



Amateur Radio Gets a 'Boost' on Tampa TV!!



East Shore Today host Bill Hodges (left) receives a hands-on lesson in amateur radio from SCCARC Program Director Bill Barron W1WAB during taping of the Tampa TV show on September 7, 2007.

--Photo by Phyllis Hodges

Amateur radio received some much-needed publicity this month when Bill Barron (W1WAB) was interviewed by Bill Hodges on Tampa Bay Community Network's "East Shore Today" program on September 7th.

The show will air on Bighthouse Cable Network Channel # 20 at 8:00 pm on September 10th & 24th - and in Tampa on channel # 19 on September 12 and 26.

Barron discussed the role amateur radio plays in disaster communications & how the public can obtain their licenses at local area radio clubs.

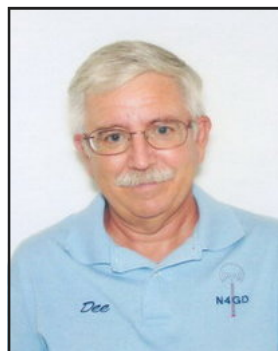
Many thanks to John Bowker WA2WEN for setting up the television interview..

President's Message

We will soon be welcoming back our "Snow Birds"; so it's time to start planning our club activities for the winter months. We will have a booth at "Hi Neighbor" on November 8th and of course don't miss out "Annual Holiday Party" on December 19th. The Radio Room is always busy Monday thru Friday 9:30 am to 11:00 am; so there is always something fun to do at SCCARC.

--David Schierenbeck N8PF

Sightings



Dee Turner N4GD - Section Manager for the ARRL West Central Florida Section - was seen at the September 5th SCCARC Member meeting.

Dee manages all ARRL Field programs in the section.

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Club Meetings First Wednesday of the month at 2:00 PM in the Florida Room

Welcome New Amateurs



Monica Messer, spouse of Riverview Florida CERT Leader Jim Messer K1JGM, at the controls of SCCARC's FT-920 on August 9, 2007. Dave Schierenbeck N8PF, Rick Sochon N1OV, and Bob Goldberg WA4M were the VEs at the session.

Volunteer Spotlight: 2007 Committees

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SCCARC's VE teams conducted additional testing sessions during the Summer-- and two new licensed amateurs were the result!



Monica Messer (K4DNP) scored 100% on her exam held August 9th.

Don Davidson KI4YIT (pictured above) passed his Technician test July 27. And Donna Gray KI4ZDQ passed her exam up North on August 30th.

Welcome to Amateur Radio!!

Get involved! Volunteer for a Committee today!

In My Opinion: Morse code loss-- equates to loss of privileges

One of the problems with the US discontinuing Morse Code for HF operators is the loss of HF operating privileges in countries having amateur radio reciprocal agreements with United States.

To Wit: CANADA. "According to the current rules in Industry Canada's RIC-3 Document, US amateurs who do not have a Morse code qualification do not have HF privileges while operating in Canada under the reciprocal operating treaty. This poses obvious problems for US Amateurs licensed since February 23 who no longer have a way to obtain a Morse qualification." *[source: The Keynote, Issue #4,5 The Fists CW Club]*

Unfortunately when our FCC "done away" with the code requirement they also eliminated the offering of element #1. How many other countries this will affect our HF operating privileges I do not know. The response of many will probably be they don't operate HF in Canada only VHF. Well the undersigned during his many years of RV travel has operated mostly HF while in Canada and is looking forward to continually doing so, but newly licensed amateurs will not have that opportunity.

--Submitted by Don Chinnery WU9T

Program Spotlight:



What's a QSL Card???



Sometimes, a card just isn't a card.

Bob Goldberg WA4M gave a comprehensive presentation on the process of QSL cards -- how to collect them, how to send them, and how to use the ARRL bureaus - at the SCC-ARC meeting held September 5, 2007.

Bob reviewed both the inbound and outbound QSL-card bureau process, as well as the procedures to be followed for collecting USA and International cards, use of IRCs, etc.

Bob also reviewed the various ARRL awards available to those interested in DXING.

Have something to share? Sign up to be a presenter at one of SCCARC's member meetings! Call Bill Barron W1WAB @ 642-9079 and get on the calendar!

Bob Goldberg (WA4M) presented a very interesting review of the QSL card process at SCCARC's September 5, 2007 meeting.

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Amateur Radio Helping Others



Using an antenna built by Don Nathan K2GPM, SCCARC members erect a new VHF emergency antenna at the SCC Security Patrol building.

Pictured : David Schierenbeck N8PF (left), Bob Hibbard N1ZK, Jim Key KI4TMX, & Bob Goldberg WA4M -- with Tony Alexander, N4KOC on the roof.

Emergency antennas have now been pre-positioned at South Bay Hospital, SCC-CERT HQ, SCC Security Patrol, SCC EMS squad, and the SCC EMS training building.

Event Calendar

September 2007

26 Board meeting

October 2007

3 Member Meeting

31 Board Meeting

November 2007

7 Member Meeting

8 "Hi-Neighbor" Booth

28 Board Meeting

December 2007

5 Member Meeting

19 KP/SCC Holiday Party- Florida Room

26 Board Meeting

Events subject to change without notice.

Please check www.sccarc.info for the latest information or monitor the KE4ZIP 147.225 [pl 146.2] repeater for announcements..