

# The Villages Amateur Radio Club

**“State of the Club” Report by Outgoing Board & Others**

## General Membership Meeting

**February 15, 2018**



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# **TVARC Business Meeting**

## **Special Report by Outgoing Board & Others**

### **“State of the Club”**

- **Overview of “State of the Club” by Secy (K4QR)**
  - **Analogy: Results of Club’s physical by body sub-systems**
    - » **Heart & Soul**
      - **Volunteerism**
    - » **Stomach**
      - **Financial & Membership**
    - » **Brain**
      - **Licensing classes & Exam sessions**
    - » **Musculoskeletal**
      - **Website**
    - » **Nervous system**
      - **“Atta-boys/girls”, “Sour notes” & “Flops”**

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## **“State of the Club” – Volunteer Check-up by Secretary (Tony/K4QR)**

**Club’s Heart & Soul: Volunteerism is thriving!**

- **Recognition of Volunteers who made it happen**
  - **Event Chairs over past 2 years**
  - **Activity Leads over past 2 years**

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# TVARC Events in 2017

- MS Walk 2017 – Earle Hancock (KM4ISN)
  - DONE: Held on Mar. 25, 2017 @ The Villages' Polo Field
- Radio Rodeo 2017 – Marty Brown (WB2VYK) & Co-chair N4FP
  - DONE: Held on Apr. 1, 2017 @ Brownwood Paddock Square
- Hurricane Expo 2017 – Tony Hackenberg (N8SK)
  - DONE: Held on May 5, 2017 @ Rohan Rec. Ctr.
- Camp Villages 2017 (“Amateur Radio Hour”) – Larry Russo (K3TFU)
  - DONE: Held on June 22, 2017 @ Colony Rec. Ctr.
- Field Day 2017 – George Briggs (K2DM)
  - DONE: Held on June 24-25, 2017 @ Sheriff's Annex Bldg.
- Radio on the Square 2017 – Tom Grosvenor (NV1U)
  - DONE: Held on Nov. 25, 2017 @ Lake Sumter Landing Market Square
- Holiday (Christmas) Party 2017 – Earle Hancock (KM4ISN)
  - DONE: Held on Dec. 21, 2017 @ Eisenhower Recreation Ctr.

# TVARC Events in 2018

- MS Walk 2018 – Earle Hancock (KM4ISN)
  - TBD: March 24, 2018 8?a-Noon? @ The Villages' Polo Field
- Radio Rodeo 2018 – chair? (call sign?)
  - TBD: April 7\*, 2018 9a-2p @ Brownwood Paddock Square (\*Nadia's tentative date)
- Hurricane Expo 2018 – chair? (call sign?)
  - TBD: May 4?, 2018 10a-3p @ Rohan? Rec. Ctr.
- Camp Villages 2018 (“Amateur Radio Hour”) – Larry Russo (K3TFU)
  - TBD: June? or July? d?, 2018 @ Colony? Rec. Ctr.
- Field Day 2018 – George Briggs\* (K2DM) (\*volunteered @ 7/20/17 club mtg)
  - TBD: June 23-24, 2018 @ Sheriff's Annex Bldg.?
- Radio on the Square 2018 – chair? (call sign?)
  - TBD: Nov. 24\*, 2018 9a-3p @ Lake Sumter LandingMkt Sq (\*Nadia's tentative date)
- Holiday (Christmas) Party 2018 – chair? (call sign?)
  - TBD: Dec. 20?, 2018 @ 6:00?p-9:00?p @ Eisenhower Recreation Ctr.?

# TVARC Activities in 2017-2018

- Amateur Radio Parity Act – John Ellis (NP2B)
- AFCI (electrical breakers) management – John Ellis (NP2B)
- License Classes – 2 Education Coordinators
  - EC for Technician Class – Ron Adcock (KK4YCW)
  - ECs for General & Extra Class – Cal Fuhrman (WA3CTZ)
- Echolink support – Ed Williams (W8APE)
- Repeaters support – Len Klein (K4LFK)
- Trusteeship of K4VRC license - George Briggs (K2DM)
- Ragchew Net – Hal Lloyd (W4OE) & Marty Brown (WB2VYK)
- Reflector (maillist) support/moderator – George Briggs (K2DM)
- Technical Coordinator – John Ellis (NP2B)
- TVARC DXCC & WAS Standings – Pete Stafford (K2PS)
- Emergency Comm. Team (ECT) – George Rutkoskie (W4GOR)
- Club Station Committee – John Ellis (NP2B)
- HT Programming Sessions – Bruce Cusanelli (WA1UTQ)
- Nominating Committee – John Ellis (NP2B; Chair) & George Rutkoskie (W4GOR)

