

August Meeting Notes
2013-8-5

1. Six candidates passed their exams. Ringo Breton, KG4DUF is a new Extra, and Stacy Breton, KG4IRN is a new General. Joseph Duquette, Frank Fernandez, Jennifer Wright, and Kenneth Haynes all passed the Technicians exam.
2. Patrick acknowledged Joan Haynes for her generous donation of a quilt, the proceeds from which went to the club.
3. There were substantial donations of food for VISTE this month.
4. Patrick acknowledged Jim Stewart KG4QGB for his support of VISTE.
5. Verma (Vickki) Rodriguez, KI0UH, and former club member is now a silent key.
6. Bill Gibbons, W4ITA was formally thanked for his generous donation of a battery and charger.
7. Patrick acknowledged Finish Line Batteries for their support on field day. They supplied all the batteries for this event, and at no charge.
8. At the next board meeting, the proposed changes to the bylaws required for application for 501 c 3 status will be finalized. The resulting product will be presented to the general membership for a vote during the September meeting.
9. The number of LARC 2 Meter Net and Traders Net check-ins has been down this summer. However, there are no plans at this time to cancel this activity, and the club is always looking for more net controllers to support this event.
10. The club is in the process of putting together an inventory list. Members were asked to report any club equipment they hold to either Bob K2EUH or Bill KI4ZMV.
11. The following upcoming Hamfests were mentioned:
 - a. Saturday, August 10, 2013. Indian River State College, Fort Pierce, Florida. This is Treasure Coast's Largest, all in-door Hamfest.
 - b. Saturday, August 17 through Sunday the 18th, Huntsville Hamfest.
 - c. Saturday, August 24th, 2013, TARCfest XXX.
 - d. Friday December 6th and Saturday the 7th, 2013, Tampa bay Hamfest. This year the event will be held at the Strawberry Festival Grounds, plant City, Florida.
12. There will be a meeting in September, first Monday, as usual, even though this happens to fall on Labor Day.
13. A nominating committee is will be needed. Volunteers should contact Patrick
14. The Christmas Party will be held December 2nd, 2013 at 6:00 PM. Once again there will be BBQ catered by Jimbo's.
15. Patrick contacted two members who have not been seen for some time, due to health issues. He reported that Joe Pirkle, AD4IH, and Marvin Johnson, KI4CDZ are doing well.
16. During our Field Day 2013 PGTV produced an excellent video of our activities. This video was shown to the members at the meeting, and published for all to see on the club's blog.
17. The main speaker of the evening was Chet Carruth, AB4XK. Chet, gave a excellent presentation on the proper way to solder connectors onto coax. Chet's presentation is also posted on the club's blog.