

The Villages Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting September 21, 2023

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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 – ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) – Mark Newby, KX4LEO**

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- **Introduction of new members and guests**
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- **President's report**
- **Treasurer's report + Repeater status**
- **DXCC Standings**
- **Break**
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President's Report

- **Richard Bauer, W3RHB, became a Silent Key in April. He often attended TVARC meetings. Dick's wife, Rosalind, K3ROZ, recently donated Dick's radio equipment to TVARC. A silent auction will be announced shortly for club members to bid on Dick's equipment.**



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President's Report

- Richard Antolick, W4RJA, passed away suddenly a week ago. Rich was a regular attendee at the monthly QCWA brunch and the weekly QCWA ragchew net. He had quite an inventory of components that he generously shared with friends when the need arose.



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President's Report

- **November program – antennas used in The Villages**
 - Volunteers will describe their (unique) antennas
 - KM4ZTE is organizing the event.
- **Radio on the Square in November -**
 - Saturday after Thanksgiving (25th)? Or the Saturday before (18th)?
 - Who would like to organize the event?
- **TVARC Holiday party in December – Back to the Future**
 - TVARC will provide ham and turkey
 - Members will bring side dishes and desserts
 - Sign-ups will be via Punch Bowl, set up by ND4G
 - K4ZDM and KB0ZUQ will organize the event.
- **Election of officers in February**

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President's Report – Club Resources

- The TVARC website, www.k4vrc.com. Webmaster ND4G, Rich.
 - A veritable encyclopedia of information including:
 - Meeting announcements
 - Rosters
 - Reports on club activities
 - Items for sale, items wanted
 - How to become a ham
 - Meeting minutes and presentations
 - Sign up for activities
 - Club logo wear and QSL cards
 - And SO MUCH MORE! Oh yeah, don't forget space weather!



- HOME
- GET ON THE AIR
- RESOURCES
- RADIO ACTIVITIES
- WHO WE ARE
- SIGN UP FOR ACTIVITIES
- INTEREST IN BECOMING A HAM?
- FOR SALE/WANTED

-- Our Next Meeting --

**September 21, 2023 @ Eisenhower Rec Center
MacArthur/Arnold Room**

6:00 PM Social/Swap Tables/informal "Elmer'ing"

6:45 PM Business Meeting

~7:35 PM - Sumter County ARES, Emergency Preparedness,
Emergency Response - Mark Newby/KX4LEO

Our "Cookie Monster" - Karen Regan

TVARC club meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month (except for the month of December) at the **Eisenhower Regional Recreation Center, 3560 Buena Vista Blvd., in The Villages, Florida.**
[Click here for directions.](#)

Anyone interested in Amateur Radio is invited to attend our club meetings. You need not be licensed to attend or join. You do NOT need a Villages ID.

FROM ARRL

After updates from the NWS, Arc and I have decided to take our section to LEVEL 3 (Monitoring). Please take this time to make sure your family is prepared and your equipment is ready.



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Events & Activities (Upcoming/Ongoing) ...

ARRL Member Bulletin - 12/23/2022
Rep. Bill Johnson Introduces Bill to Eliminate Private Land Use Restrictions on Amateur Radio
[Click here for details.](#)

Interested in joining our **DX spotting network**? All you need is your cell phone (smartphone), and can receive/send text or SMS messages. [Click here.](#)

For Sale or Trade area is available, click [HERE](#). Up to 2 pictures of the item for sale/trade can be posted. Keep photos small to minimize load times.

TVARC WAS Standings are calling for your submissions. For information, click [HERE](#). To view standings, click [HERE](#).



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The Villages Amateur Radio Club, Inc Treasurer's Report Aug. 2023

Beginning Balance	08/1/2023		\$ 6,628.29
Income:			
	3/2 New 2023 + CC	\$ 60.64	
	0/1 Renewal 2023 + CC	\$ 12.32	
	0/0 Renewal 2024 + CC	\$ 00.00	
	50/50	\$ 70.00	
	K4VRC Store	\$ 58.00	
	Donation	\$ 25.00	
	Total Income	\$ 225.96	\$ 6,854.25
	<small>CC=\$12.32</small>		
Expenses:			
	KM4ZTE – Cookie Monster July	\$ 11.57	
	WA1UTQ ARRL Ins. Lib.	\$ 200.00	
	WA1UTQ Office Supply Ink Cart.	\$ 100.00	
	WA1UTQ Office Supply 50/50 Tickets	\$ 12.00	
	Total Expenses	\$ 323.57	
Ending Balances	08/31/2023		\$ 6,530.68
	Petty Cash 50/50	\$ 50.00	
	Petty Cash Treasurer	\$ 88.00	
	Total Money on Hand	\$ 6,668.68	

