

# KINGS POINT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

*More Than 25 Years of Voluntary Emergency Communications Service to Our Community*

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#### KPARC Repeaters

##### 2 Meter

147.090 PL 146.2

##### 70 CM

442.450 PL 146.2

##### Echo Link Node

311633

##### Meetings

First Monday of every  
month in the main  
clubhouse craft room at  
2:00 p.m.

[www.kparc.org](http://www.kparc.org)

## From The President



Dick Bishop, W4NWD

Greetings KPARC Members.,

The arrival of July means that we are half way through another year. It also means the the longest day, June 21, is past, the 2010 field day is over, and we are well into the annual hurricane season.

June was a busy month with several events happening around KPARC. We sponsored another Tech class taught by Bill Barron, Many thanks to Bill, W1WAB, and Bob Goldberg WA4M, VEC, and Dave Schierenbeck N8PF, Don Nathan, K2GPM, and Bill Miller, N1CDO as VEs. The club is building a go kit around our Icom 7000 xcvr and Winmor laptop. Bill Love is heading up the assembly of the go kit. With the help of Lew Merrill, N4LD, we checked out a tube type, pre Kenwood ,520D made by TRIO. It was donated to our club from the estates of Dale McClain. It works just fine after about 40 years. Our club made a field trip to the Tampa Bay Water desalinization plant. The trip was organized and led buy Dottie Love , W2DOT. Thanks Dottie!. Saturday mornings continue to be a popular time in our shack with 10- 15 members dropping by for chats and varied discussions. It's a good time to become familiar with some of the ever improving radio equipment in the club, and find out about which bands are open.

Our club has been maintaining the WiFi system for the Kings Point Main Club House for several years. In June we were asked if we could help with the Internet service for the Cyberspace. After several meetings with KPM IT, we have devised a way to share our Bright House service with Cyber Space as well as the building WiFi. The conversion has been made with some minor equipment relocation and upgrades to follow. There are pluses on both sides of this change so stay tuned to hear more about this later. Thanks to Bill Miller who has been very helpful in adding insight into how we can upgrade the KP and KPARC WiFi System.

To avoid the broken record syndrome about Hurricane prep for this year, ask your self: **How do I fit into the emergency preparedness plans?** IF YOU DO NOT GET AN ANSWER , call Bill Barron, Sam Brandes, or me and let's

discuss how you can be involved. A minor involvement can be a big help in an emergency. Here is where I see increased interest in and around the club: QRP, mini xcvrs, and low power outings are getting a lot of interest, two members ( Bob Hibbard and Tom Cooney) have already built QRP CW xcvrs. Don Nathan has worked out testing methods for tuning portable antenna systems. When our snow birds get back in the fall look for a club project to build a small rig, and more outings along Tampa Bay Last winter Mike Burks kicked off operating HF QRP. So find that old key, start dusting off your CW skills, and get ready for the fall.

Following our lead, Tampa and Brandon clubs are holding Fox Hunts each month , We have been invited to attend their fox hunts; the KPARC Fox Hunts will kick off again in the fall.

One last prod from the helm, occasionally I hear comments that KPARC and SCCARC repeaters are not being used to their fullest extent, but these comments often come from people that are not using the repeaters. From those of us that do use repeaters, **come on in, the water is fine!!** I would like to see more folks get on via mobile. Golf carts and autos are perfect ways to keep in touch, hear what is going on, and be prepared for an emergency. You have a lot to contribute, and the camaraderie that comes from regular contacts is rich in rewards. There are some neat ideas around about using cup holders and Velcro to mount HT in cars. Check it out.

73's Dick

### **Oh Those Tangled AV Cables**

**By Joe White, KA1KO**

If you're anything like me you have a drawer full of cables, for digital cameras, cell phones, misc. USB connector cables, etc. Well I recently saw an article which will solve your problem, at least it solved mine. It's called toilet paper rolls, you know, the cardboard sleeve that is left after all the paper is gone. Just staple one end closed, put a label on it telling what the cable is, fold up the cable and insert in the tube. Bigger cables you say, try the paper towel sleeves. When you need a specific cable voila there it is easy to find and no untangling to boot.

Now about those ac adapters .....

**REMINDER**  
**KPARC REGULAR MEETING**  
**JULY 5, 2010 @ 2:00 p.m.**  
**CRAFT ROOM**  
**MAIN CLUBHOUSE**

**SATURDAY MORNINGS**  
Every Saturday morning several members of KPARC & SCCARC meet for breakfast at the Sun City Cafe about 7:00 a.m. Yes, it is early but we do have a great time to socialize. After breakfast many stop by at the KPARC Club Room. This is the time to get answers to those Ham Radio questions. Why not join in.