

# SUN CITY CENTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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## KE4ZIP CONNECTOR

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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.

### VOLUNTEERS WHO SERVE OUR CLUB:

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**Submissions to [sccarc@verizon.net](mailto: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.

### PUBLICATION:

This newsletter will be published and e-mailed to members and friends the last Wednesday of each month.

Any article for publication should be emailed to: [panamacharlie@verizon.net](mailto:panamacharlie@verizon.net) at least ten days before publication.

## **THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM:**

Nick Petro, WX3H, Senior Forecaster, national Weather Service Ruskin will discuss the Skywarn program changes to the public National Weather Radio Alert System. The on-line Skywarn training class and examination can be taken at:

<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/tbw/html/tbw/skywarn/skywarn.htm>.

## **A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT:**

The annual migration back North, by our "Snow Birds," has started. Since last fall SCCARC has accomplished a great deal. We have completed the first phase of upgrading our Radio Room. Our Training Committee has conducted Technician, General (two classes), and Extra Class training with the VE Team supervising the testing. Daily participation at the Radio Room has dramatically increased to the point where, some days, we have had to borrow some chairs from the Palm Room.

None of the above could have been accomplished without the support and efforts of our Volunteer Leaders and many of our members. SCCARC is becoming known as a "can do" group of seniors not only here in Sun City Center but throughout Central Florida.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

Extra Class examinations by VE team in May, date to be announced.

Emergency Communications Fair at the Hillsborough County EOC on Saturday, June 2, those who have passed FEMA courses 100,200, and 700 will be issued Hillsborough County Photo ID Badges, look for details.

Hurricane Drill, tentative date June 6, 2007, look for details.

Field Day at Sun City Center Gazebo June 23 - 24, 2007, look for details.

## **TRAINING:**

Four new General Class operators are now among us. The following Hams passed their General class Examination on April 7. They are: Anita Akridge, KG4ZTB, Ron Bouverat, KI4ILK, Jim Key, KI4TMX, and Riley Allen, KI4TMU.

Thanks to all the instructors and Volunteer Examiners that made this possible.

## **IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:**

Thank you to everyone who participated in The Hillsborough County Mass Casualty Disaster Drill.

There were many, many kudos for ARES/RACES in the "hot wash" after the drill, from many disparate agencies. Law Enforcement, Fire/Rescue, Hospitals, and the School System- they all praised your work.

All I can say is "Wow! What a great group of folks!"

Thank you, one and all, for a FANTASTIC job well done.

For those who couldn't "come out and play," the next big opportunity will be a functional exercise, geared toward hurricane preparedness, tentatively scheduled for June 6.

Also, please come join us at the Hillsborough County EOC on Saturday, June 2 for an Emergency Communications Fair. There will be displays and activities from various Ham Radio clubs around the county, as well as slide shows and presentations from other emergency-oriented organizations.

We look forward to seeing you there - if you have questions about how your organization can get on the agenda, or arrange for a table or booth, please send an e-mail to [RACES@hillsboroughcounty.org](mailto:RACES@hillsboroughcounty.org) and we'll get you some info.

Once again, thank you all for a professional job - well done all around.

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Keating Floyd, Hillsborough County ARES/RACES, Deputy RACES Officer, AEC - Net Manager

## **FEATURED ARTICLE:**

### **FAMOUS HAMS:**

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

The following Hams led the way for others to follow:

Dr. Gary B. Ruvkun, KA1ZY, Professor of genetics at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital; widely reported groundbreaking researcher in the field of genetics and aging using *C. elegans* worm, the first live creature to be completely gene - sequenced.

David A. Mann, K2AGZ, Composer, born David Freedman; wrote hundreds of songs, his most popular perhaps was "There I've Said it Again"---was the last #1 hit in the USA before the British invasion. It was knocked out of 1st. Place by the Beatles hit, "I Want to Hold Your Hand."