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Nomination Committee Members Sought

Scott Irwin (W8UFD)

Our constitution and bylaws require that the President nominate three members to serve on the nominating committee in preparation for officer elections. These elections are held yearly and provide an opportunity for members to shape the future of the organization.

The nominating committee will consider interested individuals (or those who they think would be good at the job). They will present those nominations at the October meeting and the election will be held at the November meeting.

The offices that must be filled are:

President: Is like the chief operating officer of the club. In addition to presiding at meetings this individual works with officers

and members to ensure things get done. A "task calendar" is available as a guide so you do not have to reinvent the wheel.

Vice-President: Serves as the meeting program coordinator, works with members to conduct activities that educate and engage members and the public (activities coordinator), and acts as President if necessary.

Treasurer: Handles the organization's finances. Also assists the secretary in managing the membership roster.

Secretary: Responsible for club documentation, including meeting minutes, membership lists, etc.

Director (2 Year Term): Monitors the club to ensure sustainability/longevity while providing strategic direction to the officers of the organization.

Those wishing to nominate an individual for office should discuss the nomination with the individual then submit the name to the nominating committee once

named. The information will be published via e-mail after the September meeting.

For a more detailed description of the roles please refer to the constitution and bylaws ratified earlier this year.

If you would like to volunteer to be on the nominating committee please contact Dana Perrin (KM4DTJ).



September Meeting:

Ron Perrett (K4FZU)

Join us at 7:30 PM on September 17 for a business meeting at which we will form an officer nominating committee and conduct other club business.

After the meeting there will be a technical program. Check out the little ditty to the right for the meeting topic.

A little nostalgia if you please... Don't mistreat your hollow-state-device (Tube/Valve).

An unbiased answer to - What to do if your grid leaks and you have no class?

If you have program ideas or topics you would like covered please reach out Ron Perrett (K4FZU).

Next Meeting

September 17, 2020

7:30 PM

This meeting is virtual.

Register [here](#).

Tell a Friend!

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We met the 2020 campaign to Get MARV On The Air & we are starting to build funds to Keep MARV on the Air in 2021.

From The President's Desk

Dana Perrin (KM4DTJ)

As many of you know, at our May meeting this year, we voted to purchase a Van and plan for its use. The intent of the vote was to re-purpose a Van to make it a Mobile Amateur Radio Vehicle (MARV). We developed a plan to make the Van functional for emergency communications, for community education, and for a host of other possible uses. In August, we met the 2020 campaign goal to Get MARV On The Air with total pledges of \$3,300! I thank the 24 members who made this possible! We are now starting to build funds for the second campaign: Keep MARV On The Air, which has a 2021 goal of \$4,410. If you would like to make a confidential pledge, please send an email to danaper-rin@aol.com. We don't need the funds right now. We just need to get a picture of where we stand financially regarding the Van. In addition, and perhaps more importantly, we still need Team Leaders for the Fundraising Team and for the Community Activities Planning Team. We really can't keep the MARV On

The Air if we don't have funds (Fundraising Team). And the Van is not going to get visibility in the community to support activities (for example the Scouts, Schools and other organizations), without coordination and planning (Community Activities Planning Team). Team Leaders are critical to the overall success of the Van Project. Please let me know if you would like to step up to take the role of a Team Leader. As an organization, we will soon vote on whether to move forward with the acquisition of the Van.

At this time each year, we begin preparations to prepare a slate of Officers and Directors for whom to vote at our November Meeting. At our September meeting, I will be asking for three volunteers to staff the Nominations Committee. The purpose of the Nominations Committee is to identify candidates for the open positions. This year, we will need to fill one slot on the Board of Directors, and several slots on the Officers list. I ask you to carefully consider if you could serve on the Nominations Committee and/or if you would con-

sider a leadership role as an Officer or a Director in our Club next year.

Finally, as I look at the Florida Department of Health website, it appears that the numbers of new cases of Covid-19 are starting to decrease in Florida as well as in Hillsborough County. All expectations are that we will have a Covid-19 vaccine sometime later this year or early in 2021. I very much look forward to resuming our regular meetings in person next year. In the meantime, we will continue with Zoom virtual meetings and I for one will still be very cautious and will continue to follow the guidelines for social distancing, hand washing, and mask wearing.

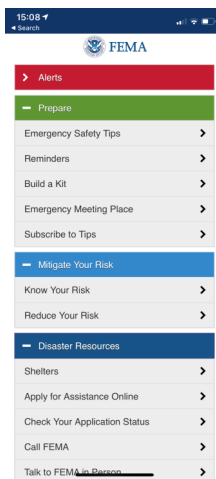
Stay Safe Out There!

The two most powerful warriors are patience and time.

- Leo Tolstoy

App of the Month: FEMA Mobile App

Scott Irwin (W8LJFD)



Check out the FEMA app, available from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#). It will allow you to do the following:

- receive real-time alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations nationwide
- Share notifications with friends and loved ones via e-mail, text message, and social media
- Access tips for over 20 types

of disasters

- Locate open emergency shelters and disaster recovery centers
- Prepare for disasters with customizable emergency kit checklists, family plans, and reminders
- Connect with FEMA to register for disaster assistance online
- Use the app in English or Spanish
- Follow the FEMA blog and social media accounts to see the work they do nationwide.

