

Milton ARC est. 1983
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Documents suggest that earlier local Amateur Club activities had in fact took place. However for one reason or another these attempts were short-lived or inadequately documented. There is presently on file an undated Milton Amateur Radio Club roster of 29 call signs presumably dating from early 1982. All of the people listed below are also on this roster. Mr. Ron Munion, KF4RV, kept excellent on-going records of all Club activities from that initial meeting described below. Because of the clarity of these records and the preservation thereof, the Milton Amateur Radio Club will be known for all purposes, legal or otherwise, to have began on Tuesday August 2, 1983.

August 2, 1983

On this date, a group of local Amateurs formed the Milton Amateur Radio Club. The following is a transcript of the minutes from their first meeting: "Special meeting August 2, 1983 This meeting was called to see if anyone was interested in forming a new Amateur Radio Club. Personnel present were Charles Massengale, Chip Gorum, Pete Dunn, Larry Carpenter, Ross Russell, Father Tom Lorigan, Richard Lewis, Ron Munion, Mike McCort, Robert Olson and Charles Swick. Massengale proposed a new amateur Radio Club, membership and meeting place. All present were in agreement for forming a new Amateur Club. Massengale proposed Charles Swick be President until election of new officers. All present agreed. It was proposed the new club be called 'Milton Amateur Club' and that the club be affiliated with ARRL. All present agreed. It was proposed Ron Munion be secretary & treasurer until election of officers, all present agreed. It was proposed we adjourn until next meeting when prospective members will be notified, all present agreed.

The meetings were held at McCrary's Family Restaurant. Annual dues were set at \$1.00 per person.

September 1, 1983

Richard Bower, N4ICV, elected Vice president. The original Club Constitution was adopted.
The Club started an ARES net on the 145.49 repeater

October 20, 1983

Hugh Armstrong, NT4Z joined Club.

November 17, 1983

Ron Maddox, KF4LR; Frank Williams, KE4OC; Walter Yarbrough, WA4TFR;
Jim & Gwen Heller, NJ4I & KA4OQE; Mac McCleery, N4EHX; and Dennis Dix, WD4LTC
all joined the Club.

ARRL Charter adopted.

January 1984

1984 Officers are :
Charles Swick, WT4O, elected President
Hugh Armstrong, NT4Z, elected Vice President
Ron Munion, KF4RV, elected Secretary & Treasurer

Tony Miller and Al Homan, KF4XE, joined the Club.

April 1984

Hugh Armstrong, NT4Z, received a letter of appreciation in the Club's behalf. This was for the Club providing communications service for the March 19 Blackwater Fun Run

July 1984

Al Pelletier, N4JXU joined Club

January 1985

1985 Officers are:

Charles Swick, WT4O, President

Sue Cooley, K4BDF, Vice President

Ron Munion, KF4RV, Sec/Tres

January 1986

1986 Officers are :

Charles Swick, WT4O, President

Sue Cooley, K4BDF, Vice President

Ron Munion, KF4RV, Sec/Tres

February 1986

145.49 Repeater Frequency pair properly registered.

January 1987

1987 Officers are:

Charles Swick, WT4O, President

Sue Cooley, K4BDF, Vice President

Ron Munion, KF4RV, Sec/Tres

March 19, 1987

John A. (Tony) Snow, K4OZL, joined the Club.

January 1988

1988 Officers are:

Mac McCleery, N4EHK, President

Vicki Holman, N4MAJ, Vice President

Ron Munion, KF4RV, Sec/Tres

March 1988

Walter Yarbrough, WA4TFR, appointed as Chairperson of the Repeater Auto Patch operation.

April 21, 1988

Al Homan, AA4BT, Tried to change meeting place from Mc Crary's restaurant.

The motion didn't make it. Two votes for, Two against. Motion killed.

September 15, 1988

Annual Club dues changed from \$1.00 to \$10.00 per person and \$15.00 per Family. Reason for increase was for support and repair of the 145.49 repeater, autopatch and Club operations.

January 19, 1989

1989 Officers are :

Gordon McCleery, N4EHX, President

Rachel McCleery, KB4SWF, Vice President

Walter Yarbrough, WA4TFR, Treasurer

Ron Munion, KF4RV, Secretary

February 15, 1990

With no nominations received for the 1990 Officers, Ron Munion, KF4RV, agreed to accept the offices of President and Secretary. All other offices remained vacant. Ron further stated in the minutes that since interest in Club meetings was failing and due to a poor attendance record, Further meetings would only be called when he felt that information needed to be put out. All ten members in attendance agreed.

