

Kings Point

Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

Bringing together all levels of ham operators, both newcomers and veterans, to share in the enjoyment of shortwave radio and emergency communications

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The Kings Point Amateur Radio Club meets the first Monday of the month from October through May at 2:00 p.m. in the Main Club-house Communications Room next to the new radio room

WE ARE NOW W4KPR

For many years the Kings Point Amateur Radio Club has maintained the call sign of W3SOB in memory of Bob Sutter who, along with several others, worked tirelessly to establish and maintain KPARC. However, over the years many of these hard working philanthropic dedicated Hams who gave us the great club we have today, have joined the ranks of silent keys.

It is now time to move on. For the past twenty plus years KPARC was relegated to a room not even befitting a closet. Yet, for those years Ham operators from the Sun City Center area operated the hand-me-down equipment placed on a variety kinds of hand-me-down desks and other kinds of surfaces. Now, we have a brand-spanking-new comfortable radio room thanks to the efforts of several of today's KPARC members and our brother and sisters in the Sun City Center Amateur Radio Club.

Now, it is up to each and every member to come down to the station and operate. If you are a bit nervous about getting on the air we will help you get over the fear. So, as Bob Barker (Price is Right) always said: "COME ON DOWN". See you at the shack.

From The President

October club room progress has been slow but steady. The roof mounted air conditioning unit failed during October so all work had to proceed in the heat. The new unit was hoisted into place on October 15th and is now doing a great job cooling the radio room.

In spite of the heat;

1. We have installed the new Peet Brothers weather station cable,
2. Pulled the 12 volt power cables from the emergency battery bank to the HF station and Weather Stations. Jim Malinowski has been working on the cables and switching of the 12 volt service.
3. Dick Marshal ordered and received a quad serial port card and an external hard drive to be installed in the Dell computer.
4. A Wireless security camera has been installed in the club room, but is not fully functional so far.
5. Lew Merrell did the aerial work on the tower resulting in the beam, rotator control being in calibrated. Now, North means North.



- 6. Joe White is steadily moving gear and equipment from the old club room to our new storage areas.
- 7. And our trusty, trustee has made application for a new vanity call sign which should be issued very soon. In reference to the last item; At our last meeting it was decided to find a new club call sign to represent our club in the four call area and having a "KP" in the call. Our search committee, Sam Brandes, Carol Brandes and Eileen Bishop found available and recommended "W4KPR". Dick Marshall contacted the ARRL and found that as a club we can retain our old vanity call and have a second vanity call as well. Dick jumped on the opportunity and obtained a second call in less than a day. It pays to have contacts in high places! Then Dick immediately applied for our new vanity call W4KPR which will replace the newly acquired call.

Although the W3SOB call will be retired, the memory of Bob Sutter as one of the founders of the Kings Point Amateur Radio Club will continue.

Up coming events:

- 1. Technician Classes that Anita Akridge has organized. Let's all support her efforts and volunteer to mentor the new licensees.
- 2. Ladies (YL's) Wednesday night net. It is great to see this net take off, I think about half or our hams in the area are ladies. Look around the table at Rachel's.
- 3. Elections are in December
- 4. By laws review in December.
- 5. Holiday party in December.

NEW Club Room.

Our new club room is open to all members, Just see a board member to get the key code. There is a sign in clipboard on the island, counter top so sign in to help us track our usage. One caution, the door latch sticks in the unlocked position occasionally so be sure the door latched when you leave.

That's it for this month, See you at the meetings;

73's

Dick, W4NWD

MEETING NOTICE

KPARC WILL MEET ON NOVEMBER 5TH AT 2:00 p.m. IN THE COMMUNICATIONS ROOM NEXT TO THE RADIO ROOM.

Meeting Room Subject to Change

Attention Ladies

**The Ladies YL Net Meets
Wednesday Evening At
7:30 p.m.
On The SCCARC Repeater
147.225 +**

KPARC/SCCARC

**Saturday Morning Breakfast
7:30 a.m. at
Rachel's Restaurant
Then join us at the KPARC Shack
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

**ANNUAL SCCARC – KPARC HOLIDAY
DINNER**

DECEMBER 19, 2007 (WEDNESDAY)

**SCC FLORIDA ROOM, ATRIUM BUILDING
SOCIAL HOUR 4 – 5 P.M.
DINNER 5 – 6 P.M.**

**CATERED HOLIDAY TURKEY DINNER
WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS
COFFEE, TEA AND DESSERTS (INCLUDING SUGAR FREE)**

**ENTERTAINMENT
“THE FRONT PORCH PICKERS”**

TICKETS \$15.00 PER PERSON; \$30.00 PER COUPLE

HELP SUPPORT THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SHERIFFS’ DEPUTIES’ DARLINS’ HOLIDAY PROGRAM. BRING AN UNWRAPPED GIFT (GAMES PREFERRED) FOR A LOCAL AREA CHILD.

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT CLUB MEETINGS OR FROM ANY CLUB OFFICER. FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 642-2071 OR 633-5272

TICKET DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 5, 2007