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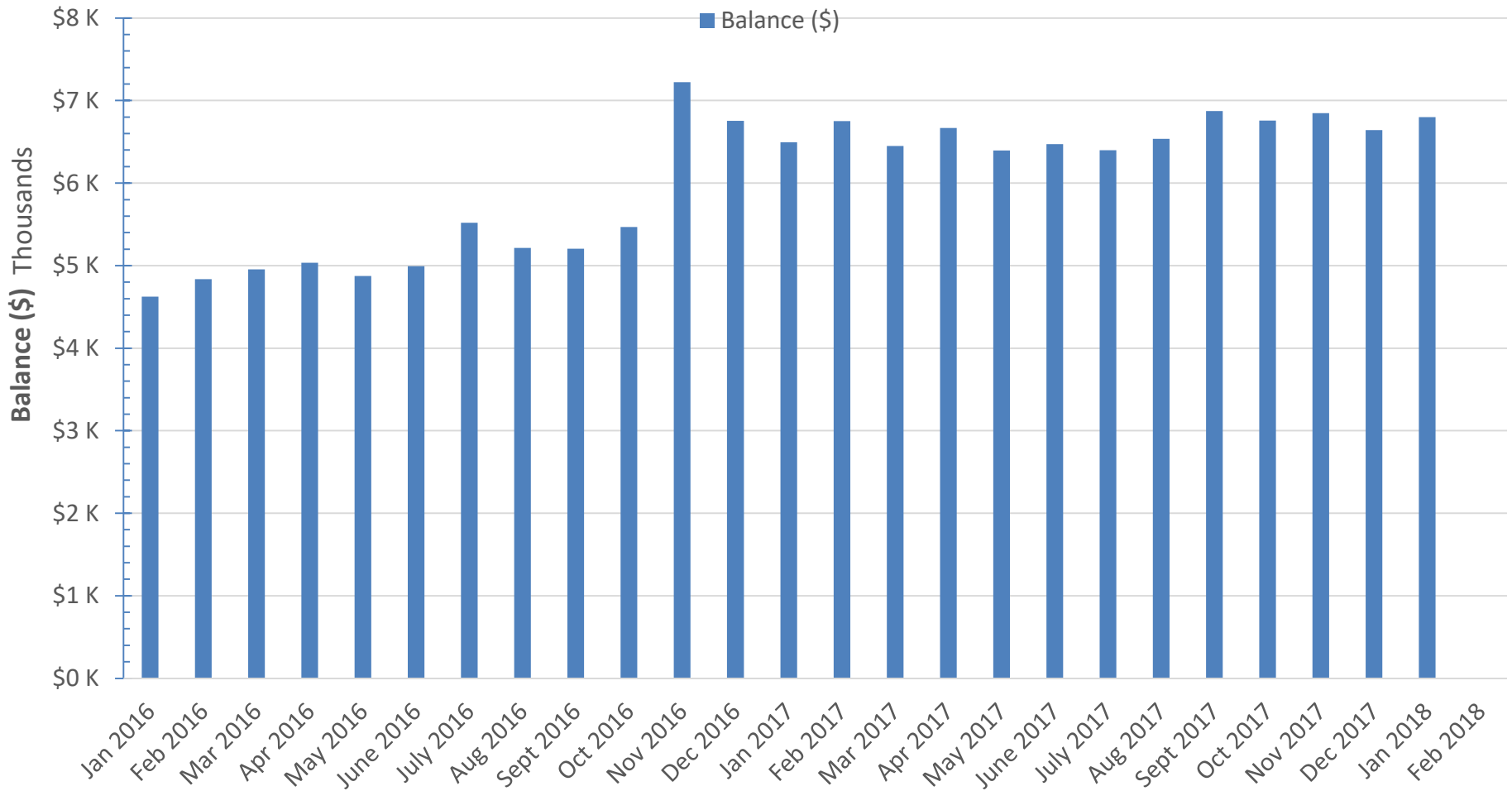


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## “State of the Club” - Financial Check-up by Treasurer (Pete/K2PS)



