

The Villages Amateur Radio Club

General Membership Meeting

September 17, 2020

TVARC General Membership Meeting

Agenda

5:30 PM Sign in and chit-chat

6:15 PM Business Meeting

**6:45 PM Program – Mickey Baker, N4MB, ARRL
Southeastern Division Director**

Adjourn

TVARC Business Meeting

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of new members
- Birthdays and anniversaries
- Officers' reports
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TVARC President's Report

- Well, it is September, and we are still Zooming with no clear end in sight.
- The Lifestyle Volunteer Group leaders said they were going to talk with each group leader this month to discuss scheduling and club requirements for when we might be allowed to meet in person again. So far I have not been contacted.
- Our October meeting will probably also be held via Zoom.

TVARC President's Report Silent Auction of Equipment

- Over the past few months TVARC has had a lot of equipment offered to us. Most of it is equipment that we do not want to put into club inventory, so we are going to offer it to club members via a modified silent auction.
- Silent auctions are not new to TVARC. We had at least two before COVID-19 kept us from meeting in person. This silent auction will be online utilizing our club's website. Our esteemed web master, ND4G, created a submission form. The items that are being offered for sale are described, and a picture of each one is shown on the form. If you want to make an offer for an item, fill out the form for that item and enter the amount that are willing to pay. You will not know what any others might be offering for that item, so make your best offer. The person who makes the highest offer before the deadline wins the item.
- All items are offered AS IS, where is. A few of the items have minimum prices listed.
- If you win an item, you will be notified via email. Instructions on where to pick up your item and how to pay for it will be provided. Snowbirds are welcome to bid, but winners must either pay for shipping or arrange for a friend to pick up the item.
- The start of the auction, and the deadline for submitting offers, will be announced very soon.

Online Silent Auction

The club has received a number of equipment donations recently. Normally, we would have a silent auction at one of our face-to-face meetings, but these are not normal times. So, in order to avoid storing these items for some unknown number of months, the TVARC board has decided to stage one or more on-line sales. Here is how a sale will work:

First, the sale will NOT be fixed-price, first-come, first-served. There will be a time window announced during which offers will be accepted via email. The highest offer that is received before the deadline will be the winner of the item. Members will NOT know what other offers may have been made, so it behooves one to submit one's best offer. If you get antsy about your offer, you can increase it as long as you do so before the deadline. It is really quite simple: we announce an item for sale, you make an offer before the deadline, and you either win or lose. We feel that this approach gives every member the opportunity to make an offer on an item – even snowbirds! But you MUST be a member of TVARC in order to participate!

--- Items up for Auction ---

1. Bird 43 wattmeter; UHF connectors; no slug; untested. (Min. bid \$50)

To place a bid, [Click Here](#).



2. Viz Senior Voltohmyst; ohms, DC, AC;



re to search



Online Auction Submission

** Indicates required field*

Name *

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
First	Last

CallSign

Phone Number *

Email *

I wish to Bid on the following:

1. Bird 43 wattmeter; UHF connectors; no slug; untested. (Min. bid \$50) *

Comment

Submit

TVARC Secretary's Report

- Our September Board Meeting was again held via Zoom due to the Coronavirus shut down.
- Our August Membership meeting was held via Zoom as we continued to be unable to meet in person.
- We expect this situation to continue until the Recreation Centers are opened for large meetings.
- It is Dues Renewal Time. Bruce will be going over the details during his update.

The Villages Amateur Radio Club, Inc Treasurer's Report Aug. 2020

Beginning Balance	08/1/2020		\$ 3,538.06
Income:			
		1 New Members 2021	\$ 12.00
		0 Dues Renewal 2021	\$ 00.00
		1 Dues Renewal 2020	\$ 12.00
		3 2022,2023	\$ 36.00
		Donation	\$ 2.00
		Total Income	\$ 62.00
			\$ 3,600.06
 Expenses:			
		WA1UTQ ARRL Liability Insurance	\$ 200.00
		Total Expenses	\$ 200.00
Ending Balances	08/31/2020		\$ 3,400.06
		Petty Cash 50/50	\$ 50.00
		Petty Cash Treasurer	\$ 88.00
		Undeposited Checks	\$
		Cash not deposited	\$
		Total Money	\$ 3,538.06
		Limited \$3,000.00	Loss \$600.00 - 50/50

