

## **East Pasco Amateur Radio Society, Inc.**

June General meeting Minutes

Date 2023-07-08

### **1. Call to order:**

Duane Archibald called to order the June general meeting of EPARS Inc. at 8:00 AM on 2023-07-08 at the IHOP at 13100 US-301, Dade City, Florida.

### **2. Roll call:**

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

8 Members Total

President: **N4WDH** Duane Archibald

Treasurer: **W4LJA** Lloyd Allgaier

Secretary: **KB4WGA** John LeMay

Attendees:

**1\_ KG4GTN** = Jack Olson = Member

**2\_ W4SLG** = Mac McAlister = Member

**3\_ KQ4JHE** = Arthur Bober = Member

**4\_ KM4YGV** = Tim Cunningham = Member

**5\_ KN4UTR** = Garnet Musser = Member

**3. Minutes** from the last meeting reading was waved and minutes were approved. A copy is available on the club website.

### **4. Presidents Announcements: N4WDH** Duane Archibald

- EPARS has License Study books available. If you are looking to upgrade your license and need a study guide, just ask! License Test are given at the San Antonio Railroad Depot Museum. The address is 32700 Railroad Ave in San Antonio Florida 33576. Our next VE session will be Tuesday July 11<sup>th</sup> at 3PM. We have one candidate registered. To Register please email [testing@eparsonline.org](mailto:testing@eparsonline.org) and let us know what test you would like to take.
- We can use some more Volunteer Examiners (VE's). It is a simple process to become an Examiner. It's a simple open book online exam to familiarize you with the forms and procedure. General up can qualify.
- Remember our Thursday night 8PM C4FM RagChew on the 443.600 and now also on the 443.575 repeater. It's a fun time and is much more casual than the Tuesday night net. If you have C4FM Digital, we invite you to join us. We have a good regular crowd of 7 to 10 stations. If don't have access to the repeater but have a C4FM node you can connect to Wires-X Room #81609.
- Please join our email reflector to receive weekly updates about club activities at <http://groups.io/g/k4ex/join> . You will also be able to send emails to the entire group.

### **5. Repeater Report:**

The **443.600** analog FM and C4FM Repeater and the **146.880** FM repeater are up and running at 100% at St. Leo. This week we installed an improved antenna and Hardline at the St. Leo repeater site for the 443.600 and we are very encouraged by the initial reports. Our goal is to improve signal to and from all the repeaters for our members located in East Pasco and we hope to provide HT coverage throughout East Pasco.

The new **443.575** in Wesley Chapel is also an analog FM and C4FM Repeater and continues to give us great reports to the south and west. We are extremely happy with the coverage.

The **147.570 remote base** in Wesley Chapel connected to 146.880 is on the air. The **147.555 remote base** in Ridge Manor connected to 146.880 is on the air.

- The EPARS GMRS repeater is on the air near Trilby. **462.650 ctess 118.8**. More information is on our Facebook page, or just ask. There are club members that are also licensed GMRS.

**6. EPARS Nets:** we have 2 weekly nets. Our 7:PM Tuesday night net on the 146.880 repeater that you may also access with Echolink node 92216 or AllStar 44239. Our Thursday Net is at 8:PM on the 443.600 Repeater and is a Yeasu Fusion digital net that you may also access if you have an internet node by connecting to Wires-X Room #81609

**7. 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. It's very easy to read from the script and is good training for emergencies. It also lets you get to know the names, calls, and voices of the group! **Presidents** Archibald provided everyone with a laminated copy of the current Net control preamble.

### **8. EPARS Field Day:**

- How did we do? We think we had a very successful field day.
- Suggestions on how to improve.  
Some Members had trouble operating the radios they were provided as the two stations were different. KG4GTN suggested that he would bring his own transceiver next time. The other suggestion is that the club purchase 2 radios that are the same. That way as you move from one to the other there is no difference. Also, the sound with background noise in the room and the noise in the receivers made it difficult to copy the stations so we should make sure that we have assorted audio adaptors so that people can bring their own headphones.

### **9. Treasurer report:**

- In June we had 3 expenditures.
- Our Web site hosting In Motion Hosting \$152.42
- Vista Print Field Day shirts \$75.58
- Stand for our equipment at North Tampa Aeropark \$18.26
- We now have 45 current Dues paying EPARS members for 2023.
- We continue to accept donations and dues on PayPal from the website. We encouraged members to join the ARRL through the club, if this is done, the club is given a portion of the funds. Dues can be paid 3 ways: In Person with cash or check, on the website via PayPal, or you can mail a check to POB 2199, St. Leo, FL 33574. Dues are \$20 for an individual or \$25 for a family of two or more. Dues paid via PayPal are charged a dollar by PayPal for a total of \$21 for an individual or \$26 for a family of two or more.

SACU Savings	\$2,527.32
SACU Checking	\$2,707.69
PayPal Account	\$329.30
VE Funds	\$40.00
Total Current Club Funds	\$5604.31

### **10. Vice Presidents Announcements:** No Announcements

## **11. Upcoming events:**

- December 21, 22 and 23 Talk to Santa at the Church Street Christmas celebration.
- January 28, 2024, Winter Field Day
- Other suggested events are that we do some public exposure events by setting up at area Publix and other popular locations for a few hours on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon with a demonstration station and allow people to operate a radio. At that time, we can give them information on what we do and how they can become licensed.

## **12. Adjournment:** Our Next Meeting will be August 12<sup>th</sup>

President: Duane Archibald adjourned the meeting at 8:30 AM

## **13. Program:**

John LeMay (KB4WGA) provided a demonstration of Fox hunting with a Yagi antenna and our FOX Transmitter on 147.510 MHz that was hidden in the parking lot.

Minutes submitted by EPARS Secretary: KB4WGA John LeMay

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Minutes approved by: President: N4WDH Duane Archibald

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