TVARC’s Ending Bank Balance By Month



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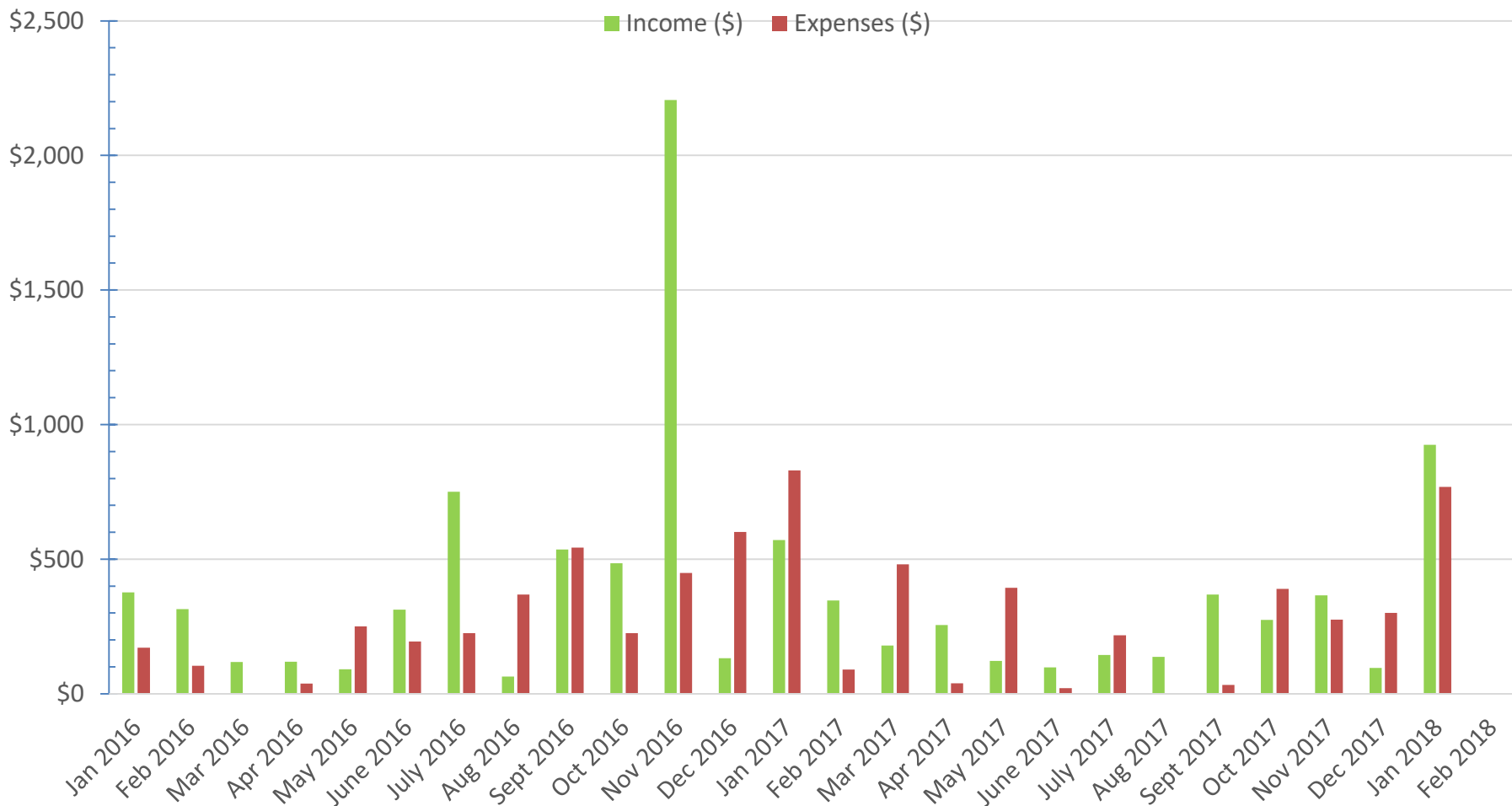


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TVARC’s Cash Flow (Income v. Expenses) By Month



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## “State of the Club” - Roster Check-up by Treasurer (Pete/K2PS)



### TVARC’s Membership By Month



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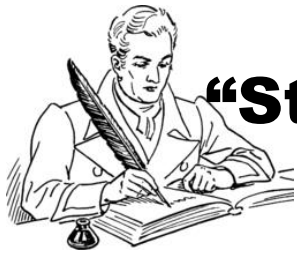
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## “State of the Club” – Education Check-up by EC (Ron/KK4YCW)

### Technician Classes 2016-2018

Description	CY2016	CY2017	CY2018 (thru Feb)	Total
# Classes	1?	1?	1	3?
# Sessions	3?	3?	3	9?
# Students	#?	#?	#?	#?
# Instructors	#?	#?	#?	#?
# New Techs	#?	#?	#?	#?