The Villages Amateur Radio Club, Inc Treasurer's Report Sept. 2020

Beginning Balance	09/1/2020		\$ 3,400.06
Income:			
		4 New Members 2021	\$ 00.00
		1 Dues Renewal 2021	\$ 00.00
		0 2022	\$ 00.00
		Total Income	\$ 00.00
			\$ 3,400.06
 Expenses:			
		Total Expenses	\$ 00.00
 Ending Balances	 09/30/2020		 \$ 3,400.06
		Petty Cash 50/50	\$ 50.00
		Petty Cash Treasurer	\$ 88.00
		Undeposited Checks	\$ 60.00
		Cash not deposited	\$
		Total Money	\$ 3,598.06
		Limited \$3,000.00	Loss income: \$700.00 - 50/50

The Villages Amateur Radio Club

It is time to renew your membership for 2021.

Starting September 1st to Dec.31st.

The fee is \$12.00 per year.

Make checks out to “TVARC” or “The Villages Amateur Radio Club.”

Be sure put your call letters on the check. NO CASH.

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The Villages, FL. 32162-2284

After Dec.31st, all 2020 members who have not paid for 2021 will be deleted, must reply for new membership, form is available on our web site “www.k4vrc.com”.

TVARC

Repeater Status Report – September 2020

.150 Working Fine – PL 103.5 Hz. – T – K4VRC/R
 Working Fine – EchoLink – W2TR-R Node # 67670
 Working Fine – Allstar – W2TR-R Node # 43572

.225 Working Fine – PL 203.5 Hz – TSQ – K4VRC/R
 Working Fine – EchoLink – K4VRC-R Node # 848490

.250 Working Fine – PL 110.9 Hz – T – K4LFC/R

.210 Working Fine – PL 110.9 Hz – T – K4LFC/R

.940 Working Fine – Digital: Open Wires: **Offline** FM: PL 103.5 Hz – TSQ Split Antennas – WA1UTQ/R
Offline - Wires-X/PDN Digital Node # 53816 Coming Soon

.980 Working Fine – FM: PL 91.5 Hz – TSQ* – WA1UTQ/R

.575 Working Fine – **Closed Repeater – WA1UTQ/R**
 Working Fine – Wires-X – **Private** Node # 11186

.670 Working Fine – PL 103.5 Hz – T – K4LFC/R **No HT Coverage**

CERT Working Fine – **Cert Team Members Only – TSQ**

Tech Working Fine – Under W2TR – TSQ

*Strobe Noise at night only on FM on .980 and .575
On Repeater PL: T on the RX TSQ(Tone Squelch) – it's on both TX & RX

Brought to you by: The Repeater Team: Len K4LFC Bruce WA1UTQ Gary W2TR

The Villages & Wildwood Emergency Communications

TVWEComm – September, 2020 – Part of TVARC Ecomm

Monitor the repeater for emergency updated 145.210 FM.

>>K4LFK/R 145.210 Mhz 110.9 - FM - TVWEC - Wildwood Tower- **Primary**

>>K4VRC/R 443.225 Mhz 103.5 - FM - TVWEC- Wildwood Tower- **Secondary**

>>Echolink on .225 will not be running during the emergency.

>>K4VRC/R 443.150 Mhz 103.5 - FM - TVARC - The Villages Regional Hospital

>>**Backup** in case .210, .225 lost power. TVWEComm, Ares Backup for Hospital Use

The Villages & Wildwood Ecomm

Listen to the repeater on FM

145.210 mhz - K4L FK/R - PI = 110.9hz

When they announce the Emergency on the repeater.

Just remember look outside See what you see "not the weather" *

Call Wildwood Dispatch:

Your call, Your Name, and The Village you live in.

Tell them status of your area. "Street with the problem"

Do not drive in the storm.

After the storm drive around your area and report back to dispatch.

Stay Safe.

*" trees down, car flip over, no power,
flooding, tornado, and fires."

