

## Notes From The Comm Shack



### Items of Special Importance for this week:

*It is with regret and sorrow that we acknowledge the passing of our friend & FMARC President - Robert Griffin KJ4WPV/SK*

*He was a tireless proponent of Amateur Radio and the Club, and a friend to all. 73 OM.*

*You will be missed.*

**POTA is active again!** If you're looking for a "Mini-Field Day" scenario, get up, get out and get on the air! Even if you don't have an HF radio, you can still come out and see what folks are using and how. Contact the POTA team [POTA@fmarc.net](mailto:POTA@fmarc.net).

• *The club would like to welcome and congratulate Jeff Kennedy NK4AA for being selected as our new club president. The club would also like to recognize Joe Rikard NOJAR for volunteering to be the new vice-president. Both members were proposed and voted in to their respective offices at the Oct. 10, 2023 Board of Directors meeting. Both members will serve the remaining terms of office for this business year.*

**FMARC Club Station Event - 10/28/2023** – Come on out to the Tice Fire Station to see the FMARC Club station. See what gear is being used, the modes being worked, and maybe make a few contacts. This is especially for those that want to learn about HF and all the different ways it can be used. See the Modulator or contact Bob Lewis (N8GU) for more info. Again, get up, get out and get on the air!

**Ham of the Year** – The club is currently taking nominations for "Ham of the Year". Page 17 of the October Modulator has information on how to submit your candidate. You can contact Steve Clayton K4SJC. A nomination form has been attached at the end of this notice for your convenience.

**Club Nominations** – Have you considered having a larger voice in the direction of the club and its activities? I suggest that you consider running for a position for the 2024 Board of Directors. You can contact Rich Schnieders KR4PI the Chairman of the Nomination Committee to submit your name.

The 146.685(-) KF4QWC (Ch. 22) on the recommended Lee County frequency list, is down. Please use the 145.170(-) repeater (Ch. 20) for the SW Florida Traffic Net. The county has obtained the necessary replacement parts and is working to schedule with the tower owners to get them installed.

**ARRL Members** – There have been a few emails recently that were sent to ARRL addresses. Some of these were returned as "Undeliverable." Please check your membership status and your ARRL email acct status and content to make sure your inbox is not full. If you hear from someone that they are not getting FMARC Club emails, please have them check their ARRL inboxes if they have one.

**Repeater Trustee** - Laurel West KQ4HVI has volunteered and approved by the Board to be the trustee for the Lehigh Acres 2 meter repeater. That is the 147.345 (Ch. 5) a.k.a. "Yellow Area Repeater".

Here's our listing of this week's events: Oct 15-21

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## Monday

### POTA Activity

Do you want to see HF in action? Do you want a "Mini-Field Day" experience? Get up, Get out, and Get Going! Join the POTA Team at Lovers Key for a POTA activation. See page four (4) for contact info.

Our Monday night **Meeting on The Air (MOTA)** will be held Monday night at 1900hrs local, on the **linked repeater system**. If there are problems, the net will switch to 145.170(-) repeater (Ch. 20).

The MOTA will be followed by the **Traders Net** on the same repeater. Take this opportunity to move some of your unused gear or parts to someone who may need them. Listing is free...

After the Traders Net is completed (plus about 5 minutes), the **Newbie Net** will now be held on the same linked repeaters due to interference. The 146.820(-) PL 136.5 Repeater (Ch. 3) will not be used.

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## Tuesday

### October Meeting of Lee County ARES

Time: 7 Pm (gate opens at 6 Pm)

Place: Lee County Emergency Operations Center  
2675 Ortiz Avenue, Fort Myers FL 33905

Please join us for our monthly meeting and consider bringing a guest as non-members are always

### Want more Radio Activity???

- **Even though it's not a club net, try out the East Coast Reflector "TECH Net".**
    - Connect with users across the globe via EchoLink, IRLP, or a linked repeater. More info can be found at: [www.eastcoastreflector.com](http://www.eastcoastreflector.com)
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## Wednesday

**A.R.E.S. Training Net** – The net will be held on the 145.170(-) repeater (Ch. 20), with 147.165(-) (Ch. 1) as back-up. - 1900hrs Jon Scharbrough AA4JS will serve as Net Control.