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## “State of the Club” – Education Check-up by EC (Cal/WA3CTZ)

### General/Extra Classes 2016-2018

Description	CY2016 (Gen/Extra)	CY2017 (Gen/Extra)	CY2018 (thru Apr) (Gen/Extra)	Total (Gen/Extra)
# Classes	0/0	1/0	1/1	2/1
# Sessions	0/0	7/0	6/7	13/7
Avg. # Students	0/0	6/na	tbd/16	6+tbd/16
# Instructors	0/0	3/na	tbd/3	3+tbd/3
# New Gs/Es	0/0	#?/na	tbd/7	#?/7

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## **“State of the Club” – Testing Check-up by VE Liaison (Rich/ND4G)**

### **TVARC/ARRL-VE Statistics for CY2016**

- **1 VE exam session held (1 in CY2016)**
  - **9 VEs participated (average = 9/session)**
  - **22 total candidates served (average = 22/session)**
  - **1 candidate failed to get a new license or an upgrade (average failure rate = 1/session)**
  - **21 new licenses (or upgrades) earned**
    - 10 Technicians, 8 Generals & 3 Extras**

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# **TVARC Business Meeting**

## **“State of the Club” – Testing Check-up by VE Liaison (Rich/ND4G)**

### **TVARC/ARRL-VE Statistics for CY2017**

- **4 VE exam sessions held (1 in CY2017)**
  - **22 VEs participated (average = 7.3/session)**
  - **41 total candidates served (average = 13.67/session)**
  - **5 candidates failed to get a new license or an upgrade (average failure rate = 1.67/session)**
  - **36 new licenses (or upgrades) earned**  
**20 Technicians, 15 Generals & 1 Extra**

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# TVARC Business Meeting

## “State of the Club” – Testing Check-up by VE Liaison (Rich/ND4G)

### TVARC/ARRL-VE Statistics for CY2018

- 1 VE exam session held so far (1 in CY2018)
  - 8 VEs participated (average = 8/session)
  - 18 total candidates served (average = 18/session)
  - 1 candidates failed to get a new license or an upgrade (average failure rate = 1/session)
  - 17 new licenses (or upgrades) earned
    - 4 Technicians, 1 Generals & 12 Extras

