

The HIARC Bulletin

September 2017 Edition

The Official Bulletin of the Harris-Intersil Amateur Radio Club

Club Meetings: Second Thursday of Every Month at Meemaw's Barbecue on Babcock Street between Palm Bay Road and Port Malabar Road. Supper is at 6:00 PM, and a short business meeting is at 7:00 PM. Our programs start around 8:00 PM.

Club Station: The club station is K4HRS in Building 15, Room 321. E-mail Butch to sign up.

Nets: The South Brevard Emergency Net meets every Thursday at 7:00 PM local on the 146.85 Mc repeater.

HIARC Website: <http://qsl.net/hiarc>

Repeaters: 145.47 MHz, tone 107.2 cycles, elevation 170 feet, Melbourne

HIARC Web Site: www.qsl.net/hiarc. Website administrator; Jim Tonti, KC7SSW

Officers: President: Francis ("Butch"), WA4AQV

Treasurer: Bill WA4EMU

Secretary: Jim, KC7SSW

Repeater Chairmen: Bud W4HXP

Program Chairman: Eric N4SCS

Field Day Chairman: TBD

Sunshine Officer: Open

Club Jester: Ken N8KH

Membership:

Dues are \$12.00 per year to:

Bill Dahmke WA4EMU

Annual Events: Annual swap-fest at the September meeting. Field Day (always the fourth full weekend in June) at Grant Community Center Fairgrounds, Field Day web site link

<https://sites.google.com/site/hiarcfieldday2013/>

Selected Hamfests:

October 13, 14 Melbourne, <http://pcars.org/>

Ham Radio Lunches:

Every Friday, 10:30 AM till 12:30 PM or so, Golden Corral on Palm Bay Road in Palm Bay

Every Friday, 9:00 AM till 11:00AM or so, Umpa's Diner, 1115 N Courtenay Pkwy, Merritt Island, FL 3295, (321) 454-3422

President's Message

Hope you made it through Hurricane Irma without too much difficulty. One of the few bright sides of a hurricane is that they can trigger tropospheric propagation openings. Here is a website that converts the weather maps to a tropo map <http://dxinfocentre.com/tropo.html> .

There will not be a September HIARC meeting as MeeMaws Barbecue is without electricity due to the hurricane.

73's

Butch WA4AQV

How Bad Was it?

The National Weather Service Melbourne has issued a preliminary report on Hurricane Irma. It indicates a 76 MPH gust on Dairy Road and 11.8 inches of rain at the Melbourne airport.

Certainly the weather varied by location. Entire report

<https://forecast.weather.gov/product.php?site=NWS&issuedby=MLB&product=PSH&format=CI&version=1&glossary=0>

Florida Repeater Council Changes

The Florida Repeater Council (FRC) website now advises an entirely new board of directors and that “wideband” bandwidth repeaters WILL be renewed after 1-1-2020 if there are users or experimenters. Previously the FRC website indicated that “wideband”, e.g. the common 5 kHz analog FM voice repeater was not going to be coordinated / allocated after 1-1-20. Rather there would be only 2.5 kHz narrowband repeaters coordinated / allocated after that date. The new 2.5 kHz bandwidth would have made most existing amateur FM voice radios degraded to unusable with the tradeoff of increasing the number of repeater frequencies. The FRC website is

<http://www.florida-repeaters.org/>

Last Month's Meeting

Here is a picture of the August HIARC meeting, lots of fun in progress:



