

# **The Villages Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting August 17, 2023**

# **TVARC**

## **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 – George Briggs,  
K2DM – Introduction to FT8 Part 2**

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## President's Report

- TVARC and many others lost a good friend on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Bob Schwer, K3ZGA, passed away peacefully after a long illness. There will be a celebration of life for Bob after the holidays.
- Bob's love of CW was legendary, and his interactive CW display was a fixture at Radio Rodeo, Camp Villages and Radio on the Square.
- Twelve TVARC CW operators honored Bob's memory in the recent NAQP CW contest. We formed three teams, named K3ZGA Memorial #1, #2 and #3 and let the world track our teams on an online scoreboard.
- Bob is, and will continue to be, missed.



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## **President's Report**

- **Camp Villages marked the end of our summer season of activities.**
- **Things for TVARC to be thinking about now –**
  - **Radio on the Square in November**
  - **TVARC Holiday party in December**
  - **Election of officers in February**
- **Bruce, WA1UTQ will talk soon about the club's repeaters, in particular about the lightning strike that obliterated our 2M antenna at the hospital.**
  - **Our ARRL insurance will cover the loss, but in the meantime the TVARC Board has authorized going ahead and ordering a replacement antenna.**



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## The Villages Amateur Radio Club, Inc Treasurer's Report July 2023

Beginning Balance	07/1/2023		\$ 8,182.26
<b>Income:</b>			
	0/0 New <b>2022</b> + CC	\$ 00.00	
	3/0 New <b>2023</b> + CC	\$ 36.00	
	0/0 Renewal <b>2023</b> + CC	\$ 00.00	
	0/0 Renewal <b>2024</b> + CC	\$ 00.00	
	0/0 Renewal <b>2025</b> + CC	\$ 00.00	
	0/0 Renewal <b>2026</b> + CC	\$ 00.00	
	50/50	\$ 91.00	
	K4VRC Store	\$ 00.00	
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 127.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,309.26</b>
	<small>CC=\$12.32</small>		
<b>Expenses:</b>			
	KM4ZTE – Cookie Monster June	\$ 43.79	
	K2DM – Case(2) & Power Supply(2)	\$ 497.90	
	KM4ZTE – TVARC Mugs	\$ 165.84	
	Extra Space Storage	\$ 973.44	
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,680.97</b>	
Ending Balances	07/31/2023		\$ 6,628.29
	Petty Cash 50/50	\$ 50.00	
	Petty Cash Treasurer	\$ 88.00	
	<b>Total Money on Hand</b>	<b>\$ 6,766.29</b>	

## Status of the repeaters in The Villages Aug.15,2023-update

- 443.225 **Working Fine** – FM: **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 **Off the Air** – **Fusion Digital: Open. FM: PL 107.2hz-TSQ** – K4VRC/R  
 No Wires-X. **Off the Air until Further Notice.**  
**ANTENNA GOT HIT BY LIGHTING. Repeater is OK. New Antenna on order.**
- 444.250 **Working Fine** - **PL 110.9hz-T** - K4LFC/R  
 145.210 **Working Fine** - **PL 110.9hz-T**- K4LFC/R
- 146.940 **Working Fine** – **Fusion Digital: Open. FM: PL 91.5hz-TSQ\*- No Wires-X** – WA1UTQ/R  
 224.980 **Working Fine** - FM: **PL 91.5hz-TSQ** - WA1UTQ/R  
 444.575 **Working Fine** – **Fusion Digital: Open. Wires: Open. FM: 91.5hz-TSQ\*- WA1UTQ/R**  
**Working Fine** - **Wires-x Node #11186.** - 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.** - W2TR/R  
**Working Fine** - Wires-x Node# 58179 - QTH–Marion County.  
**Working Fine** - Link to 224.740
- 1292.150 **Working Fine** - **D-Star: Local: N/A /FM: Open**– Wildwood.  
 WA1UTQ/R - FM, WA1UTQ A – Dstar  
**New TX/RX Duplexer Coming in Aug, On a split Antenna.**
- 462.700 **Off the Air** - GMRS Repeater – FM: # – WRDK593  
**Off the Air until further notice. Add a new controller.**  
**Added a new Duplexer.**

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

**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 – 265 ft	441.875 – 40 watts – 100 ft.
443.150 – 50 watts – 194 ft.	224.980 – 30 watts – 265 ft	<b>1292.150 – 11 watts –TX 300,RX 230</b>
145.110 – 50 watts - 000 ft.	444.575 – 50 watts – 300 ft.	462.700 - 40 watts - 000 ft.
444.250 – 35 watts – 120 ft.	463.350 - 40 watts – 160 ft	146.670 - 00 watts - 000 ft.
145.210 – 50 watts – 230 ft.	224.740 – 10 watts – 200 ft.	