WA1UTQ & W4GOR

Wildwood Dispatch is under calls KN4HZQ

TVARC September 2020 DXCC Standings

ARRL DXCC List Standings worked from The Villages
No QSLs or other confirmation required
Report changes monthly to psk2ps@gmail.com

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Callsign	Name	DXCC	Adds	New DXCC
K9IA	Chuck	292		
K2PS	Pete	257	0	
K2TE	Ed	252	0	HI
KA1AF	Frank	227	0	
NP2B	John	213	0	
K1LTJ	Al	174	0	HI
WB4CKI	Don	166	1	VR
N0SMX	Dennis	164	0	
WN4R	Byron	155		
N8RW	Ralph	155	0	
ND4G	Rich	148		
K4ZDM	Karen	136		
WD4JJI	Rick	136		
KB4XO	Jeanette	134		
WU3Z	Glenn	132		
K3ZGA	Bob	125		
KI4VPD	Wally	118		
KA9YKB	Dan	118		
K2DM	George	113		
N4FP	Wayne	107		
K1CTR	Doug	105	0	
K4WCK	Cam	103	0	
N1XAU	Briget	103		
W3US	Rusty	101		

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Callsign	Name	DXCC	Adds
KF4CQ	Frank	97	
W1IPN	Earl	96	
KB8SB	Sam	95	
KB9MI	Art	93	
K4QR	Tony	91	
W4OE	Hal	81	
WB2ART	Ken	80	1
N1UC	Chuck	68	
W1IBI	Steve	66	
KN9B	Brad	64	
AL7BA	Jim	62	
KD8E	Greg	55	21
WB2RBS	Vito	50	
K4PIM	Pim	47	
KM4PIH	Paul	39	3 KH6
K2WEK	Bill	30	
K4ZEE	Vic	27	
KR1BW	Steve	24	
KN4ULF	Nancy	11	HI

September 2020 TVARC FT8/4 Standings

ARRL DXCC List Countries worked from The Villages

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Callsign	Name	FT8	Adds	
KA1AF	Frank	219		
K2PS	Pete	218	0	
K2TE	Ed	212	0	
NP2B	John	209	0	
WB4CKI	Don	161	1	VR
K4ZDM	Karen	136		
KB4XO	Jeanette	125	0	
WU3Z	Glenn	123		
K1LTJ	Al	122	0	
ND4G	Rich	113		
K4WCK	Cam	109	0	
WD4JJI	Rick	105		
N1XAU	Bridget	103		
N0SMX	Dennis	96		
K2DM	George	93		
KA9YKB	Dan	81		
KB8SB	Sam	80	0	
K3ZGA	Bob	79	0	
N1UC	Chuck	60		
KD8E	Greg	55	21	
AL7BA	Jim	48	0	
WB2RBS	Vito	47		
KM4PIH	Paul	38	3	
WB2ART	Ken	17		
KN4ULF	Nancy	9	0	

TVARC September 2020 WAS Standings

US States worked from The Villages starting 8/1/2017
 No QSLs or other confirmation required
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Worked all 50 (33 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 WB2ART KB8SB KD8E KM4PIH

Still working on it:

Callsign	Name	St	Adds	RF/Internet	Needed
KD8E	Greg	50	7	R	
KM4PIH	Paul	50	1	R	HI
K4QR	Tony	48		R	AK, MT
K2WEK	Bill	46		R	AK, HI, NV, WY
W8RCW	Rich	44		R	AK, NE, NV, ND, OR, UT
KR1BW	Steve	41		R	
KN4ULF	Nancy	35		R	
KI4VPD	Wally	33		R	
WN4R	Byron	22		R	
KM4ZTE	Mike	14		I	
KM4ZTE	Mike	9		R	

Special Mention: KA1AF 247 out of 250 5BWAS

Special Mention: WD4JJI and KA1AF WAS on FT4

TVARC August - October 2020 Operating Notes

Significant Dxpeditions

OY	Faroe Island	now until 9/23	Two DLs
JW	Svalbard	9/24 to 9/27	Single LA op; CW/SSB
JXOX	Jan Mayen	Sept – Oct	5 intl ops but iffy right now

Contests Coming Up (all local times):

SAC CW	9/19 8 AM	24 hours	599 001
IA/NJ/NH/WA QP's	9/19 10 AM	Various	Various
CWWW RTTY	9/25 8 PM	48 hours	599 05
FL			
Russian WW Digital	10/3 8 AM RTTY only	24 hours	599
001			
CA QSO Party	10/3 Noon	24 of 30 hours	
59(9) 001 FL			
NV/AZ/PA/SD QP	10/9 11 PM	Various	Various

TVARC General Membership Meeting Program

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ARRL Southeastern Division Director**