February 1990 until February 1992 No Records found

February 18, 1992

A special meeting was called to order by Walter Yarbrough. The Club had all but dissolved. Walter reorganized and rejuvenated the Amateur Radio Club.

1992 Officers are:

Walter Yarbrough, WA4TFR, President

H.R. 'Blake' Blakeney, AA4BM, Vice President

Ross Russell, WA4RQN, Sec/Tres

February 27, 1992

Steve Richbourg, WB4FAQ (KO4TT), voted in as a Club Member.

March 1992

Dues upped to \$15.00 per person to pay for a private telephone line on the 145.49 phone patch.

June 27-28, 1992

The Milton Amateur Radio Club set up a Field Day station at the River walk Gazebo. A Pensacola News Journal clipping depicted Glenn Goll, KD4QBG and Hugh Armstrong, NT4Z operating the radio with Bill Lyle, KC4ZUG; Marv Richburg, KA0PKJ; Walt Yarbrough, WA4TFR and Chip Gorum, WB4EPR looking on. Of particular note was the fact that our station had learned of an earthquake in California as it was happening.

October 15, 1992

A majority vote of Club Members OK'd a meeting location change. The move was from Mc Crary's Family restaurant to the Milton Civic Center on Munson Highway . Meetings scheduled for 7:45 p.m. the second Monday of each month.

January 1993

1993 Officers are :

Richard Bower, N4ICV, President

Hugh Armstrong, NT4Z, Vice President

Bill Lyle, KC4ZUG, Secretary

Hanalore 'Lori' Richbourg, WD0EFC, Treasurer

February 8, 1993

The Club Secretary, Bill Lyle, drafted a letter bestowing lifetime Club Membership for Charles Massengale, AA4PT, for his donation of time & equipment toward the operation of the Club and the 145.49 repeater.

April 3, 1993

The Club assisted with the River walk Fine Arts Show. Randal Bradshaw, KD4RSX, manned a two meter station at the South River walk Gazebo and maintained communication with Walter Yarbrough, WA4TFR, aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Point Lobos as it transited from Pensacola up the Blackwater River to Milton's River walk Arts Festival. Randall tracked the Cutter's position on a large map so the public could follow the ship's progress.

May 11, 1993

Walter Yarbrough, WA4TFR, and Chip Gorum, WB4EPR, entertained patients at the Santa Rosa Convalescent Center. Walter and Chip set up a demonstration station consisting of a portable HF transceiver and a 2 meter rig. Several stations were contacted via the Club's repeater.

June 7, 1993

The Milton Amateur Radio Club provided communications services for the 'Tour de Cure', a day long series of bicycle endurance races sponsored by the American Diabetes Association. Club members covered seven check points along the course. Club members particularly active in this event were: Hugh Armstrong, NT4Z; H.R. Blakeney, AA4BM; Richard Bowyer, N4ICV; Chip Gorum, WB4EPR; Al Homan, AA4BT; Vici Homan, N4MAJ, Steve Richbourg, WB4FAQ with Richard Wonson, AC4KA and Walter Yarbrough, WA4TFR acting as Net Control.

June 14, 1993

Randal Bradshaw, KD4RSX, began regular monthly distribution of the Club's Newsletter

July 10 & 11, 1993

Randal Bradshaw, KD4RSX; Bob Tietze, KD4CET; Al Homan, AA4BT; Hugh Armstrong, NT4Z; Walter Yarbrough, WA4TFR; and Marvin Richburg, KA0PKJ set up a Special Event Station at Whiting Field in support of the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the opening of Whiting Field. A Pensacola News Journal clipping authored by Al Homan, AA4BT, depicted the site near the Whiting Officers Club. Thanks to Donnie Sowell, they had the use of a large canopy, without which they would have been inundated by a violent rainstorm that Saturday. Lori Richburg, WD0EFC, photographed the event.

January 1994

1994 Officers are:

Hugh Armstrong, NT4Z, President

Walter Yarbrough, WA4TFR, Vice President

Randal Bradshaw, KD4RSX, Sec/Tres

February 1994

The ARES Net shifted from the Pea Ridge AA4PT 145.49 repeater to the Santa Rosa County 146.70 machine.