NEW  
ANT. 146  
MHz  
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← 440  
MHz





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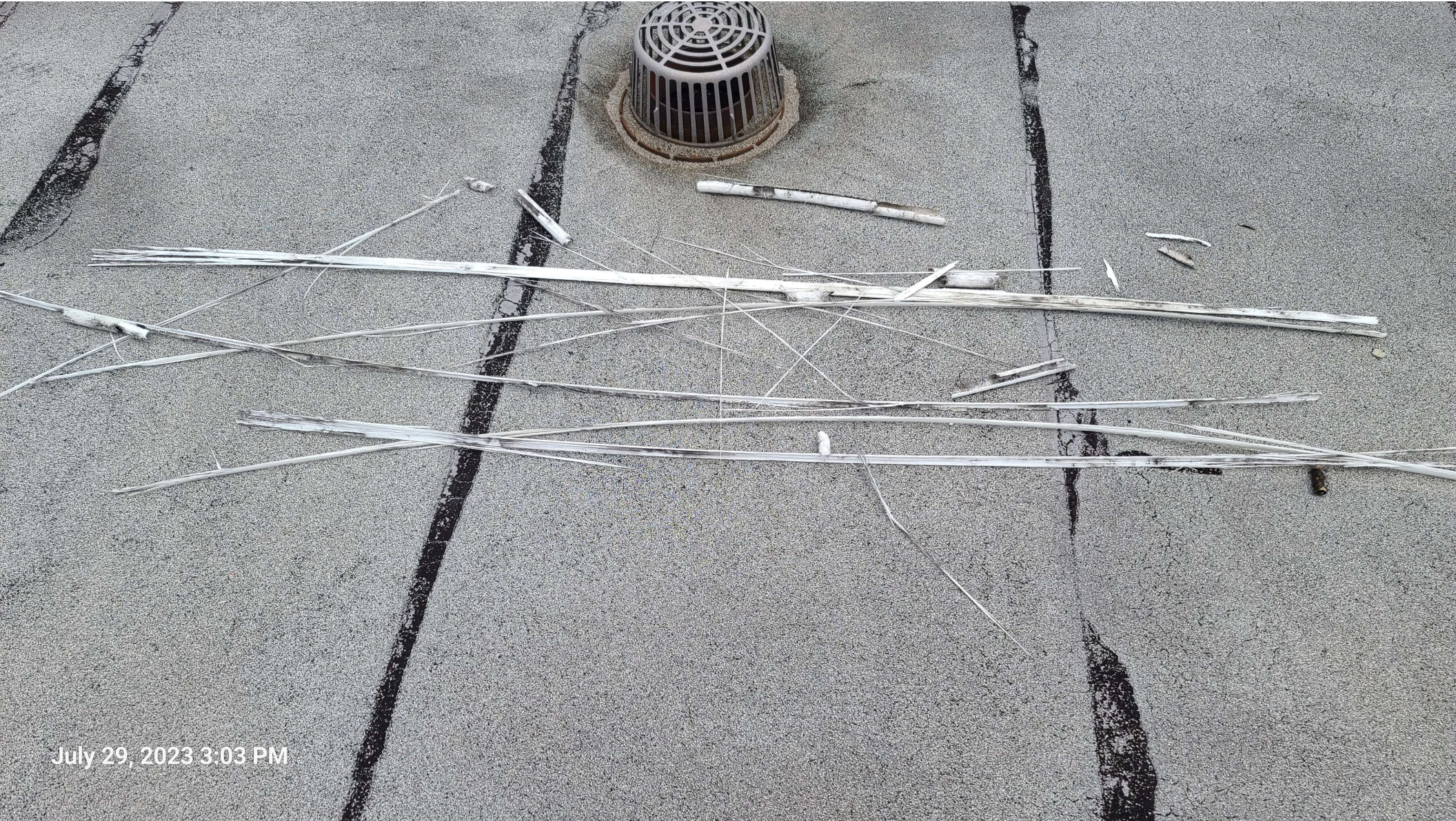




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**George Briggs, K2DM – FT8 Part 2**