

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 Craft Room

**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
. FOR INFORMATION
PLEASE CALL 642-2071 OR 633-5272
TICKET DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 5, 2007**

From The President

Greetings and Happy Holidays, as the holiday seasons fast approaches, I think of all the good things that have happened this year. There are good reasons to be thankful and reflect on the positive events that have effected our lives in Kings Point and Sun City Center:

- We had no hurricanes in Florida this year;
- The buyout of the Kings Point amenities from WCI;
- The 2007 Field Day;
- The YL Net on Wednesday nights;
- The relocation and improvements of our club room;
- The establishment of Kings Point CERT;
- The offering of ham radio classes to the new CERT members.

All these events have, in some way, made Kings Point and Sun City Center a more pleasant and enjoyable place to live.

Our club continues to grow slowly, and we can offer more Emergency Preparedness (EP) as a result. Although EP is a corner stone of our radio activities, it also provides a reason to hone our skills, improve our equipment, learn new procedures, and associate with a larger overall radio population. Examples of these are: The Na-

tional Weather Service, Hillsborough County CERT, ARES/RACES, Hillsborough County Sheriffs Amateur Radio Club, The Florida Repeater Council, and the list goes on. Our hobby is growing.

Our club room is seeing more use than in past years. The public visibility is good and the outside entrance is a great improvement. Our club room computer system is available to members for Internet and Email and has proved to be handy to check call signs, looking up specs on equipment during a discussion, checking local weather, Echolink and APRS. Future plans include computerized HF rig control and logging. Feel free to use our room and all of its equipment.

Your Board of Directors are always looking for suggestions and ideas to improve our club room; so make your suggestions known. Our aim is to customize our club room to our needs.

Have a safe and healthy holiday season, See you at the Holiday Party.

Dick B. W4NWD

It's That Time of The Year Again When our Treasurer, Dick Marshall Looks For Your \$5.00 KPARC Dues

This past year you Radio Club incurred a lost of expense due to the relocation of the radio room. Although we had the construction funds to complete the task the un-anticipated cost did bring down the bank balance. Now that we have a station for which you can be proud, we hope you will do you part and pay your dues.

**Reminder
KPARC Meeting
December 3 @ 2:00 p.m.
KINGS POINT CLUBHOUSE
CRAFT ROOM**

*The Kings Point Amateur Radio
Club*

*Extends To All Our Members
&
Friends*

A Very Happy and Joyful

Holiday Season

**Ladies 2 Meter Net
Wednesday Evening
7:30 p.m.
SCCARC REPEATER
147.225**