March 21, 1994

Club President, Hugh Armstrong, reinstated ARRL affiliation which was probably lost during the 1990 / 1992 hiatus.

June 1994

Meeting place moved from Civic Center to the Library due to renovations being made to Civic Center. The Library was only available on the 3rd Monday of the month.

September 1994

Jimmy Weatherford, KE4KRJ, Chaired the Tailgater Committee and set up the first MARC Tailgater at Carpenters Park in Milton, Florida. The event turned out to be very successful. The Park was packed with Ham equipment buyers, sellers & traders.

November 19, 1994

Tony Snow, K4OZL, Chaired the Foxhunt Committee and set up the first MARC sponsored Foxhunt. Hank Holt, KE4JHD, and Lewis Henderson, KE4SDY, were the winners. Jimmy Weatherford, KE4KRJ, was the Fox. Jimmy had picked an obscure out-of-the-way spot on Old Berryhill Road .

January 1995

1995 Officers are:

Bill Couch, WA4MYK, President

Hank Holt, KE4JHD, Vice President

Tony Snow, K4OZL, Sec/Tres

Jimmy Weatherford, KE4KRJ, Activities VP

A majority of Club Members voted to keep meeting place at the Santa Rosa Regional Library. Renovations were completed at the Civic Center , but the changes were not to the Club's liking.

March 20, 1995

The original Club Constitution and bylaws were updated & revised.

May 30, 1995

Milton Amateur Radio Club Incorporated.

June 1995

Bill Couch, WA4MYK, submitted and received a Club Amateur Call Sign. The new call sign is **KF4ATK**.

Mayor Guy Thompson delivered a proclamation of Amateur Radio Week to the Milton Amateur Radio Club.

June 19 through the 25th was declared 'Amateur Radio Week in Milton '. A Press Gazette clipping depicted the President, Bill Couch WA4MYK, accepting the document while Hugh Armstrong NT4Z, Hamfest Co-chairman; Jeff Ward N4TRY, Hamfest Co-chairman and Will Meloy, KD4FZB, Civil Defense Department 911 coordinator looked on.

November 20, 1995

Mark McAnally, KE4QKN, purchased the AA4PT 145.49 repeater from Caldeen Simmons, KE4KRI, and donated same to the Milton Amateur Radio Club.

January 1996

1996 Officers are:

Walter Yarbrough, WA4TFR, President

Ted Robinson, AE4JJ, Vice President

Jack Diehl, KE4KRR, Sec/Tres

Murray Don Sams, KE4FSC, Activities VP

First Club Newsletter published by Tony Snow, K4OZL.

During 1996 Hugh, NT4Z, and Walter, WA4TFR, requested and received permission from the Milton City Council to relocate the 145.49 repeater to, and erect an antenna on the water tower on Berryhill Road.

Johnny Spence, N5MEZ, constructed a small serviceable wooden shack beside the water tower to house the repeater.

July 26-27th 1996

The Club sponsored the first 'Milton Hamfest' at the Santa Rosa County Auditorium. The main prize was the Icom IC-706. Tommy Weeks, KF4RMI, won the radio. This event turned out to be so successful that it was decided to make this an annual event if possible. Walter Yarbrough, WA4TFR and Don Sams, KE4FSC headed the clubs efforts in this regard.

November 19, 1996

Bill Couch, WA4MYK, submitted and received a Vanity Call Sign for the Club, as well as one for himself.

Bill's new call : W4VY, and the Club's new call sign is **W4VIY**. W4VIY was the call of the Amateur Operator, Gene Latchem of Florence , Alabama who started Tony Snow into Ham Radio way back in the year 1956. W4VIY was one of many alternate Call Signs submitted for possible selection.

January 1997

1997 Officers are:

Ted Robinson, KF4T, President

John L. Spence, N5MEZ, Vice President

Ann Clark, WA6YIM, Sec/Tres

July 25-26, 1997

The Milton Amateur Radio Club Sponsored their Second Annual Hamfest at the Santa Rosa County Auditorium. Once again the event was very successful. Main door prize was the Icom IC-706. Don Sams, KE4FSC, was the Hamfest Committee Chairman.

January 1998

1998 Officers are:

Jack Diehl, KE4KRK, President

Warren Jarvis, KB4PMY, Vice President

Robin Marter, KB8ZNN, Sec/Tres (until resignation April 9, 1998 - Ann Clark, WA6YIM, assumed Sec/Tres for remainder of year.)

