

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.

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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.

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 at least ten days before publication.

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM:

The March program will include a pre-hurricane overview of State/County/SCC emergency communication plans, with special emphasis on the planned March 28th Hillsborough County Mass Casualty Incident. This drill will involve about 770 Gaither High School, is centered on a mock terrorist bomb attack at Raymond James Stadium during a playoff game.

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

The greatest benefit I have received from my amateur radio experiences has been the friends I have made over nearly fifty years. It seems to me this has become so much more important since I moved to Sun City Center. Today I had the pleasure of congratulating several of those friends who had achieved their General Class license.

One will stand out in my memory, however, because he is leaving Sun City Center this next week. Virgil Gibbs, KG4FCD in his quiet way has influenced many members of SCCARC. Anyone who has served as President of an organization like our radio club has those days when you wonder if it is all worth the aggravation. It seemed like Virgil always knew when to send me a quick message or phone call of encouragement and found a way to make me smile.

Virgil you will be missed and I know I speak for all of us when I wish you and Olive happiness and good health in your new home.

David, N8PF

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

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.

March 10, 11:00 AM Pot Luck Picnic. Chow down at 12:00

March 28 Hillsborough County Mass Casualty Incident Drill. 9:00 and will run for 3 hours. See FYI below for details.

TRAINING:

TECHNICIANS: A new class is being offered for upgrading to GENERAL and starts March 12th. I need your check for \$20.00 for a manual no later than morning of March 2 as I will be placing order that day.

Don Chinnery, WU9T, 634-9119

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:

A reminder about the Pot Luck picnic. It will be March 10th at 11:00 AM. Hopefully there will be a Fox Hunt and then we will eat. About 12:00 PM. So, people, we are looking for good salads, desserts and casseroles. The club will provide the rest for a fee of \$2.50 each.

The picnic will be at the horseshoe pits near the Community Hall. It was held at the same location last year.

We will need:

1. grill master (1)
2. Chefs (2)
3. table helpers (2)
4. Someone to place food

Please call Rita if you can fill one of these positions.
If there is no answer, please leave a message @ 633-2210
Radio Room Update – Rick, N1OV

An amplifier has been installed on the KE4ZIP Repeater. The amplifier is on when normal AC power is present. In case of power failure the repeater will automatically switch back to it's former low power mode for use with batteries. Preliminary tests show no copy at the Big Bend power plant with the old repeater power level and full quieting with the amplifier on.

It's no longer required to turn on the ICOM PW-1 amplifier when using the Yaesu FT-920-1 barefoot. Turn on the FT-920-1 and observe that the lights on the linear control on top of the HF radio come on without using the power switch for the linear. To use the amplifier turn the power switch on the linear control panel on. The wiring was changed to allow the use of the FT-920 without the amplifier if AC power is lost to the club station. There will be 12- volt emergency power for the FT-920 but not the 208- V for the amplifier. The amplifier is automatically bypassed with on need to move antenna cables etc.

The SCCARC repeater KE4ZIP requires a tone of 146.2 for access. Check your manuals for settings for setting up your own radios. Please identify your station with your call letters when testing per FCC Regulations. If you do not have a tone of 146.2 or cannot figure out how to program it do this:

Hold down the transmit button and send "111" The repeater will say "Ok Up"

You now have full use of the repeater until a timer shuts it off or when done with your use of the repeater:

Hold down the transmit button and send "111" The repeater will say "Ok down" and immediately return to tone access only.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY MASS CASUALTY INCIDENT DRILL

Hillsborough County will conduct its 2007 Mass Casualty incident drill on March 28, 2007. It will commence at 9:00 and last three hours.

The exercise scenario will assume a terrorist improvised explosive device (IED) detonated at Raymond James Stadium during a major NFL playoff game. Secondary explosive devices will be a concern.

About 1,000 mock victims supplied by Gaither High School, will be triaged and transported from the stadium to all are hospitals. Due to the large number of victims, an alternate medical treatment facility will be established by CERT at the Sun dome.

County ARES/RACES teams and CERT groups will be deployed for the exercise; a key objective of which is to test a victim/patient logging system. Over 100 County ARES/RACES

volunteers will be sought to ensure communications between the incident, the treatment facilities, and the Tampa City and county EOC's.

The following agencies will be included in the drill. It is a partial listing.

Tampa Sports Authority
H.C. Emergency Management
H.C. Fire Rescue
H.C. Sheriff's Office
H.C. Health Department
H.C. School Board
NFL Security
H.C. Mass Casualty Coordinator
Florida DMAT 3
Tampa Emergency Management
Tampa Fire Rescue
Tampa Police Department
Hartline
RACES
CERT

Further details will be announced in the coming weeks

73, Bill Barron, W1WAB, Program Director

FEATURED ARTICLE:

"If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulder's of giants" Sir Isaac Newton

These hams led the way for others to follow.

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

Dr. Joseph H. "Joe" Taylor, K1JT

Ph. D in Physics; co-winner with (Russell Alan Hulse, ex WB2LAV) of the 1993 Nobel Prize in Physics for discovery of binary pulsars. Scientist/Princeton University Dean of Faculty, 1997-2003/James S Mc Donnell distinguished University Professor of Physics, author of "WSJT" and "JT44" weak signal mode software. Bill, KP3O, recently retired from the Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico, designed the filter bank that Joe used, and still uses in his research.