

The Villages Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting May 18, 2023

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General Membership Meeting

Agenda

- **6:00 PM Sign in and chit-chat**
- **6:45 PM Business Meeting**
- **7:25-ish PM Adjourn Business Meeting**
- **7:35-ish PM Program – K2DM: FT8**

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- President's report + overview of Field Day
- Treasurer's report + Repeater status + Hurricane Expo
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President's Report

- TVARC's next big event is Field Day, which will take place the weekend of June 24th & 25th, with some setup on June 23rd.
- I like to think of Field Day as an emergency preparedness exercise / demonstration.
 - Hundreds of clubs/groups/etc., get together and, starting from scratch, set up radios, erect antennas and make lots of contacts using emergency power.
 - Then, after 24 hours, they take it all down, pack it all up, and haul it away until next year.
- TVARC is blessed to be able to use the Sumter County Emergency Services trailer. It has:
 - A 30 foot crankup antenna tower
 - A huge generator
 - Air conditioning!

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President's Report

- Preliminary plans for FD 2023 include utilizing the club's two Icom transceivers as SSB and CW stations, and to have a third station dedicated to GOTA (Get On The Air).
- The GOTA station is intended to provide an opportunity for newly licensed hams, or hams who have had their licenses for a while but haven't made any contacts yet, to make their initial on-the-air QSOs.

Partnering with CERT

- Recently, we announced a proposal to have TVARC members partner with CERT to augment CERT's emergency communications if and when the need arises.
- The proposal has been accepted, and we are now at the point where we would like to obtain about 10 volunteers from TVARC to sign up.
- During an emergency, volunteers will work under the direction of CERT, although it is not required to become a CERT member.
- When called out, volunteers will be assigned to a member of the Command Staff to act as their communications liaison.
- Training will be provided on relevant aspects of CERT.

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The Villages Amateur Radio Club, Inc Treasurer's Report Apr. 2023

Beginning Balance	04/1/2023		\$ 6,643.31
Income:			
	1/0 New 2022 + CC	\$ 12.00	
	11/3 New 2023 + CC	\$ 168.96	
	3/0 Renewal 2023 + CC	\$ 38.00	
	1/0 Renewal 2024 + CC	\$ 12.00	
	0/0 Renewal 2025 + CC	\$ 00.00	
	0/0 Renewal 2026 + CC	\$ 00.00	
	50/50	\$ 103.00	
	TVARC Eq. Kenwood	\$ 350.00	
	AA2GT Donation Items	\$ 205.00	
	TVARC Eq. Items	\$ 860.00	
	K4VRC Store	\$ 93.00	
	Total Income	\$1,841.96	\$ 8,485.27
Expenses:			
	KM4ZTE – Cookie Monster Mar.	\$ 33.99	
	Sumter County Sheriff Office	\$ 400.00	
	Total Expenses	\$ 433.99	
Ending Balances	04/30/2023		\$ 8,051.28
	Petty Cash 50/50	\$ 50.00	
	Petty Cash Treasurer	\$ 88.00	
	Total Money on Hand	\$ 8,189.28	

Status of the repeaters in The Villages May15, 2023-update Repeaters owned and operated by TVARC

443.225 **Working Fine** - PL 103.5hz-TSQ – K4VRC/R – *Main Repeater*
Working Fine - EchoLink – K4VRC-R - Node# 848490

443.150 **Working Fine** – FM:PL 103.5hz-T – K4VRC/R
Working Fine - EchoLink - W2TR-R - Node# 67670 - Allstar - W2TR-R - Node#435720

145.110 **Working Fine** – Fusion Digital: Open. FM: PL 107.2hz-TSQ – K4VRC/R
No Wires-X. Pre-amp install later.

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- 444.250 **Working Fine** - **PL 110.9hz-T** - K4LFK/R
 145.210 **Working Fine** - **PL 110.9hz-T***- K4LFK/R
 146.940 **Working Fine** – **Fusion Digital: Open. FM: PL 91.5hz-TSQ*** – WA1UTQ/R
 Preamp Install soon.
 224.980 **Working Fine** - **FM: PL 91.5hz-TSQ*** - WA1UTQ/R – **New Antenna install in soon.**
 444.575 **Working Fine** – **Fusion Digital: Open. Wires: Open. FM: 91.5hz-TSQ***
 Working Fine - **Wires-x Node #11186.** - WA1UTQ/R – Wires-x is available.
 463.350 **Working Fine** - **CERT Team Members only. – TSQ**
 224.740 **Working Fine** - FM: **PL 103.5hz-T** – W2TR/R
 Working Fine - Link to 441.875
 441.875 **Working Fine** – **Fusion Digital: Open. Wires: Open. FM: PL 103.5hz-TSQ.**
 Working Fine - **Wires-x Node# 58179** – W2TR/R - QTH–Marion County.
 Working Fine - Link to 224.740
 1292.150 **Off the Air** - **D-Star: Local open /FM: Open**– New Location in Wildwood.
 WA1UTQ/R - FM, WA1UTQ A – Dstar – New Super Station Master.
 462.700 **Off the Air** - GMRS Repeater – FM:**PL 114.8hz** – **T**– WRDK593 - New Location.
 New Super Station Master – Wildwood.

*Strobe Light Noise at night only on FM on 980,575,940,210.

On Repeater PL: T on the RX only - TSQ (Tone Sq.) It's on both TX & RX.

