

Minutes of the Florida Keys Amateur Radio Club Meeting

K4FLK

March 5, 2025

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

Attendees: KO4NTH, K4HG, KW4FLA, KA2BYU, N4HHN, KK4HG, AK4MM, KQ4OOR, KQ4OOS, KJ4PR, W4KWS, WA4JFK, WA4FJF, K1ST

Via Zoom: K8ACW, W8UF, KA4PPM

VE Testing at 6PM: Ken Gleason from Key West took and passed the Technician, General & Extra Exams. Congratulations Ken!!! He is now KZ4QV. I want to also thank KK4HG, K4HG & KW4FLA for being the Volunteer Examiners. VEs AK4MM, KO4NTH and KA2BYU who also observed.

Old Business:

Treasurer, WA4JFK, reported the Club has \$2,982 in the back and 29 paid members for 2025. Please consider joining/renewing your membership. You can send a check to FKARC, 624 ASHE ST, KEY WEST, FL 33040-7111 or send a Zelle or Venmo payment to K1ST. Contact K1ST before sending funds. Annual dues are Twenty Dollars.

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

The [DVSwitch](#) Cross Mode Bridge operational. Need to complete the Hamshack Hotline link (**W4KWS**). The Club made a payment to K1ST for one year service of the Cross Mode Bridge for 2025. Cost is \$60 for a year.

New Club logo approved at February Club Meeting. K4HG modelled a Club Logo T Shirt from [VistaPrint](#) at the meeting. After discussion it was decided that everyone will order their own Shirts (you can use any vendor you choose). K4HG recommends ordering a dark color T Shirt. The shirt he ordered was Black. He ordered from Vistaprint. The logo files are available here:

<https://fkarc.net/files/K4FLK%20Logo%20Files/>

Index of /files/K4FLK Logo Files

Name	Last modified	Size	Description
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K4FLK SVG file.png	2025-02-18 19:12	220K	
K4FLK SVG file.svg	2025-02-18 19:13	1.0M	
K4FLK SVG large.png	2025-02-18 19:13	479K	

K4HG will write a procedure on how to order a Shirt. The procedure pdf will be posted to the K4FLK Logo Files directory. The .png files are for websites and emails. The .svg is for ordering clothing.

W4KWS will start working on the WAKY Award for working at least Five Keys in the Florida Keys. QSOs can be made on HF and also on Repeaters. Stay tuned for updates.

New Business:

GMRS Repeater Status: All the GMRS Repeaters are now operational with the exception of Cudjoe Key which is being worked. Congratulations to KA2BYU and his KeysCares Team on all the progress.

Ham Repeater Status: The Key West UHF FM Repeater may be operational the week of March 17th. The Plantation Key UHF Repeater could also be back online the same week. The Grassy Key DMR Repeater experiment has been delayed due to a lack of a fully functioning UHF duplexer. This should be resolved when the UHF Paging System is retired.

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

[Marathon Seafood Festival](#) participation with Keys CARES on March 8th & 9th 2025.

Main Presentation: Network Attached Storage:

NAS (Network Attached Storage) and You presented by K4HG. K4HG discussed how to build your own NAS Server and the advantages having one. Steve will have two examples of NAS Servers that he built to show how you can easily put one together for your own needs.

K4HG's presentation in pdf format is available [here](#). We video recorded Steve's presentation but are having difficulty finding where Zoom hid the recording. We'll make it available later if possible...

Upcoming

Next Ham Exam Test Session is at Islamorada Public Library on Saturday March 22nd 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.

The next [Club Meeting](#) will be on April 2nd.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Perpall, Secretary