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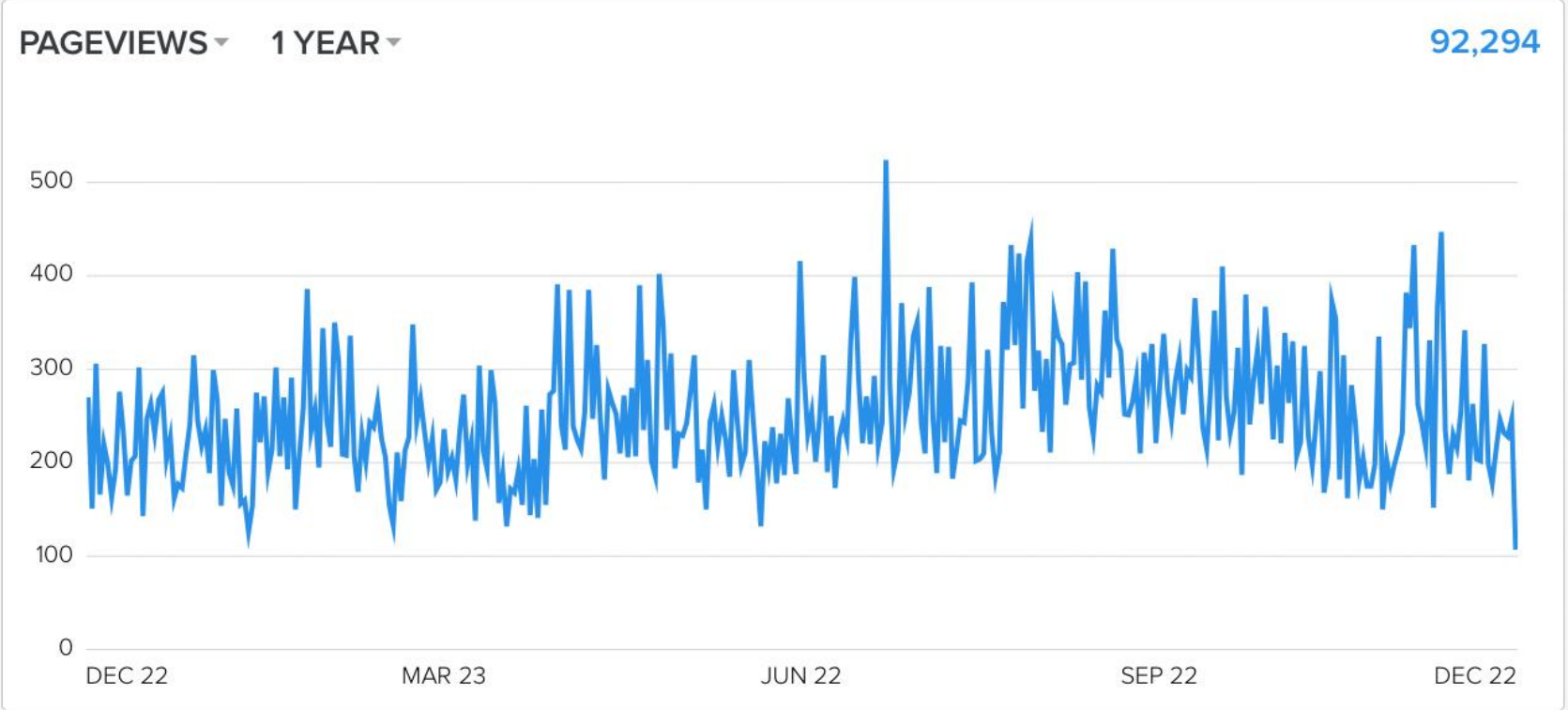
## “State of the Club” – Website Check-up

by Webmaster (Rich/ND4G) & Ass’t (Tony/K4QR)

TVARC’s Website: Pageviews (12/22/16 – 12/22/17)

Stats

Done



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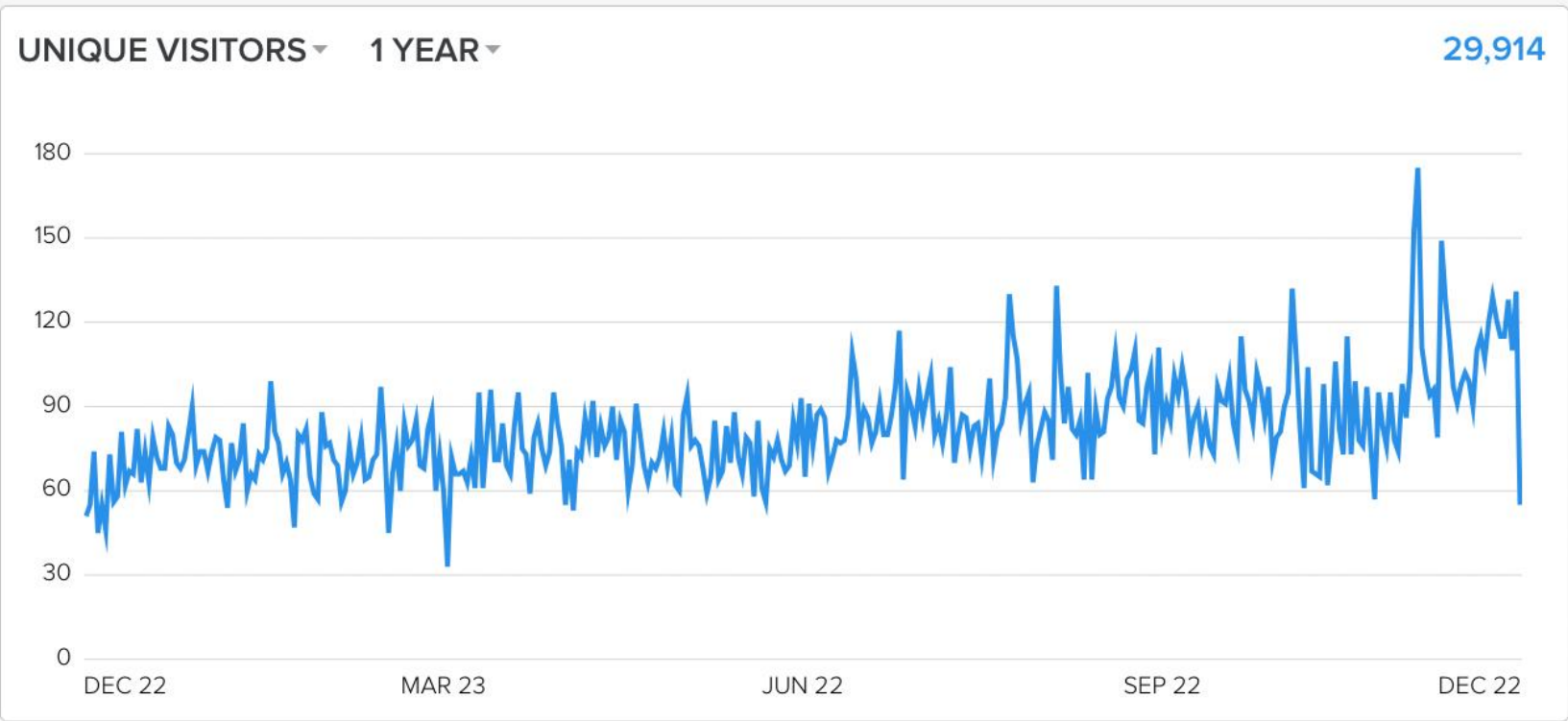
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## “State of the Club” – Website Check-up