443.225 – 50 watts – 265 ft.	146.940 – 50 watts – 300 ft	441.875 – 40 watts – 100 ft.
443.150 – 50 watts – 184 ft.	224.980 – 23 watts – 265 ft	1292.150 – 00 watts – 240 ft.
145.110 – 50 watts - 194 ft.	444.575 – 50 watts – 300 ft.	462.700 - 00 watts - 210 ft.
444.250 – 35 watts – 120 ft.	463.350 - 40 watts – 160 ft	
145.210 – 50 watts – 240 ft.	224.740 – 50 watts – 194 ft.	



HURRICANE EXPO 2023

May 5, 2023 10:16 AM



May 5, 2023 11:02 AM





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May 2023 TVARC DXCC Standings (Actives)

ARRL DXCC List Countries worked from The Villages, regardless of mode
No QSLs required. Report changes monthly to psk2ps@gmail.com

Callsign	Name	DXCC	Adds	New DXCC
K2PS	Pete	279	2	9M2, VU7
K2TE	Ed	277	1	VU7
NP2B	John	264	0	
WB4CKI	Don	258	0	
W3US	Rusty	250	2	4W, VU7
W4GD	John	216	7	E51, T30, VU7, 4J, HK0, HL, 5X
ND4G	Rich	213	2	VU7, T30
W4WNG	Dave	153	3	T30, FM, 5W
K3ZGA	Bob	152	1	HZ
K4QR	Tony	150	14	3B7, C3, D2, A9, BY, VU, 9N
WB2ART	Ken	138	0	
K4WCK	Cam	125	9	
AE5LC	Robert	115	13	FR, VU7, 3C, HK0, VU
KM4PIH	Paul	90	4	9H, CT3, PZ, 3C
AD4MO	Doug	65	4	ES, UB, OK, CN
WB8PKK	Ken	3	3	J8, 9K, W

May 2023 TVARC FT8/4 Standings (Actives)

ARRL DXCC List Countries worked from The Villages, regardless of mode
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Callsign	Name	FT8	Adds	
K2PS	Pete	266	2	9M2, VU7
NP2B	John	263	0	
WB4CKI	Don	258	0	
K2TE	Ed	256	1	VU7
W3US	Rusty	242	1	VU7
ND4G	Rich	205	3	VU7, VP2V, T30
W4WNG	Dave	153	3	T30, FM, 5W
K3ZGA	Bob	142	53	
K4WCK	Cam	125	9	
W4GD	John	118	15	
AE5LC	Robert	115	13	FR, VU7, 3C, HK0, VU
KM4PIH	Paul	88	4	9H, CT3, PZ, 3C
WB2ART	Ken	86	0	
K4QR	Tony	47	47	
AD4MO	Doug	36	3	ES, UB, OK
WB8PKK	Ken	2	2	J8, 9K

Worked all 50 (41 TVARCCers):

K9IA N1XAU K2TE KA1AF ND4G K3ZGA NP2B KB4XO
WD4JJI KM4ISN KF4CQ K2DM W4MRJ KA9YKB K2PS K4ZDM
W4WNG WD4JII WU3Z K4WCK K1LTJ WB2RBS W9DAL N8RW
WB4CKI K1CTR N1UC W3US N0SMX KB8SB KD8E KM4PIH
WB2ART AD4K KM4ZTE K2DF K4QR W4GD AE5LC K2ID KN4CKD

Still working on it:

Callsign	Name	St	Adds	Needed
KR1BW/WJ9G	Steve	49		AK
AI4DE	Gerald	49		AK
AD4MO	Doug	49		AK
KN4ULF	Nancy	45		HI, SD, LA, UT, WY
W8RCW	Rich	44		AK, NE, NV, ND, OR, UT
W3MJK	Marty	43		AK, HI, MT, ND, SD, UT, WI
KI4VPD	Wally	33		

5BWAS (10, 15, 20, 40, 80)

AD4K W3US

K2PS

7BWAS

AD4K W3US

K2PS

9BWAS

None

6BWAS (any bands)

AD4K W3US

K2PS ND4G

8BWAS

AD4K K2PS

W3US

10BWAS

None

May 2023 Other Operating Activities

New/Updated				Adds	
K3ZGA	Bob	WRTC 2023	104	55	
K3ZGA		CWT Sessions in 2023	52	35 Bronze Level	
K3ZGA		State QSO Parties	17	12 Bronze Level	
K3ZGA		MST Sessions in 2023	40	40 Bronze Level	20-25wpm
ND4G	Rich	5BWAS	244/250	0	
ND4G		10BWAS	465/500	0	25 on 160m
AE5LC	Robert	WAZ	31/40	3	
AE5LC		WPX	379/300	41	
AE5LC		VUCC	81/100	1	
K2PS	Pete	5BDXCC	487/500	5	all 80M
K2PS		10BWAS	494/500	8	missing 6, 60m
K2PS		WAS 60M	48/50	5	missing OR, WV
K2PS		Unique Grids FT8	2495	11	

May 2023 Operating Notes

Significant Dxpeditons

VP2MDM	Montserrat	5/25 - 5/29	6M, FT8, SSB, WPX CW
T31TT	C Kiribati	6/1 - 6/12	same guys as T30
VP6A	Ducie Isl	6/10 - 6/24	RIB op

Contests Coming Up

CQWW WPX CW	6/26 8P - 6/28 8P and look for VP2MDM	48 hours	599001
ARRL Intl Digital	6/3 2P - 6/4 8P no RTTY 160-6M	8 or 24/30 hrs	EL98
ARRL June VHF	6/10 2P - 6/11 10P	32 hours	EL98

QSO Parties

AR	5/20 - 5/21
KY	6/3 - 6/3

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Tonight's Program

K2DM – Introduction to FT8