The application, according to reports floating around online, will also allow other government agencies to send alerts.

Consider adding this application to your "application go-kit."

What other ones would you add?

Do you have a favorite ham radio related app you would like others to know about? Send it to our editor and we will include it in a future issue.

Save the Date: Jamboree On The Air / Jamboree On the Internet

Scott Irwin (WBUF0)

Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, is the largest Scouting event in the world. It is held annually the third full weekend in October; and will be October 16-18, 2020. JOTA uses amateur radio to link Scouts and hams around the world, around the nation, and in your own community. This jamboree requires no travel, other than to a nearby amateur radio operator's ham shack. Many times you can find the hams will come to you by setting up a station at your Scout camporee, at the park down the block, or perhaps at a ham shack already set up at your council's camp.

Scouts of any age can participate, from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts and Venturers, including girls. Once at the ham radio station, the communication typi-

cally involves talking on a microphone and listening on the station speakers. However, many forms of specialized communication may also be taking place, such as video communication, digital communication (much like sending a message on your smartphone but transmitted by radio), or communication through a satellite relay or an earth-based relay (called a repeater). The exchanges include such information as name, location (called QTH in ham speak), Scout rank, age, and hobbies. The stations you'll be communicating with can be across town, across the country, or even around the world! The World Scout Bureau reported that the 2017 JOTA-JOTI had over 1.5 million Scout participants from more than 160 countries.

While the club is not holding an event this year due to COVID-19 restrictions, I urge you to listen for "CQ JOTA" on [recommended frequencies](#) or on various digital radio modes connected to the internet.

If you are a D-Star user start on REF033A. Echolink users should start on the dedicated Conference Node *JOTA-365* (node 480809). You can get additional modes/information in the link above.

For more information about Jamboree on the Air or Jamboree on the Internet visit <https://www.scouting.org/international/jota-joti/>.



BCI Communications Seeks Help

Timothy Courtier (KB8AFS)

Are you looking to use your ham radio (or other) skills to make some money?

[BCI Communications](#) has been a long time supporter of BARS through various activities such as providing a temporary home

for our repeaters when we were asked to leave our previous site, providing business radios to help support communications for the Brandon Community Foundation Fourth of July Parade, and allowing Hillsborough County ARES/RACES to use the W4BCI Repeater for it's weekly UHF Net.

They have full and part-time openings in their sales and service departments and will accept retirees. You can also join the W4BCI Amateur Radio Club if hired.

For more information call me at 813-628-4900 or send me an email at timothy@bcicomm.com.



Upcoming Club Events

- > September 16, 2020
Virtual Coffee Hour
7:30 PM Online.
Register [here](#) (one registration works for all instances).
- > September 17, 2020
BARS Club Meeting
7:30 PM Online. Register [here](#) (one registration works for all monthly meetings).
- > September 23, 2020
Virtual Coffee Hour
7:30 PM Online.
Register [here](#) (one registration works for all instances).
- > September 30, 2020
Virtual Coffee Hour
7:30 PM Online.
Register [here](#) (one registration works for all instances).
- > October 07, 2020
Virtual Coffee Hour
7:30 PM Online.
Register [here](#) (one registration works for all instances).
- > October 14, 2020
Virtual Coffee Hour
7:30 PM Online.
Register [here](#) (one registration works for all instances).
- > Mondays, 8 PM ET
VHF Net (147.165 MHz)
- > Tuesdays, 7 PM ET
6 Meter Roundtable (50.200 MHz USB)
- > Tuesdays, 8 PM ET
10 Meter Roundtable (28.365 MHz USB)
- > Fridays, 7 PM ET
80 Meter Roundtable (3.830 MHz LSB)



The purpose of our operating event is to provide operators a chance to test their equipment...

100 Watts and a Wire Fallout: October 9-11, 2020

Christian Kudnik (K0STH)

We encourage members of the amateur radio community to get out and get on the air. You can work alone or as a member of a team. Stations that set up portable antennas will be limited to 100 watts of power. At the end of the event, participants can submit their totals and be entered into the random drawing for prizes.

The purpose of our operating events is to provide operators a chance to exercise and test their equipment and prepare their stations for Field Day.

From Friday at 00:00 UTC through Sunday at 23:59 you can operation on any band and any mode.

You can activate from anywhere. If you can't go portable, you can work from the comfort of your shack.

Exchange: Call sign; 100WattID; State, Province, or DX Country; a true signal report

Point System: We use the honor system.

- General radio contacts = 1 Point.
• 100WattID Station = 2 points.
Prizes: This year we are giving away a complete system!
• LDG: End Fed Long Wire Antenna Kit with LDG 9:1 and 1:1 UNUNS
• MFJ: Xiegu XG-90

- PowerFilm Solar: Solar Panel
• Bioenno Power: BLF-1209A - 9ah battery and charger
• ABR Industries: 50 feet ABR240 UltraFlex Coax

The prize will be awarded by random drawing. To qualify, stations must be located in the continental US and make at least 25 contact points. Submit your totals by using the form below. Submissions are accepted up to one week after the activity ends. The winner will be announced on the show. Prizes will be mailed directly from the companies.

