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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 serious Rain, Thunder and Lightning Storms lately lasting an hour or more! Be Prepared and Stay Safe!

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

The 2026 Atlantic hurricane season has been remarkably quiet, with just five named storms and still no hurricanes. The well-advertised, historic El Niño has certainly helped put the brakes on tropical activity.

Through September 8, this season has produced the lowest Accumulated Cyclone Energy (ACE) of any Atlantic season since 1950. ACE measures how active a hurricane season is by factoring in both storm strength and how long storms last. This year’s ACE through September 8 is a measly 4.4.

It’s looking increasingly likely we’ll make it past September 11 without a hurricane, which would make 2026 the latest on record for the Atlantic’s first hurricane.

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Titusville Amateur Radio Club (K4KSC) General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: August 25, 2026

Location: Indian River Masonic Lodge, Titusville, FL

Chaired By: Diane (N4DCK), President

1. Call to Order & Welcome

- **Quorum:** Confirmed present.

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.

2. New Member Applications & Approvals: None for the current month.

3. Officer Reports

Treasurer's Report (Steve, NA4SA)

- **Income:** of \$243.79 (dues, dividends, contributions, and Fox Lake security deposit refund).
- **Expenses:** \$249.97 (giveaway items/bags for the library display).
- **Total Cash Balance:** \$9,286.68.

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

Secretary's Report & Minutes (Greg, KK4LWB):

- **July 2026 Minutes:** Published in the August 2026 issue of *The Communicator*.
- **Motion to approve:** Formally moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

4. 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 (Roy, N4RKM):

- **146.910 MHz Repeater Update:**
 - A new replacement power supply has been acquired and is awaiting installation.
 - The repeater remains fully operational on battery backup paired with a battery maintainer.

Other Repeaters: Operating normally with no reported issues.



Titusville Amateur Radio Club (K4KSC) Continued

Date: August 25, 2026

5. Old Business

- **TARC Trailer Leak Repair Project:**

- **Lead Volunteers:** Roy (N4RKM) and Tom Fuller (KN4GLO).
- **Status:** Identified a leak likely originating around the roof antenna entry point.
- **Plan:** Roy and Tom will coordinate this week to re-seal the entry housing using 4200 marine adhesive/sealant at the trailer's Mims location. Additional volunteers are welcome to assist.

K4KSC Emergency Communication Status (Steve, NA4SA)

The presentation discussed during the July meeting was distributed to the membership via email following layout issues in the newsletter.

Due to minimal member response and interest, the proposed club-wide initiative will be formally closed out. Interested individuals may still collaborate informally.

6. New Business

- **Imperial Estates Elementary ARISS Project (2027 School Year):**

- **Board Decision:** Following a thorough review of the 40-page application and requirement package, the Board voted **not to participate** in the proposed 2027 ARISS (Amateur Radio on the International Space Station) contact project.
- **Reasoning:** The project scope requires extensive dedicated equipment (\$10,000+ investment), high personnel demands, mandatory Zoom training, and local backup facility contingencies beyond the club's current equipment inventory and volunteer capacity.

7. Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes Submitted By: [Greg Hand – KK4LWB]

Approval Date: []



Club News

NEXT MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 22, 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.*

**OUR OCTOBER MEETING ON OCTOBER 27, 2026 IS AT 6:00 PM
when we will celebrate our annual Pot Luck Dinner!**

Visit Us on Facebook!!

Our 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.

ANNUAL POT LUCK DINNER

OCTOBER 27, 2026
6:00 PM

Bring your Favorite Dish to Share!



Our *Annual Christmas Party* is at *Dixie Crossroads* on
Thursday December 10th at 6:00 PM

Join the fun!

We will have a Yankee gift swap.

Bring a wrapped gift! \$20.00 Maximum Gift Value

Please label it OM (Male) or YL (FEMALE).

Coordinator: Greg Hand – KK4LWB – greg.kk4lwb@gmail.com

Mark your calendars!

January 23rd – 24th, 2027, marks the return of Winter Field Day (WFD), and we're aiming for our biggest participation yet.

Whether you're a seasoned operator or new to the hobby, WFD is an incredible opportunity to hone skills, build camaraderie, and demonstrate the vital role amateur radio plays in emergency communications.

Reach out to Greg KK4LWB to volunteer or just come out to visit! Bring the family!

What is Winter Field Day?

Winter Field Day isn't a contest – it's an operating event. The goal is simple: prove we can communicate effectively in challenging conditions like short days, freezing temperatures, and unpredictable weather.

This year, we are setting up at Tom (KN5GLO) and Sally's (KN4HPX) residence (4445 Aurantia Rd, Mims, FL 32754) for an unforgettable weekend of radio and friendship.

Why Participate?

This event isn't just about logging QSOs; it's a fantastic learning experience. Winter throws unique obstacles our way – short days, cold temperatures, and unpredictable weather. Successfully operating under these conditions builds confidence and prepares us for real-world emergency scenarios. It's also a great chance to test new equipment, experiment with different antenna configurations, and meet fellow hams!



2026 MONTHLY EVENTS

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: POT LUCK GATHERING Bring your favorite Dish to share!	Masonic Lodge	Dinner: 6 PM
November 21 Library Outreach	Titusville Public Library	10 AM - 2 PM
November 24 MONTHLY MEETING Election of Officers for 2027	Masonic Lodge	7 PM
December 10: HOLIDAY GATHERING	Dixie Crossroads	Dinner: 6 PM
December 19 Library Outreach	Titusville Public Library	10 AM - 2 PM

2027 MONTHLY EVENTS

JANUARY 23-24: Winter Field Day	KN4GLO QTH	Coordinator: Greg KK4LWB
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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