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

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PRESIDENTS Message

Fall has arrived!

Barry N4NMF and I are traveling this month enjoying the crisp fall air in New England and watching the leaves change color and sunsets as early as 6:10 PM. We survived the No Name Nor'Easter last weekend of September. So exciting lots and lots of rain.

While the leaves won't change in Florida you can tell it's definitely fall. The days are growing shorter as sunset creeping closer to 7 PM.

Our October POT LUCK Dinner is this month on October 27 2026. Remember it starts at 6 PM which is an hour earlier than our regular meeting time. So bring a Main Dish, Side dish or a Dessert and wear your Halloween Costume (optional).

There will be lots of fun, camaraderie, and great food.

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Titusville Amateur Radio Club (K4KSC)

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: September 22, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM EST (19:00 Local Time)

Location: Indian River Masonic Lodge, Titusville, Florida

Chaired By: Keith DeSoto (w4KWD) – Vice President (acting in place of President Diane (N4DCK) and Secretary Greg (KK4LWB), who were on travel.

1. Call to Order & Welcome

- Quorum: Confirmed present.

• Call to Order & Welcome

o : The meeting was called to order at 19:00 Local Time by Keith DeSoto (N4RKM).

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Keith DeSoto W4KWD

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

• 2. New Member Applications & Approvals

✦ **Scott Hanna** – KR4NWK (Approved)

✦ **Ned Lecky** - NB7U (Approved)

✦ **Mike Herring** – KR4OLB (Approved)

3. Officer Reports

Treasurer's Report (Steve, NA4SA)

• **Income:** of \$39.50 (dues, \$0.29 checking dividend, contributions)

• **Expenses:** \$0.00

• **Total Cash Balance:** \$9,326.47.

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

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

• **August 2026 Minutes:** Published in the September 2026 issue of *The Communicator*.

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

4. Committee & Coordinator Reports

Net Coordinator Report (Keith (W4KWD):

The club currently coordinates five weekly nets at 7:00 PM, typically drawing 9 to 10 participants each.

Technical Committee Report (Roy, NARKM):

• 146.910 MHz Repeater Update:

o **Repeater Maintenance:** Repairs completed following lightning damage. It has been switched to dedicated battery backup power to isolate it from house power. The repeater is fully operational.

o **Other Repeaters:** Operating normally with no reported issues.

Titusville Library Outreach

• **Recent Event Report (Mike, KC4JEM):** Distributed ~10–12 club gift bags and newsletters to interested attendees. Had roughly 4 good prospective members.

• Future Schedule:

o October 17th Library event is scheduled.

November 21st library participation will be canceled due to early voting restrictions at the venue.

5. Old Business

Club Trailer Leak Repair: TARC trailer roof/antenna seal repair project is complete.



General Membership Meeting Minutes **Date:** September 22, 2026 Continured

6. New Business

Nominating Committee

- Nominations are opening for upcoming officer elections (held annually in November; terms begin in January).
 - Current officers are eligible to run for one additional consecutive term under current two-term limit rules.
- Volunteers were requested to serve on the Nominating Committee to compile candidates. Members interested in running or volunteering were asked to contact Diane or Keith via email/club channels.

Proposed EchoLink Implementation on .970 Repeater

- **Discussion:** The Executive Board is considering adding EchoLink capability to the primary 146.970 MHz repeater on the Titusville tower.
- **Benefits:** Would allow remote/traveling members, mobile users, or licensed hams with minimal equipment (using smartphone/PC or handhelds) to check into club nets from anywhere in the world.
- **Cost & Funding Considerations:**
 - o Estimated recurring internet connectivity cost at the tower site: **\$600/year** (\$50/month).
 - o Board is exploring options including hardware setup, potential internet-sharing arrangements, and grant opportunities to cover initial hardware and ongoing operational costs for the first few years.

Member Feedback: General sentiment from attendees was positive regarding the utility of adding EchoLink capability.

7. Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes Submitted By: [Greg Hand – KK4LWB]





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Contact a member of the Board of Directors via email or text or phone—Diane, Keith, Greg, Steve or Roy. Our contact info is on the cover page.

Nomination Committee

We need a member to step up for this **short term (serving less than 30 days)** post to assist with next months elections. This person would be in contact with any member who seeks to hold office. It is an important role that is required under our Bylaws.

Audit Committee

We need a member to step up for this **short term (serving less than 30 days)** to review the clubs books and government filings. It is an important role that is required under our Bylaws.

Newsletter Editor

I would like a member to take over the Newsletter Publication. Knowledge of of Microsoft Products (Publisher, Word, Excel) and ability to send group emails to the current distribution list is required.





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Mosquito TailGate Event Coordinator(s)

March 20, 2027 - If we don't get a chairperson, the event will need to be canceled after a 34 year legacy.

321 Day Event Coordinator(s)

March 21, 2027 - It would be our first event in a long-time for Brevard 321 Day. If we don't get a chairperson, we will be unable to participate in 2027.

ARRL Field Day Hospitality Coordinator / Host

We need someone to work with Greg on the visitor display, meet and greet with the Mayor and club pot luck dinner.

July 4 Downtown Celebration Event Coordinator(s)

July 4, 2027 - It would be our first event in a longtime for Titusville Downtown Celebration. If we don't get a chairperson, we will be unable to participate in 2027.



Club News

OUR MEETINGS ARE HELD AT Indian River Masonic Lodge, 19 N. Washington Ave. located at the Corner of S. Washington Ave. (Rte. 1) and Garden St.

NEXT MEETING IS OCTOBER 27, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Future Meetings and Events

NOVEMBER MEETING IS NOVEMBER 24, 2026 AT 7:00 PM

Election of officers!

Annual Holiday Gathering is DECEMBER 10, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

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.



ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER

OCTOBER 27, 2026

6:00 PM

Bring your Favorite Dish to Share!



Halloween Costumes Optional.





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

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 1 week early this year!	Fox Lake Park	Need an Event Coordinator
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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