Status of the repeaters in The Villages Sept.18,2023-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 **Working Fine** - FM: **PL 107.2hz-T** – K4VRC/R
- **New Replacement Antenna is coming.**
- **Installing a temporary antenna, a little SWR Issue.**
- 444.250 **Working Fine** - **PL 110.9hz-T** - K4LFK/R
- 145.210 **Working Fine** - **PL 110.9hz-T**- K4LFK/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, No PL– Wildwood.**
WA1UTQ/R - FM, **WA1UTQ A** – **Dstar**
Coming Soon Dstar Digital.
- 462.700 **Working Fine** - **GMRS Repeater** – **FM: 023 DCS #** – **WRDK593**
#- **Contact Gary W2TR** – **w2tr.gary@gmail.com**
- 146.670 **Off the Air** – FM: **PL-110.9hz – T** – **Coming Soon**

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Aug Sep 2023 TVARC DXCC Standings (Actives)

ARRL DXCC List Countries worked from The Villages, regardless of mode No QSLs required. Report changes monthly to psk2ps@gmail.com

Callsign	Name	DXCC	Adds	New DXCC
K2PS	Pete	279	1	9Q
K2TE	Ed	277	0	
NP2B	John	269	2	9Q, 4U1ITU
WB4CKI	Don	266	6	4W, 9Q, VP6, 1A, C2, 4U1ITU
W3US	Rusty	259	6	
N0SMX	Dennis	239	9	4W, 9Q, HS, Z2, VR
W4GD	John	229	9	ET, 1A, 4S, 4W, E51
ND4G	Rich	214	1	9Q
KB4XO	Jeanette	160	1	FK
KM4ZTE	Mike	152	15	3C, 3DA, E51
WB2ART	Ken	145	7	
AD4MO	Doug	97	21	9K, EK, 3D, KL7, TA, ZL
KM4PIH	Paul	93	2	SV5, 5W
WB8PKK	Ken	28	25	

Aug Sep 2023 TVARC DXCC FT8/4 Standings (Actives)

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Callsign	Name	FT8	Adds
NP2B	John	268	2 9Q, 4U1ITU
K2PS	Pete	267	1 9Q
WB4CKI	Don	266	6 4W, 9Q, VP6, 1A, C2, 4U1ITU
K2TE	Ed	259	2 4W, 9Q
W3US	Rusty	253	9
ND4G	Rich	206	1 9Q
N0SMX	Dennis	191	14 4W, 9Q, HS, Z2, VR
KB4XO	Jeanette	154	1 FK
KM4ZTE	Mike	152	15 3C, 3DA, E51
W4GD	John	138	15
WB2ART	Ken	103	13 DU, 5W, 4W, 4L
KM4PIH	Paul	91	2 SV5, 5W
AD4MO	Doug	78	23 9K, EK, 3D, KL7, TA, ZL
WB8PKK	Ken	28	26

Aug Sep 2023 TVARC WAS Standings

US States worked from The Villages
 No QSLs or other confirmation required
 Report changes monthly to psk2ps@gmail.com

Worked all 50 (41 TVARCers):

K9IA N1XAU K2TE KA1AF ND4G K3ZGA NP2B KB4XO WD4JI KM4ISN KF4CQ K2DM W4MRJ KA9YKB K2PS K4ZDM
 W4WNG WD4JII WU3Z K4WCK K1LTJ WB2RBS W9DAL N8RW WB4CKI K1CTR N1UC W3US N0SMX KB8SB KD8E KM4PIH
 WB2ART AD4K KM4ZTE K2DF K4QR W4GD AE5LC K2ID KN4CKD AD4MO

Still working on it:

Callsign	Name	St	Adds Needed
AD4MO	Doug	50	1 AK was last one at 330a
KR1BW/WJ 9G	Steve	49	AK
AI4DE	Gerald	49	AK
KN4ULF	Nancy	45	HI, SD, LA, UT, WY
W8RCW	Rich	44	AK, NE, NV, ND, OR, UT
W3MJK	Marty	43	AK, HI, MT, ND, SD, UT, WI
WB8PKK	Ken	40	40
KI4VPD	Wally	33	

5BWAS (10, 15, 20, 40, 80)

AD4K W3US
 K2PS

7BWAS

AD4K W3US
 K2PS

6BWAS (any bands)

AD4K W3US
 K2PS ND4G

8BWAS

AD4K K2PS
 W3US NP2B

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TVARC Tonight's Program

Mark Newby, KX4LEO - ARES