

## Minutes of the Florida Keys Amateur Radio Club Meeting

K4FLK

November 6, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 6:59 PM at the Big Pine United Methodist Church.

**Attendees:** KW4FLA, KQ4WJV, AK4MM, K8ACW, KO4NTH, WA4JSA, KJ4PR, K1ST

**Via Zoom:** KA4PPM, KG2CS, K6KJN

**VE Testing at 6PM:** Jim Treumper, KQ4WJV, from Marathon passed the General Exam. Congratulations Jim!! I want also thank Volunteer Examiners KA2BYU, WA4JSA and AK4MM who assisted with administering the Exam. AK4MM is in training to run FKARC Exam Sessions when K1ST is unavailable.

### Main Presentation:

Kay presented his talk titled "Twenty Things I've Learned While Curating the Digital Library of Amateur Radio & Communications." The fast-paced talk will show some of the highlights of DLARC. Kay will share fascinating and hilarious documents, show lost and re-discovered bits of ham radio's history, and reveal what they've learned about the ham community.

Speaker, Kay Savetz, K6KJN, is curator of [Digital Library of Amateur Radio & Communications](#) (DLARC.) DLARC is a project of Internet Archive, the non-profit digital library that's best known for "[The Wayback Machine](#)." Since 2022, Kay has been building DLARC, which has grown to be an unparalleled resource about ham radio, shortwave communications, and related technologies. A ham since 1989, Kay is also a historian specializing in Atari computers, having published more than 400 oral history interviews with people from the early days of microcomputing.

### Old Business:

Currently thirty-four paid members for 2024.

The Club has \$1792.83 in the Bank. This past month we had a \$200 expense for the Club's Insurance Policy and \$86.55 for the purchase of five Baofeng UV-5R handhelds for newly licensed Hams.

The [Diex DXS-1 20-15-10 Meter Rotatable Dipole](#) was given to K1ST for assembling and testing. This task is still open.

W4KWS and K1ST are working to move the Cross Mode Bridge function to the Cloud. In Process

The Girl Scouts have approved KA2BYU's request to use Camp Wesumkee, MM34, on Scout Key for [Winter Field Day](#) on January 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be dry camping and a tailgate swap available. We plan to have the MCSO Emergency Comms Truck. More details to follow. **We are**

looking for someone to help organize this event. Let K1ST or KA2BYU know if you are interested in helping.

**New Business:**

The November meeting is the Election Time for the following year. No one has expressed interest in running for office. The Existing Officers will continue in their existing capacities.

GMRS Repeater Status: A VHF Marine Remote Base is in the works for the MM88 Plantation Key Tower Site. I intend to try and hire the tower crew for that job to install the feedline at Ocean Reef for the GMRS Repeater at ORC.

Ham Repeater Status: W4KWS has mentioned that the Key West VHF Repeater is still deaf. This will be addressed when the repeater is moved to Stock Island (hopefully soon). The noisy squelch tail on the FM Repeater Network is coming from the Scout Key VHF Repeater. It's on the list to take a look at. As is the somewhat deaf Marathon DMR Repeater.

The current status of the Repeaters in the County can be found on the [Repeaters Page](#) of the FKARC web site.

K1ST asked if we should provide an Honorarium for invited Speakers? \$50 Gift Card to Amazon? After K6KJN's presentation it's probably more appropriate to donat \$50 to the DLARC. Due to a lack of quorum, a decision on this item was postponed to the December Club Meeting.

The five Baofeng UV-5R handhelds purchased for the newly licensed Ham giveaways have been received.

KG2CS mentioned that the Everglades ARC Flea Market and BBQ will be this Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>:

Drawings and On Air activities!



**Everglades ARC**  
**Free Flea & BBQ**

November 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 9:00AM – 5:00 PM



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Next Ham Exam Test Session is in Islamorada on Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. You must sign up in advance [here](#). We won't go to the Test Session if no one signs up in advance. We may be moving the Islamorada Test Session back to the Library. Stay Tuned.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Perpall, Secretary