

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

From The President



Dick Bishop, W4NWD

KPARC Members, While experiencing some form of amateur radio every day, I try to determine what it is that I get from the hobby, and what should our members expect from our club. The two most important things for me are continued education and friendships.

Our club room's informal discussions, show and tells, demos, programs, field trips and helpful hints, all spark some new interest and help keep me interested in radio. Our club also offers more than a physical location and hardware. It offers camaraderie, friendship, and support that spill over into our everyday lives. There are as many ways to take advantage of our club as there are members. The meetings are a great way to participate once a month, but there are many more opportunities each month. Dropping by the club for a casual visit is a good way to get to know other members, share ideas, and get involved in a project. The club is a two-way exchange; so your volunteering brings with it not only your own growth, but the satisfaction that you contributed to the club and its fellow members.

Saturdays are special days at KPARC. The day begins early with an informal net at 6:45AM. Check-ins are usually on their way to SCC City Café for breakfast at 7:00. At about 9:00AM the club room Open House begins. Small groups gather around the tables for multi-subject discussions, simple projects and show and tells. The groups begin to dwindle between 12:00 and 1:00. Come join us on Saturdays!

As our Snow Birds begin to return this month we will begin our daily Club House monitors. Volunteers are needed to fill the schedule. During the open house periods we hope to offer some mini classes on various radio related subjects. So watch for a posting of short classes and demos for the fall.

Our web site keeps growing, and we want more ideas and suggestions for additions and links. So use our [KPARC.net](http://www.kparc.net) website often, and give us your suggestions.

Note: Our September meeting will be on Sept 13 rather than Sept 6 due to Labor Day.

See you there,

73's Dick W4NWD

MARK YOUR CALENDER

October Field Trip Planned

There will be a trip to the **Yuengling Brewery** on Thursday, October 21. It is located at 11111 North 30th St in Tampa. We will meet at 8:45 AM at Beall's lot on SR 674 and Cypress Blvd to check in then proceed on to the tour site. The tour begins at 10:00 AM. Lunch facilities are not available at the brewery. Therefore, we will take a short walk to Stingray's Bar and Grill at 11101 N. 30th Street where we will be able to enjoy lunch and continue this social activity,

Please wear closed toes shoes, NO sandals . There are lots of steps and it is not handicapped accessible.

Come join us for the fun!

Please call Eileen Bishop at 633-7157 for reservations by October 19.

KPARC/SCCARC HOLIDAY PARTY

You might think we are rushing the season, but for the committee there is much planning and work to pull everything together. So we thought it might be a good idea to get our members to mark the calender for this annual event To be held this year in the Kings Point Banquet Room.

Date: December 16, 2010 @ 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$15.00 per person

Dressy Casual

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Appetizers

Dinner (Salad, Bread, Turkey Dinner, Dessert)

Entertainment

BYOB

Tickets on sale beginning October 20th

Dick Bishop, Mike Friolet, Bill & Dotty Love

PROPAGATION: HERE COMES THE SUN

Some good news on the propagation front. Better days may be on their way. Researchers at Boston University's Center for Space Physics have announced they have what they term as sub-visual evidence that a new cycle of solar wind activity around Earth is finally starting. This based on observations of recent appearances of aurora near the North Pole accompanied by dimmer glows well south of that. What has fascinated space scientists in recent years is the delayed onset of such effects this time around. Typically, the Sun has an activity cycle of about 11 years, with flares, C-M-E's and ejection of electrically charged particles called the Solar Wind. These cause changes in the Earth's magnetic field or magnetosphere that produce luminous aurora emissions in the northern most latitudes high in the Earth's atmosphere. Such effects are subdued during so-called solar minimum years such as the case in 1996 to 1997. They are also very prominent in solar maximum years as they were in 2001 to 2002. According to this cycle, called Cycle 24, a new wave of solar activity had been expected to start last year but the Sun remained dormant. This had some solar observers predicting that we might be headed for a historic solar minimum. Now the Boston group says there are finally signs of the new cycle 24 appearing.

HAM LINK

The K8CK Ham Gallery (www.hamgallery.com) is a website that displays antique QSL'S and streams rare DX sound clips, ham radio news and much more.

Dick Marshall sends his thanks to the club for the loan of a CB radio used on his 56 day travel caravan tour.

**NOTICE
TO ALL MEMBERS**

**KPARC MEETING
NOTICE CHANGE**

**DUE TO THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
FALLING ON OUR REGULAR
MEETING DAY WE WILL MEET ON**

MONDAY SEPTEMBER **13** AT 2:00
p.m. in the main clubhouse craft
room