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TVARC’s Website: Unique Visitors (12/22/16 – 12/22/17)

Stats Done



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## “State of the Club” – Website Check-up by Webmaster (Rich/ND4G) & Ass’t (Tony/K4QR)



### TVARC’s Website: Top Pages (12/22/16 - 12/22/17)

TOP PAGES	
Views	Page
2,273	/
267	/loops.html
159	/homebrew.html
157	/forsalewanted.html
148	/repeaters.html
105	/verticals.html
91	/holidaychristmas-party-2017.html
82	/resources.html
79	/digital.html
74	/dipoles.html
73	/contact-us.html
71	/basic-radio-station.html
64	/meeting-minutes-pdf-presentations.html
63	/owen.html

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## “State of the Club” – Website Check-up

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### TVARC’s Website: Search Terms (12/22/16 – 12/22/17)

SEARCH TERMS	
Searches	Keyword
2	20 meter loop antenna
1	<a href="https://www.k4vrc.com/exam--license-class-schedules1.html">https://www.k4vrc.com/exam--license-class-schedules1.html</a>
1	<a href="https://www.k4vrc.com/holidaychristmas-party-2017.html">https://www.k4vrc.com/holidaychristmas-party-2017.html</a>
1	homebrew ham radio receiver
1	what are the markings on a power supply
1	80 meter magnetic loop antenna homebrew
1	k4vrc study guide
1	arrow antenna tripod mount
1	homebrew amateur antennas
1	<a href="https://www.k4vrc.com/class-enrollment.html">https://www.k4vrc.com/class-enrollment.html</a>
1	ham radio

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### TVARC’s Website: Referring Sites (12/22/16 – 12/22/17)

REFERRING SITES	
Views	Referrer
255	www.google.com
67	www.reddit.com
36	www.bing.com
25	www.google.co.uk
24	search.yahoo.com
20	yandex.ru
17	m.facebook.com
15	duckduckgo.com
12	www.google.ca
10	www.google.com.au
8	www.google.de
8	r.search.yahoo.com
7	synh.com
7	mail.yahoo.com
6	www.google.ro

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## **“State of the Club” – Ups, Downs & Flops**

### **by Presidents (Ron/KK4YCW & Earle KM4ISN)**

- **“Atta-boys/Atta-girls” (What went well?)**
  - Increasing membership & improving financial health
  - Provided interesting & wide-ranging presentations
  - Offering license classes & exams more frequently
  - Improving coverage of repeater by moving to hospital
  - “Re-birth” (hopefully) of TVARC’s ECT
  - Switch to store prepared entrees for Holiday Party
- **“Sour notes” (What didn’t go so well?)**
  - “Elmer hour” fizzled into an informal barely working one
  - Same entertainment (DJ) too long for Holiday Party

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### **by Presidents (Ron/KK4YCW & Earle KM4ISN)**

- **“Flops” (What simply “crashed & burned”?)**
  - Inability to find a site for a club station (jury still out?)
  - Failure to re-start “youth initiatives”
  - Failed attempt to establish a “Worked All Villages” event
- **Feedback from the audience**

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