

# **The Villages Amateur Radio Club**

## **General Membership Meeting**

**March 19, 2020**

**Cancelled Due to the Coronavirus**

# **TVARC**

## **General Membership Meeting**

**Although the meeting was cancelled, the TVARC Board prepared updates to the charts that we normally present during the business meeting. The charts are included in this presentation.**

# **TVARC**

## **Business Meeting**

- Officers' reports: President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Member at large
- Education report
- DX Honor Rolls and upcoming contests

# TVARC President's Report

- The big news, of course, is the coronavirus
- The March 19<sup>th</sup> club meeting was cancelled
- The MS Walk was cancelled
- Radio Rodeo at Brownwood in April will be cancelled
- The status of the April club meeting is unknown at this time, but it most likely will be cancelled
- The status of Hurricane Expo is unknown at this time
- The board will meet, but we will do so remotely

# TVARC President's Report

- On a positive note, under the leadership of Bruce Cusanelli (WA1UTQ), TVARC has received approval from the Recreation Department to hold Field Day in the parking lot of one of the Regional Rec Centers. We have requested Eisenhower or Rohan. The SCSO has confirmed that they would deliver the Emergency Services trailer there.
- Now we have to wait and see whether the coronavirus will be under control by June.

# TVARC

## Vice President's Report

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel out March Meeting, but, for anyone interested in some interesting YouTube presentations, I have two suggestions:

First is my friend Jim W6LG, who has his own YouTube channel where he covers many basic subjects on amateur radio, answers common questions and dispels many myths. Especially interesting are his "Light Bulb Dipole" and "Christmas Light Dipole" videos, where he makes contacts two bounces out using what are basically dummy loads:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/jimw6lg>

The other is one of my former clubs, the Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club. They put their presentations on YouTube. They have two presentations per meeting. One is a brief "Tech Ten" presentation, the other the main presentation:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/W6EK>

Everyone stay safe and hopefully I will see you next month.

Mark, W8BIT

Vice President

# TVARC

## Secretary's Report

- The Board deemed last months Silent Auction was a success. The club netted \$136 from the auction.
- TVARC was prepared to provide communications support for the Annual MS Walk. Unfortunately, it was cancelled due to concerns over Coronavirus.
- The Radio Rodeo was discussed. Mark Graybill, W8BIT, accepted the lead for this effort. April 11 was agreed to be the preferred date. Unfortunately, it has been cancelled due to concerns over Coronavirus.
- Field Day was discussed. Efforts are ongoing to secure a more public site. A Chair is needed for this annual event. Steve Sawicki, AB2ET, has agreed to Co-Chair.
- Our Repeater Team has been working on assembling and upgrading a repeater controller for the club. Those efforts are progressing.

# TVARC Secretary's Report

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

Beginning Balance	02/1/2020		\$ 3,893.89
<b>Income:</b>			
	8 New Members	\$ 96.00	
	22 Dues Renewal	\$ 264.00	
	Manuals	\$ 50.00	
	50/50	\$ 90.00	
	Auction	\$ 136.00	
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 636.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,529.89</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 00.00</b>	
Ending Balances	02/29/2020		\$ 4,529.89
	Petty Cash 50/50	\$ 50.00	
	Petty Cash Treasurer	\$ 132.00	
	Undeposited Checks	\$ 24.00	
	Cash not deposited	\$	
	<b>Total Money</b>	<b>\$ 4,735.89</b>	



# Status of Repeaters in the Villages as of March 16, 2020

- .150 **Working Fine** - PL 103.5hz-T – K4VRC/R
- .225 **Working Fine** - PL 103.5hz-TSQ – K4VRC/R
- **New RC Controller install few weeks.**
- **Working Fine - EchoLink – K4VRC-R - Node# 848490**
- .250 **Working Fine** - PL 110.9hz-T - K4LFK/R
- .210 **Working Fine** - PL 110.9hz-T - K4LFK/R
- .940 **Working Fine** - Digital: Open. Wires: Offline. FM: PL 103.5hz-TSQ
- Split antennas. – WA1UTQ/R
- **Working Fine - EchoLink - W2TR-R Node# 67670 – FM**
- **Offline - Wires-x Digital –# 53816,63816 – coming soon.**
- .980 **Working Fine** - FM: PL 91.5hz-TSQ\* - WA1UTQ/R
- .575 **Working Fine – Closed Repeater - Access contact [wa1utq@arrl.net](mailto:wa1utq@arrl.net).**
- **Working Fine - Wires-x Node# 11186 - WA1UTQ/R**
- .670 **Working Fine** - Not HT Coverage - PL-103.5hz-TSQ - K4LFK/R
- **CERT Working Fine - CERT Team Members only. – TSQ. – 40 watts**
- **- Replace it with external power supply & increase output power.**
- **Tech Working Fine** - Under W2TR-TSQ
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- \*Stroke Noise at night only on FM on 980,575.
- **On Repeater PL: T on the RX - TSQ (Tone Sq.) It's on both TX & RX.**

# The TVRC Crack Repeater Team

## Len K4LFK, Bruce WA1UTQ, and Gary W2TR

443.150 – 50 watts – 184 ft.

443.225 – 50 watts – 265 ft.

444.250 – 35 watts - 120 ft.

145.210 – 50 watts – 240 ft.

- 146.940 – 45 watts – Rx300, Tx265 ft.

224.980 – 23 watts – 265 ft.

444.575 – 50 watts – 300 ft.

146.670 – 50 watts – 184 ft.

CERT - 40 watts – 160 ft

Tech. – 30 watts – 184 ft.

# TVARC

## Board Member-At-Large Report

- The Club has acquired a second canopy
  - Meant for Radio Rodeo and Radio on the Square.
  - It will provide protection for the sun and rain.
  - They are bright Yellow and should draw visitors.
  - They are rugged and easy to deploy.
  - They are designed to be moved frequently.

