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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.
A 501c3 federal tax-exempt nonprofit organization. EIN 39-4794447

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 W4KWD
Magic 6 Meter Net	50.250 MHz USB	Friday	7:00 PM	Mike KW4DX

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PRESIDENTS Message

We have seen our share of Florida Summer serious Rain, Thunder and Lightning Storms lately lasting an hour or more! Be Prepared and Stay Safe!

Hurricane Season 2026 is here. 2026 Atlantic hurricane season officially began on **June 1, 2026**, and runs through **November 30, 2026**. The peak of the season occurs around **September 10**, with most active storm development happening from mid-August through mid-October.

Please remember **“When Thunder Roars, Stay Indoors!”**

<https://www.brevardfl.gov/StormCenter>

Editors Note: The Communicator will be taking on a new look over the coming months. Microsoft is no longer supporting their product “Publisher” starting in October 2026.

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Titusville Amateur Radio Club (K4KSC) Meeting

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: July 28, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM EDT

Location: Masonic Lodge, Titusville, Florida

Chaired By: Diane (N4DCK), President

Call to Order & Welcome

Call to Order: President Diane (N4DCK) called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: Keith (W4KWD) led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions: Attendees went around the room introducing themselves by name, call sign, home city.

New Member Applications & Approvals

An application was presented for new member Doug Raines (WA5VSB).

Action taken: The application was formally voted on and unanimously approved by the membership. Doug was welcomed into the group.

Officer Reports

Treasurer's Report (Steve, NA4SA):

Income: \$18.47 (dividends and contributions to savings/checking) + \$45.31 (dividends and membership dues).

Expenses: \$687.00 (trailer registrations, pavilion rentals for next year, and Field Day security deposit).

Total Cash Balance: \$9,292.86 (as of June 30, 2026).

Motion to approve: Formally moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report (Greg, KK4LWB):

Motion to approve: A motion was made (Roy, N4RKM) and seconded (Greg, KK4LWB) to accept the minutes from the June 23, 2026, meeting as published in the July 2026 issue of *The Communicator*. The motion carried.

Committee & Coordinator Reports

Net Coordinator Report (Barry, N4NMF):

The club currently coordinates five weekly nets at 7:00 PM, typically drawing 7 to 10 participants each

Technical Committee Report (Dave, KY4F):

The repeaters are in good shape overall.

The 146.910 MHz repeater experienced a lightning strike that damaged its power supply. The repeater is currently running on battery backup. A replacement power supply has been ordered (expected August 4th) to complete repairs.

An upcoming quarterly maintenance and inspection visit to the three repeater sites will be scheduled soon. Diane (N4DCK) will coordinate the visits.

Public Information Officer (PIO) Report (Greg, KK4LWB):

Titusville Library Outreach: Two monthly sessions have been completed in the air-conditioned vestibule at the Titusville Public Library. The table sees around 100 people passing through with 10–12 direct interactions each session.

Materials & Displays: Prior demonstrations included Software Defined Radio (WebSDR) and a remote FlexRadio Maestro setup using a wireless hotspot.

Library Resources & Watch Bill: Verified the library holds around 50 amateur radio publications, with 6 copies of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Ham Radio License Manual - 6th Edition being added to the stacks. A volunteer watch bill schedule will be published for two-person volunteer teams for upcoming months (Sept/Oct/Nov). Next session scheduled for August 15, 2026.



Old & New Business

Old Business: No formal old business. Our major activities have wrapped up for the year.

Special Events & Operating Reports: Details for the upcoming International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend (ILLW) are published in *The Communicator*. Multiple members reported working the 13 Colonies event.

Trailer Maintenance & Equipment Projects: Greg (KK4LWB) noted that during the off-season, work days will be scheduled to clean and organize the trailer, re-test roof for water leaks, and plan band-pass/harmonic filtering to reduce inter-rig interference for Winter Field Day.

Christmas Party Presentation Request: Mike (KC4JEM) shared a proposal for *Duke Dog's Den* (a local Titusville hospice dog sanctuary) to make a 5-minute presentation and pass a donation basket at the club Christmas party. Diane (N4DCK) received the flyer to present to the Board of Directors for review.

K4KSC Community Communication Briefing

Presentation Leader: Steve (NA4SA), alongside Mike (KC4JEM), presented a briefing on local club amateur radio emergency communications and public service.

Concept & Scope: Shifting focus toward local **Community Communications** and local neighborhood resilience rather than heavy agency-driven operations.

Primary Communications Infrastructure:

Primary Repeater: 146.970 MHz (Titusville Towers – backup generator power).

Secondary Repeater: 147.775 MHz (Mims – 100% solar and battery powered, off-grid operational).

Simplex Frequencies: 146.520 MHz / 446.000 MHz (national calling) and 146.550 MHz (designated local secondary).

Operational Watch Concept: Establishing set monitoring windows during local emergencies for informal check-ins and member health-and-welfare checks without requiring continuous 24/7 desk coverage.

Future Initiatives: Conducting coverage tests for mobile/portable setups, integrating digital asynchronous messaging (Winlink, JS8Call, packet mailboxes), and maintaining relay ties with local Brevard County RACES/BCAT and EOC assets.

Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by motion from the floor.

Minutes Submitted By: [Greg Hand – KK4LWB]



Club News

NEXT MEETING IS AUGUST 25, 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>

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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 **Titusville Amateur Radio Club**

Dues are prorated after April 1st of each year.

* 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

Titusville 32780

Phone: (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.



2026 MONTHLY EVENTS

August 15 Library Outreach	Titusville Public Library	10 AM - 2 PM
August 25 MONTHLY MEETING	Masonic Lodge	7 PM

September 19 Library Outreach	Titusville Public Library	10 AM - 2 PM
September 22 MONTHLY MEETING	Masonic Lodge	7 PM

October 18 Library Outreach	Titusville Public Library	10 AM - 2 PM
October 27: Annual Potluck	Masonic Lodge	Dinner: 6 PM

November 21 Library Outreach	Titusville Public Library	10 AM - 2 PM
November 24 MONTHLY MEETING	Masonic Lodge	7 PM

December 10: Annual Holiday Party	Dixie Crossroads	Dinner: 6 PM
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2027 MONTHLY EVENTS

JANUARY 23-24: Winter Field Day	KN4GLO QTH	Coordinator: Greg KK4LBW
MARCH 20: Annual Mosquito Tailgate	Fox Lake Park	1 week early this year!
MARCH 21: 321 Day	Space View Park	Need an Event Coordinator
April 24 -25: Florida QSO	KN4GLO QTH	

June 26 – 27: ARRL Field Day	Fox Lake Park	
June 26 Field Day POT LUCK Supper	Fox Lake Park	Dinner: 5 PM

July 4 Special Event Booth	Downtown	Need an Event Coordinator
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