

# KINGS POINT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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

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## KPARC Repeaters

### 2 Meter

147.090 PL 146.2

### 70 CM

442.450 PL 146.2

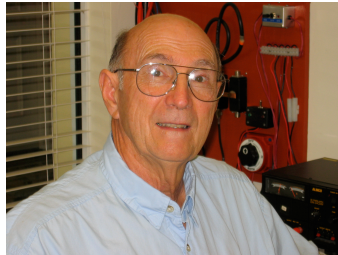
### Echo Link Node

311633

### Meetings

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

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



**Dick Bishop, W4NWD**

## From The President

Some amateurs enjoy our hobby everyday, while others only occasionally. Many Amateurs enjoy resting on their radio past, and are content to live on how radio was when they first became licensed. There is nothing wrong with this. In fact, this group helps newer hams learn how things were done; how we exchanged information, and how we got by without computers, Internet, photocopiers, and e-QSLs. Satisfaction from ham radio comes largely from learning new things, and by picking up some clever little trick whether newly discovered or from the early days of radio. This adds immensely to our enjoyment. We become richer with each little trick we pick up.

It is important to remember a couple of things about our hobby. It takes all of us, to justify our frequency allocations, It takes some organization like ARRL to speak for us when commercial interest want our frequencies and would pay big bucks to have them. And lastly, our hobby is very diverse. There is something in it for every ham, no matter when or why he got a license. So to conclude, be patient with your fellow ham, teach, and learn from each other; and then find some way to regularly contribute to our fascinating hobby .

73s, Dick -- W4NWD

P.S. We all have a bag of tricks to share.!

## MARCH PROGRAM BRINGS DENNIS BLANCHARD BACK

Last summer the KPARC had the privilege of having Dennis Blanchard (K1YPP), author of Three Hundred Zeros, speak to club members about his adventure of hiking the Appalachian Trail and operating his low power radio equipment along the way.

Well... we are very lucky to have him back for our March 14th membership meeting. This time he will be speaking on his adventure of Motorcycling to the Arctic Circle. I am sure he will provide us with entertaining and informative insight into his trip and the operation of his ham radio equipment. Put this meeting on your schedule.....see you there.

## CERT CLASS OFFERED

Basic CERT Classes will be offered in a two-session format at the Banquet room at Kings Point. The March 5 and March 12 classes start at 9:00am and run to noon. There is no charge for the class.

The classes are sponsored by Hillsborough County Fire Rescue. See [SCC-CERT](#).

If you or your neighbors/friends are interested in taking this class, please have them contact Bill Barron immediately at [w1wab@arrl.net](mailto:w1wab@arrl.net) as space is limited.

If YOU are a CERT Member and missed one of the training sessions the first time around, show up at the classes to make up what you missed.

Any questions, contact Bill Barron [w1wab@arrl.net](mailto:w1wab@arrl.net)

## QRP NEWS

The Kings Point Amateur Radio Club QRP group is growing in leaps and bounds. The weekly field trips to the Sunshine Bridge pier and other like areas begin with meeting for coffee at a local breakfast place followed by caravanning to a preselected location. Club members set up and begin making contacts with minimal power.

Sounds like fun right? Well it is easy to get started with an investment of about thirty dollars for the kit and a few hours at the club room where fellow QRP'ers help you assemble your kit. When complete you are on your way to a QRP experience.

Want to get involved? Contact Mike Burks 675-4977 or Tom Cooney (847) 975-5848 for details .

## Equipment For Sale

All are new or nearly new in boxes.

Two sets of the Icom IC-80D Dstar handheld. With GPS Microphone. Asking \$400.00. Each radio with microphone.

Yaesu FC-40 antenna tuner for use with the FT-857 or 897 Asking \$200.00

Contact Bill Miller, N1CDO at [N1CDO@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:N1CDO@tampabay.rr.com).

## SKYWARN CLASS PLANNED

A Skywarn/Weather Spotters class is planned for Saturday, March 26 at the MOSI Amateur Radio Club located at 4801 East Fowler Ave, Tampa. All interested persons should contact Gene King KI4LEH (813) 244-8704. The class size is limited to 20 people so make you call now.

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## NEXT KPARC MEETING

**MARCH 14**

**MAIN CLUBHOUSE**

**CRAFT ROOM**



**2:00 p.m.**

**HAVE YOU PAID  
YOUR 2011 KPARC  
DUES?**

## **SCCARC & KPARC**

### **ANNUAL SPRING PICNIC**

**MARCH 12, 2011**

**12:00 NOON**

**HORSESHOE PIT**

**\$8.50 per person**

**Catered by Dick & Marcia Marshall**

**Chicken and Ribs**

**Beans**

**Potato Salad**

**Cole Slaw**

**Rolls**

**Dessert & Drinks**

**Everything is provided**

**Mike Friolet - 634-7027**

**Dick Bishop - 633-7157**

**Rita Hale - 633-2210**

**BY March 8, 2011**

**PLEASE GET TICKETS EARLY – THANK YOU**

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