# TVARC Education Report

- **Winter License Classes Complete**
- **Mar 9<sup>th</sup> Exams Results**
  - **6 New Technician**
  - **4 New General**
  - **2 New Extra**

## Thank You Instructors

- Cal WA3CTZ
- Rich ND4G
- Jim W4GHL
- Karen K4ZDM
- Ralph N8RW
- Leon K8ZAG
- Chuck KE0CC

## Thank You Volunteer Examiners

- Rich ND4G
- Ken WB2ART
- Dennis NU4V
- Bill W4WWB
- Greg NO7GX
- Dennis N0SMX
- Joe AB3CR
- Jim W4GHL

Education Coordinator

KN9B Brad Castelli

# ARRL VEC Report

## Results from our March 9 VEC Session

6 New Technicians  
4 New Generals  
2 New Extras

## Special Thanks to our VE Team

Rich Erlichman – ND4G  
Ken Kaplan – WB2ART  
Bill Burgner – W4WWB  
Dennis McKinney – N0SMX

Jim Ross – W4GHL  
Dennis Chick – NU4V  
Greg Galaski – NO7GX  
Joe Signorelli – AB3CR

# TVARC March 2020 DXCC Standings

ARRL DXCC List Standings worked from The Villages

No QSLs or other confirmation required

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Callsign	Name	DXCC	Adds	New DXCC
K9IA	Chuck	292		
K2PS	Pete	255	4	TN, 4W, VP8/O, 9J
K2TE	Ed	252	7	VP8/O, V7, V8, 9Q, TU
KA1AF	Frank	225	4	TU, VP8/O, 9J, VK9N
NP2B	John	211	5	4W, 4U1UN, VP8/O
K1LTJ	Al	170	16	HZ, TU, VP8/O, 9J, BY, TT, 6Y
N0SMX	Dennis	161		
WN4R	Byron	155		
N8RW	Ralph	154	2	TU, VP8/O
K4ZDM	Karen	136		
WD4JJI	Rick	136		
ND4G	Rich	136	3	9K, KH2, 5Z
WU3Z	Glenn	132		
KB4XO	Jeanette	127		
K3ZGA	Bob	123		
KI4VPD	Wally	118		
KA9YKB	Dan	118		
K2DM	George	113		
N4FP	Wayne	107		
K1CTR	Doug	103	7	PY0F, FG, 4U/UN, V5, VP2V
K4WCK	Cam	100	9	

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Callsign	Name	DXCC	Adds
KF4CQ	Frank	97	
W1IPN	Earl	96	
KB9MI	Art	93	
K4QR	Tony	91	
W3US	Rusty	87	3
W4OE	Hal	81	
KB8SB	Sam	75	
W1IBI	Steve	66	
WB2ART	Ken	66	2
KN9B	Brad	64	
AL7BA	Jim	62	
WB4CKI	Don	57	
WB2RBS	Vito	50	
K4PIM	Pim	47	
K2WEK	Bill	30	
K4ZEE	Vic	27	15
KR1BW	Steve	24	
KM4PIH	Paul	15	

# Mar 2020 TVARC FT8/4 Standings

**ARRL DXCC List Countries worked from The Villages**

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Callsign	Name	FT8	Adds	
KA1AF	Frank	216	4	TU, VP8/O, 9J, VK9N
K2PS	Pete	214	6	TN, TU, 4W, VP8/O, 9X, 9J
NP2B	John	206	4	4W, 4U1UN, VP8/O
K2TE	Ed	203	9	VP8/O, BA, JT
K4ZDM	Karen	136		
WU3Z	Glenn	123		
K1LTJ	Al	122	10	
KB4XO	Jeanette	116		
WD4JJI	Rick	105		
K4WCK	Cam	100	9	
K2DM	George	93	38	
N0SMX	Dennis	92		
KA9YKB	Dan	81		
K3ZGA	Bob	78		
ND4G	Rich	72	3	9K , KH2, 5Z
WB4CKI	Don	57		
KB8SB	Sam	52		
AL7BA	Jim	48		
WB2RBS	Vito	47		
K4PIM B	Pim	47		
K2WEK	Bill	30		
K4ZEE	Vic	27	15	
KR1BW	Steve	24		
KM4PIH	Paul	15		



# TVARC March 2020 WAS Standings

US States worked from The Villages starting 8/1/2017

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## Worked all 50 (25 TVARCers):

K9IA N1XAU K2TE KA1AF ND4G K3ZGA NP2B KB4XO WD4JJI KM4ISN KF4CQ  
K2DM W4MRJ KA9YKB K2PS K4ZDM W4WNG WU3Z K4WCK K1LTJ  
WB2RBS W9DAL N8RW WB4CKI K1CTR

## Still working on it:

Callsign	Name	States	Adds	RF/Internet	Needed
K1CTR	Doug	50	1	R	ND Last one
K4QR	Tony	48		R	AK, MT
KB8SB	Sam	48		R	LA, MS
K2WEK	Bill	46		R	AK, HI, NV, WY
KM4PIH	Paul	46		R	ND, SD, AK, HI
N0SMX	Dennis	45		R	
W8RCW	Rich	44		R	AK, NE, NV, ND, OR, UT
WB2ART	Ken	44		R	
KR1BW	Steve	41		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 March-April 2020 Operating Notes

Significant Dxpeditions  
NONE

## Contests Coming Up:

Russian DX 3/21 7A 24 hours 599001/599<oblast>  
work everyone CW/SSB

CQ WPX SSB 3/27 7P 48 hours 59001

FTn DX 4/11 7A 48 hours 599FL 100W max