

Kings Point

Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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The Kings Point Amateur Radio Club meets the first Monday of the month from October through May at 3:00 p.m. in the Main Club House Craft Room

**NOTICE TO ALL
OUR MAY 7th MEETING
WILL BE THE LAST MEETING
UNTIL SEPTEMBER 10th.
PLEASE NOTE THE DATE OF THE
SECOND MONDAY FOR THIS
MEETING ONLY.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO
WELCOMING YOU ALL
BACK TO OUR FALL SEASON
AND THE NEW KPARC RADIO ROOM.
MEANWHILE, OUR REGULAR
10:00 a.m. SATURDAY
HAM SHACK GET TOGETHERS
CONTINUE ALONG WITH THE
SATURDAY MORNING
BREAKFAST AT RACHAELS.**



New KPARC Tower and Beam

Like a giant phoenix winging its way to the far reaches of the universe, Members of the Kings Point Amateur Radio Club and WCI Maintenance force gathered together on Monday, April 9th at 0700 to begin the major task of erecting the 65 foot tower and 6 element Hy-Gain Thunderbird beam.

The tower and beam was purchased from 98 year old Ed Ricca, K4PT,

who resides in Apollo Beach and is still very active in Ham Radio. Ed felt that raising and lowering the tower is getting just a bit difficult and wanted someone to get the enjoyment from the equipment that he has had over the years. Also, his son suggested that the dipole and vertical he has will still give his dad continued enjoyment.

In order to move the tower and beam to Kings Point, Dick Bishop, Jim Malinowski and Lew Merrill dug the support column free then hired a front loader to pull the column out of the ground then hiring a truck to transport all the parts to Kings Point. The broken elements, rusted clamps, etc. were replaced. Rotor and mast bearings needed cleaning and repairs. It took several days and many hours of dedicated members to get ready for the big moment to see the tower rise up to the blue sky over the main clubhouse.

President Dick Bishop was under a tremendous time constraint. On Tuesday, April 10th he was leaving for his trip to Turkey and the Middle East. Rain was predicted for that Monday but thankfully it held off until all the work was complete and the area cleaned up. Major thank you to the WCI workers; without them the tower most likely would still be on the ground. Also, thank you to Jim Malinowski and Lew Merrill for their tireless work and support.

Presidents Message

This is the place normally reserved for President Dick Bishop to send his message to the membership. However, as most of you know Dick and Eileen are again sailing the waters of the Mediterranean. Each year we have had the opportunity to follow them on "Find-U (<http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=W4nwd>). Also, dial him up on echolink (node 166578). Hope you enjoy the contact, Dick and Eileen will enjoy hearing from you all.