For more information, or to get your 100WattID visit http://www.100wattsandawire.com/.

New Section Manager Elected for West Central Florida Section

ARRL WCF Press Release

Mike Douglas (W4MDD), the ARRL Affiliated Club Coordinator for the ARRL West Central Florida Section has been elected as the 4th Section Manager for the ARRL West Central Florida Section.

The nomination period ended on Friday September 4th, and Douglas was the only candidate to submit a nomination form and to be received by ARRL HQ by the end of the nomination period.

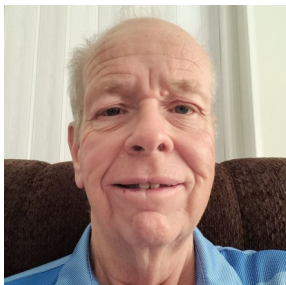
Darrell Davis (KT4WX), the current Section Manager for the ARRL West Central Florida Section decided not to seek re-election for the 2020-2021 term. Davis made the following comment concerning the election of Douglas as the new Section Manager, "After praying and thinking about it, I decided not to seek re-election as circum-

stances in my personal life have changed over the last two years. I appreciate all of the support that I have received from all of you and I am not 'riding off into the sunset'. My role in the ARRL West Central Florida Section will simply be in a supportive role and different. Mike will do a fine job as our new Section Manager and has traveled all over the ARRL West Central Florida Section with me over the last three years and has gotten to know many of you. Please give him the same support you have given me."

Douglas has been a licensed radio amateur since 1991, first holding the callsign of N90EV, and was previously almost a lifelong resident of the Chicago, Illinois area. Douglas relocated to Florida in the summer of 2016, following his retirement, and obtained his current callsign of W4MDD. Douglas became an Assistant Emergency Coordinator with Hardee County ARES in late 2016

after coming to Hardee County from the east coast of Florida. Douglas then became the ARRL Affiliated Club Coordinator in late 2017. Douglas in his professional career was commercial tour bus driver, was in commercial bus sales, and for 20 years of his career was with Educational Tours, a tour bus company devoted to providing tours for school age children of educational sites in places all over the United States.

Douglas' term as Section Manager will begin on January 1, 2021. Davis has served as Section Manager since January 1, 2015 and his current term as Section Manager will end on December 31, 2020.



Mike Douglas (W4MDD), Press Release Photo



The Brandon Amateur Radio Society (BARS) has been serving Brandon, Valrico, Mango, Seffner, Palm River, Gibsonton, Riverview, and the East Tampa area for over 43 years providing public service and emergency preparedness communications as well as license classes and radio operator training programs.



Thank you to the members and staff of Arise for their kindness

In allowing BARS the use of their facility!

Our Repeaters

147.165 MHz (+ offset, 136.5 Hz PL Tone, Analog FM) - N4DLW-R Echolink Node
443.500 MHz (+ Offset, 127.3 Hz PL Tone, Analog FM, C4FM) - N4DLW/R Wires X



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ARRL Technical Service Award Conferred

ARRL Website

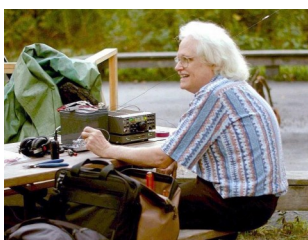
The ARRL Board of Directors has named James W. Brown (K9YC), of Santa Cruz, California as the recipient of the 2020 ARRL Technical Service Award.

The Board cited Brown's frequent contributions to — and presentations at — amateur radio forums at conventions including Dayton Hamvention®, Pacificon, and the International DX and Contesting Convention in Visalia, California.

He also has collaborated with the ARRL Lab, contributed to various ARRL publications, including The ARRL Handbook, The ARRL Antenna Book, and others, and shared his technical and educational expertise in the fields of audio engineering, RFI, and other aspects of electronics and engineering. Brown shares his

knowledge and expertise with the amateur radio community via his [informational website](#).

The Board said, "Brown continues to provide his expertise as a means of 'giving back' to the amateur community, in the spirit of the amateurs that worked with him when he was first licensed at the age of 13."



Jim Brown (K9YC), QRZ Profile Photo

Hamfests & Conventions

10/09/2020—10/10/2020

Melbourne Hamfest
Melbourne, FL

Platinum Coast Amateur Radio Society
<http://pcars.org/hamfest/2020/>

11/14/2020

SPARC Fest
Pinellaas Park, FL
St. Petersburg Amateur Radio Club
<http://www.sparc-club.org>

12/11/2020 - 12/12/2020

Tampa Bay Hamfest, ARRL Florida State Convention
Plant City, FL
Florida Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Council
<http://www.tampabayhamfest.com>

Note: Due to the COVID-19 outbreak some hamfests and conventions may be cancelled or have specific rules/regulations in place. Please check with the sponsoring organization for status.



Submit your articles & photos for the next edition of *The Antenna* by October 05, 2020!

Send electronic submissions to
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