- **Non-members are welcome to check in. Pls follow Net Control instructions.**

**The "Buck & A Quarter" Net** – 224.520(-) 136.5 & linked systems- 1900hrs (Depending on Repeater Operation)

**The Fusion Net** – 2000hrs

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## Thursday

**Lunch Bunch** – 1100hrs – See club website for details

### Alternative Format Thursdays

**D-Star** - 1st & 3rd Thursdays - 1900hrs

**DMR Net** - 2nd and 4th Thursdays - 1900hrs

**LDS Net** - 146.820(-) PL 136.5 1930hrs

**Cape Coral Gabfest** - 146.490 (simplex) – 2000hrs

**Digital Practice Net** (Fldigi and SSTV) - 2000hrs

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## Friday

**Lunch Bunch East** – 1100hrs – See club website for details

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*Going forward from 1-MAR we are using the website Membership database to generate the email listing and only those that show as a Member for 2023 will receive emails going forward. With the exception of the "Username" (Callsign) Everything on your "Profile" page is changeable by the Member!*

To modify your data, simply go to [FMARC.net](http://FMARC.net), use the Login link to enter your username and password, click the "Member Roster Button", then click where it shows "Edit my profile". A form with your info will be displayed and you can edit any info (except the username) that you wish.

Database exports are performed every Saturday to update the mailing list.

Best 73...

**Leo-1 KC1FLU**

[CorrSec@FMARC.net](mailto:CorrSec@FMARC.net)

"Make an Effort, Not Excuses"

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# FMARC POTA EVENT FOR OCTOBER

**DATE: Monday, October 16**

**TIME: 8:15am to 1:00pm (picnic lunch gathering 12 noon)**

**LOCATION: Lovers Key State Park K-1900**  
- refer to the map: Section A has restrooms right there; Sections B and C have restrooms nearby; lunch will be at Section A for interested folks.

**Callsign to be used by participants is W4LX.**

**Interested in participating or have a question? Email to [POTA@fmarc.net](mailto:POTA@fmarc.net) for station coordination and to answer your questions.**

**PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND BY EMAILING TO [POTA@FMARC.NET](mailto:POTA@FMARC.NET)**  
**73 From Bob Lewis N8GU**





# FORT MYERS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB “HAM OF THE YEAR AWARD” 2023

Please fill out the form below and nominate your choice for HAM OF THE YEAR 2023!!!

The winner will be chosen from these nominations by a committee composed of past recipients, and the award will be presented at the annual Installation of Officers and Awards Dinner in December.

**SEND YOUR SELECTION TO:**

**Steve Clayton – [steve.k4sjc@gmail.com](mailto:steve.k4sjc@gmail.com)**

**Or you may send it to the club’s PO box 061183, Fort Myers, FL 33906**

I, (your name or callsign) \_\_\_\_\_, Nominate  
(the Ham you are nominating name and callsign) \_\_\_\_\_ for the HAM  
OF THE YEAR AWARD 2023 because (please use additional paper if needed)

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<i>W4MPV '82</i>	<i>K4OVC '83</i>	<i>KF4JA '84</i>	<b>KQ4HY '85</b>	<b>WD9AEP '86</b>	<i>K9ALX '87</i>
<b>N4PSV '88</b>	<i>WA4EIC '89</i>	<i>K4FQU '90</i>	<b>AC4VW '91</b>	<i>KC4GOA '92</i>	<i>KI4ZW '93</i>
<i>K3KT '94</i>	<i>WA4DQE '95</i>	<i>KQ4TR '96</i>	<i>N8EL '97</i>	<i>W3JI '98</i>	<i>WB8REJ '99</i>
<i>KA4FZI '00</i>	<i>KA4YHP '01</i>	<b>KC4UCN '02</b>	<i>W4PPG '03</i>	<i>W4LWZ '04</i>	<i>W4KET '05</i>
<b>WG4K '06</b>	<b>KF4PHB '07</b>	<i>WB2FAU '08</i>	<b>KI4GED '09</b>	<b>N3NAI '10</b>	<b>KJ4OYP '11</b>
<i>AC4TM '12</i>	<b>KI4JFN '12</b>	<b>WX4L '13</b>	<b>W1RP '14</b>	<i>NT4TS '15</i>	<b>W9GPI '16</b>
<b>WF4LS '17</b>	<b>KJ4MUY '18</b>	<b>KM4YHZ '19</b>	<b>KR4PI '20</b>	<b>KCØDE '21</b>	<b>K4SJC '22</b>

As the most recent recipient Steve Clayton K4SJC will be collecting the nominations this year. He will represent as the chairman with as many of the earlier recipients who wish to be on as the rest of the committee. Callsigns in Italics are Silent Keys. Nominees should be chosen on the merits of the individual with regard to their contribution to amateur radio, FMARC and the community. Since this is a one-time award, no past recipient can be considered. The deadline for nominations is November 27, 2022, the last Monday of the month.