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2006 APPOINTMENTS

Emergency & Special Events Team

Rick Sochon, N1OV Captain
Bill Barron, W1WAB
Don Nathan, K2GPM

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News Letter

Charles Miller, N4GIO, Editor
Article submission by 20th of month

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Radio Room Equipment Team

Bob Goldberg, WA4M, Captain
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Submissions to sccarc@verizon.net

Club Meetings

First Wednesday of the month at 3:00 PM in the Florida Room. The meetings June through August are informal.

KE4ZIP CONNECTOR

"The World at Our Doorstep"

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OUR PURPOSE:

To promote the hobby of Amateur Radio Communications, to provide license training and present topics of interest to all amateurs, to provide emergency communications to the Sun City Center community in times of crisis and to offer support to other organizations in Sun City Center that require communications for their projects.

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM:

This month's program will feature a presentation by Gordon Grant, VE3DY. His topic will be Solar Flux and Propagation. Gordon is very knowledgeable in this area of Amateur Radio. His presentation will prove to be a most interesting one.

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

A big thank you to those who volunteered for AAUW walk: it was a good practice and despite the cool weather it turned out well. The weather did cut down on our Brown Bag Picnic but those who attended had a good time. The fox hunt taught us a few lessons and pointed out the need for specialized antennas. We are getting design information and will plan an antenna building party soon.

Please check out the "Mark your Calendar" section of this newsletter for upcoming events. It hardly seems possible that we are in the Holiday Season already. Deyanira and I wish to extend to all our members and their spouses our sincere hope that you will have a wonderful and safe Holiday Season.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Holiday Golf Cart Parade December 2 - morning. We will provide communications - Don Nathan K2GPM will coordinate.

SCC & KPARC Annual Holiday Party December 2, 6:00 PM King's Point Banquet Room. Rita Hale W1UZR is taking reservations 633-2210.

SCCARC Annual Meeting and Election December 6 - 3:00 PM in the Florida Room.

TEAM REPORTS:

Emergency Team - Rick Sochon, N1OV Captain Disaster and Special Event Communications

WHAT'S ALL THIS TRAINING THE CLUB IS PUSHING?

In Florida FEMA training is required for those who will interface with other agencies during a disaster. That means if you are the control station or a liaison station and talk to the National Guard, the Red Cross, Salvation Army, the Sheriff or Fire Service you should know the correct communications protocols to use. Basically know the right things to say and who to say it to.

In the Sun City Center Radio Club, interested amateurs have taken FEMA training in order to be prepared for a major disaster involving a multi-agency response. If you do not get the training we still need your help. There are no rules that would prevent any amateur from signing on our local net. Indeed we passed out orange signs so your neighbors will know that you can call for help or handle Health and Welfare traffic, i.e. tell their out of town relatives if they are ok.

Those amateurs with the required training will be assigned liaison function with other agencies during a major disaster. Everyone else will help communicate within our local teams.

The FEMS courses ICS100, and 700 are presently available online on www.fema.gov at no charge. They may be given in a local classroom setting starting in January if there is sufficient interest.

The cost of the AARL Communications Course EC 001 that the county desires is under discussion with government officials.

If required, we want this training to be made available at no cost to club members who want it.

FEMA TRAINING AVAILABLE - Bill Barron, W1WAB

FEMA IC-300 and IC-400 classes will be held at the Hillsborough County EOC from December 11-14.

There is no charge. Pre-registration is required with either the EOC or with Fred Nassar KD8AQ, County EC at aces@hillsboroughcounty.org.

G300- Monday, Tuesday December 11th and 12th

G400 - Monday Tuesday December 13th and 14th

Hillsborough County EOC
2711 East Hanna Avenue
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Please Register:
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Officers 2007

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Respectfully submitted:
Charlie Miller, N4GOI

John Bowker, WA2WEN
Michael Friolet, KB3MEK

CODE PRACTICE:

Gordon Grant, VE3DY will be conducting code practice in the radio room on Wednesday's from 9:30 until 11:00 AM. The practice will be both sending and receiving.

WELCOME TEAM:

Bob Hibbard, N1ZK has suggested the club needs a group to act as a welcoming team at meetings and other club functions. Bob has agreed to be the Welcome Team leader to form such a group. If Bob approaches you and asks for help please volunteer.

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE: E-mail Auction

Halicrafters TO keyer	\$35.00 Minimum Bid
Vibroplex key	\$35.00 Minimum Bid
Kenwood TS - 140 HF Transceiver (Has been repaired by WB8GIP)	\$165.00 Minimum Bid

All equipment may be examined in our Radio Room E-mail Bids to George Guler, W0OIR
gguler@tampabay.rr.com

Winning bid will be announced at the December meeting.

If no one bids the equipment will be taken to a Hamfest and sold

TACTICAL CALL SIGNS: D.H. Nathan K2GPM - FCC Auxiliary/OO

The use of Tactical Call Sign identifiers by an Amateur Radio Station DOES NOT, REPEAT, DOES NOT, preclude the identification of that station from using their FCC assigned call signs. FCC Part 97.119 is the controlling document to support this requirement.

Tactical Call Signs: Tactical Call Signs are not to be confused with Special Event Call Signs (Pt 97.119(d) which are granted only by the (FCC) Special Event Call Signs Coordinator. Amateur Radio Stations must, at all times, Identify IAW Part 97.119

SILENT KEY PLAQUE: Charlie, N4GOI

The missing Silent Key plaque has been reconstructed and will soon be placed in our Radio Shack. If there are any we have missed please let me know so they may be added. I have volunteered to keep it updated as I did for so many years. I will be duty bound to do so.

FEATURED ARTICLE:

FAMOUS HAMS: "If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants" Sir Isaac Newton.

These are Hams who have led the way for us to follow. I will select one at random to feature each month.

The list was compiled by Gerry Jurrens, N2GJ and Steven Glazer, W2SG. The list is free and, like ham radio itself they derive no pecuniary interest from their site.

FOUNDER OF ELECTRO-VOICE

By Steven D Glazer, W2SG

Albert R. "Al" Kahn, K4FW

He was the Founder of Electro-Voice which derived its name in an interesting way. Legendary Notre Dame football coach and Professor of Chemistry Knute Rockney needed a device to amplify his voice during practice so his players could clearly hear him. In the late 1920's Mr. Kahn built him a public address system which Knute referred to as his "Electric voice." The name stuck. Electro-Voice grew and emerged as a leader in professional audio equipment. K4FW was also instrumental in the founding of Heathkit. Supplying it with WWII surplus parts in the late 1940's; in 1968 he founded TEN-TEC with Jack E. Burchfield, K4JU who is now Ten Tec's President.

FIRST TRANSATLANTIC TV SIGNAL

Robert Hart, 2CVJ

He received the first transatlantic TV signal in the cellar of his Hartsdale New York home. The signal was transmitted by its inventor, John Logie Baird from an amateur station 2KZ in London on February 8, 1928; three days later, The New York times compared the feat to Marconi's first transatlantic transmission of the letter "S" in 1901.

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