GLO QTH

NEED A Committee Chairperson

June 27 – 28: ARRL Field Day

Fox Lake Park

NEED A Committee Chairperson

October 27: Annual Potluck

Titusville Masonic Lodge

Dinner: 6 PM

December TBA: Annual Christmas Party

Dixie Crossroads

Dinner: 6 PM

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