

MANATEE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
MINUTES Membership Business Meeting
September 1, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Ed Skalecki, NI4MX, President, at 7:00 PM. We all participated the a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Personal introductions were not conducted. Twenty one were in attendance so and a quorum was established, we had 21 present. Our most recent new member Mike Ryan, K4CBL. The minutes from the previous meetings were accepted as published on the web site www.manatee-arc.org. The treasurers report was given by Frank Morton and filed for audit. Membership chairman reports 70 members.

VE testing will be held third Saturday in September, the 19th at 9:00 a.m. at the Red Cross building.

License classes: Roger Byron will conduct a Technician Class this coming Saturday, 5 September here at the Red Cross building. Doors open at 8:00, start at 8:30 through the day. Cost of the ARRL Ham Radio License Manual \$25 and is the only charge. Lunch will probably be a working lunch, have about \$5 for a quick order sandqich. Class all day one Saturday followed the exam a week later.

The monthly breakfast on the first Saturday of the month at Theona's in Oneco was mentioned but no interest was expressed.

The expedition to Egmont Key for the lighthouse contest was enjoyed by six robust individuals who learned it is hot in August. Frank was quick to point out the location where, it is believed, Roger's car keys are located. Jonelle was quick to bring up the events of Roger's involvement with misplacing his computer. With minor exaggerations, Roger related the story. Sorry you missed out. George Hummes and his wife hosted the group on their 30 foot deck boat. Great job, thanks George. The park rangers were especially helpful when their duties of policing the island visitors permitted. Their vehicles carried much of our gear to the set up sight.

Next month we will have hamfest tickets. the Tampa bay Hanfest folks will be looking for us to help with security and the like.

The MARCI Board of Directors meeting was not established but it is anticipated it will convene on 15 September.

New Business:

Jerry announce the 4th lightning strike at his home. A new record? Could be. Sorry about the bad luck Jerry.

Jim Woodson, KE4INM, gave a presentation on portable antennas featuring his favorite Buddy Pole. We saw a stealth 2 meter home brew, a 1/2 inch copper pipe J-pole with super gain, a circular dual band 2 meter 440 MHz antenna, an arrow dual band J-pole, and the many configuration possible with the Buddy Pole. We also saw his non-functional \$100 antenna that listens well but does not get out. He never had a two-way QSO using it. Experience with the Buddy Pole in vertical configuration is unique in that the ground plane wire need to be raised above the ground. Nice job Jim!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:014 p.m.

Respectful Submitted

Roger Byron, KR4WS