

East Pasco Amateur Radio Society, Inc
General meeting Minutes
Date 2022-05-14

1. Call to order

Duane Archibald called to order the general meeting of EPARS Inc at 8:00 AM on 2022-05-14 at the IHOP at 13100 US-301, Dade City, Florida.

2. Roll call

A roll call was conducted, and the following persons were present: 16 Total

President: **N4WDH** Duane Archibald
Vice President: **AA4CB** Chris Bloxsom
Treasurer: **N9GKO** Jack Suske
Secretary: **KB1WGA** John LeMay
Attendees:
N8LF Lee Ferrell = Member
N4CBH Sam Herron = Member
KK4LW Rick Lesquier = Member
W4LJA Lloyd Allgaier = Member
KN4BNU Larry Banuat = Member
W4SLG Mac McAlister = Member
N4ESS Rich Kennedy = Member
N4PEG Peggy Kennedy = Member

3. Minutes from last meeting reading was waved and minutes approved.

4. Treasurer report:

Checking 5/14/2022 = \$3022.56
Savings 5/14/2022 = \$2505.00
Pay Pal 5/14/2022 = \$325.87
Total Club Funds = 5/14/2022 = ~~\$5853.43~~

5. Repeater Report: The 443.600 C4FM Repeater and the 146.880 repeater are up and running. The “feedback” on the 146.880 seems to have been eliminated with the addition of a new 6 cavity duplexer on the repeater and pass cavities on the link radios. A Receiver Pre-Amp was also added and seems to have improved coverage. The Echo link/All-star Station is running at 100%. The 462.650 GMRS station that the club purchased is racked and ready to go on the air as soon as we can find a location for it to be installed.

6. Presidents Announcements: Dwane N4WDH

- Duane N4WDH announced We have 3 new study guides / books available for loan from the club to anyone wanting to get a license or wants to upgrade. VE testing: Candidates under 18 will only pay \$5 for ARRL exam not \$15. Also, the ARRL will reimburse anyone 18 years and younger the \$35 FCC fee. Our next VE Session will be held Saturday, May 28th at the EPARS Tailgate. Then June 9th, 2022, at the Masonic / N3OS Tailgate. We will not have a EPARS VE session in June.

- We now have 44 current Dues paying members. We continue to accept donations and dues on PayPal from the website. He encouraged members to join the ARRL through the club, if this is done, the club is given a portion of the funds.
- Duane announced the club nets on 2 meters and 440 and Encouraged people to tune in. Everyone is invited to participate in the Tuesday EPARS Net at 7:00 PM on 146.880 and the C4FM digital net on Thursday nights at 8:00 PM on the 443.600. If you have a wires X box, just connect to the WCF room. We have been having 7 to 10 participants each week on C4FM. It's a very informal net in a round table format.

7. Vice Presidents Announcements: Chris AA4CB

- **EPARS 2022 Tailgate:** will be held on Saturday May 28th, 2022, at 37742 Church Avenue, Dade City Fl. We need volunteers to help with the event. We need volunteers to help setup, assist with parking and tending the entrance. Talk-in will be on 146.880 repeater and 146.880 simplex w/tone 146.2



SATURDAY MAY 28th 2022

admission \$5 (Donation) Sellers \$10

under 12 are FREE

Ham Radio License Testing - 9am
\$15.00 cash (ARRL Fee)
Candidates must have FRN from FCC and a valid email address in advance

(includes 1 admission) To reserve your seat for a test email K4EX@arrl.net

37744 Church Ave Dade City, FL 33525
Tailgate is located across from American Legion
Country atmosphere - All Outdoors
Restrooms and ATM available
Free Parking

Official Hamfest Repeater
Rx 146.880 Tx offset -.600
Tone encode 146.2
For questions regarding the Tailgate, contact:
Chris Bloxsom aa4cb@arrl.net
visit our website : <http://eparsonline.org>

- **ARRL Field Day 2022:** On the weekend of June 25th and 26th EPARS will be participating in the annual ARRL Field Day. Please contact AA4CB to let him know if you will be participating in the 24hour event. Send to fieldday@eparsonline.org. Food and beverage will be provided. Two transmitters. 1 voice, 1 FT8. Operators are needed. Field day 2022 T-shirts are being printed up. If you would like one the are \$25. You must get your order in by Friday morning May 27th. See details below.

EPARS Field Day Shirts are now available.
There are 2 design choices.
Sizes available are M, L, XL, 2 XL, 3 XL

Gildan® DryBlend™ 50/50 Short Sleeve T-Shirt

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If you would like to order a shirt send an email to fieldday@eparsonline.org Include your name, callsign, size, which design, and phone number. Put "TSHIRT" in the subject line. I will be placing 1 group order for the club on Friday morning May 27th. This should save us some \$\$ on shipping. Shirts are \$25 each plus S/H and Tax.

Also, the 14th Annual 13 Colonies Special Event <http://www.13colonies.us/>

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JULY 1ST - 7TH 2022



K2A/NY



K2B/VA



K2C/RI



K2D/CT



K2E/DE



K2F/MD



K2G/GA



K2H/MA



K2I/NJ



K2J/NC



K2K/NH



K2L/SC



K2M/PA




CLEAN
SWEEP

THIS CERTIFICATE CERTIFIES THAT ARS:  HAS
PARTICIPATED IN THIS ON - AIR AMATEUR RADIO EVENT HONORING
THE ORIGINAL THIRTEEN COLONY STATES, OUR INDEPENDENCE, &
OUR ACTIVE MILITARY / VETERANS, 

CONTACTS





- Our next EPARS meeting will be held Saturday, JULY 9th, 2022, at 8:00 AM

8. Net Control Operators We need volunteers for net control on Tuesday nights. Currently, we only have 3. If we can get 2 more members to volunteer that would really help. Its very easy to read from the script and is good training. It also lets you get to know the names, calls, and voices of the group!

9. Adjournment

President: Duane Archibald adjourned the meeting at 8:52 AM

- After our meeting we had our usual Saturday morning breakfast at 9:00 AM

Minutes submitted by EPARS Secretary: KB4WGA John LeMay

Minutes approved by: President: N4WDH Duane Archibald