Tom Manning, KC4HKO, Activity VP

July 24-25, 1998

The Milton Amateur Radio Club Sponsored their Third Annual Hamfest at the Santa Rosa County Auditorium. Once again the event was very successful. The main door prize was the Icom IC-706 MK II. Additionally, Volunteer Examiners provided a testing session for anyone interested in becoming a ham radio operator or upgrading their existing license.

January 1999

1999 Officers are:

Bill Couch, W4VY, President

Tom Manning, KC4HKO, Vice President

Tony Snow, K4OZL, Sec/Treasurer

Barbara Couch, K4BJC, Sunshine Chairperson

Dean Clark, WB6UKF, Activities VP

March 6, 1999

A Club sponsored Tailgater was held at Carpenters Park . The main pavilion and the adjacent parking area was where the action took place. The weather cooperated up until about 13:00 hours when a tornado watch sent everyone home. In spite of threatening weather it turned out to be one of our better Tailgater functions.

Chip Gorum, WB4EPR, became a Silent Key.

April 9 through 17, 1999

The Club was once again asked to participate in the Milton Annual Fair. A static display was set up with ARRL and other Amateur Radio pamphlet handouts available. Club Volunteers manned the display to answer questions and to actively promote Amateur Radio.

May 1999

The first Foxhunt of the year took place on Saturday the 22nd. K4OZL was the fox hiding five miles north of Milton at Bob Hinesley's, KE4WKK, QTH. Bill & Barbara Couch, W4VY & K4BJC, were the first team to find the Fox.

Al Pelletier, N4JXU, became a Silent Key. Al bequeathed his entire Amateur Station to the Milton Amateur Radio Club.

June 7, 1999

Hugh Armstrong, NT4Z, the Repeater Committee Chairman, conducted a Repeater Survey to study the quality of Repeater service throughout the county. The methodology consisted of five strategic routes over the county operating into a control station at the repeater site. Mobil stations driving the various routes were Tony Snow, K4OZL; Warren Jarvis, KB4PMY; Chris Nichols, KG4BJN and Ross Russell, WA4RQN. Jack Diehl, KE4KRK, who developed and mapped out the various routes also drove in the survey. At the conclusion of the survey, Hugh Armstrong collected all logs and prepared a professional standard report.

July 23-24, 1999

The Milton Amateur Radio Club sponsored their Fourth Annual Milton Hamfest at the Santa Rosa County Auditorium. Volunteer examiners from the Milton and the Pensacola Five Flags club provided testing sessions for all classes of Amateur Radio licenses. Once again the main prize was the Icom IC-706 MKII. Walter Yarbrough, WA4TFR, was the Hamfest Committee Chairman and the entire club was the committee.

September 25, 1999

The 2nd Foxhunt of the year was held on this date. W4VY, Bill Couch, was the fox. He hid out in a Pavilion at the Navy Recreation area on Blackwater River . Walter Yarbrough, WA4TFR, and Dean Clark, WB6UKF, were the first to find the Fox. A Club Picnic began immediately after the Foxhunt.

October 18, 1999

President Bill Couch, W4VY, presented to Dean and Ann Clark individually; the Club's Meritorious Service Award for their exemplary contributions of time, effort and devotion to the Milton Amateur Radio Club. The Clarks permanently left the area in November. They moved to Mesquite , Nevada .

December 20, 1999

President Bill Couch, W4VY, presented the Club's Meritorious Service Award to Walter J. Yarbrough, WA4TFR, in recognition of his sustained exemplary services and personal contributions of time and effort to Amateur Radio Ideals in general and our Club in particular. The presentation was made at the Club's Annual Christmas dinner at the Country Crossroads Buffet.

January 2000

Year 2000 Club Officers are:

Bill Couch, W4VY, President

Jack Diehl, KE4KRK, Vice President

Tony Snow, K4OZL, Sec/Treasurer

Bill Farrall, W0FHJ, Activities VP

January 17, 2000

Walter Yarbrough, WA4TFR, presented the motion to change the 145.49 MARC VHF net to 7:00 p.m. each Tuesday night beginning the 25th of January. Members present carried the motion.

June 24 & 25, 2000

The Milton Amateur Radio Club and the Serious Hams Amateur Radio Club combined to take part in the year 2000 ARRL Field Day at the Milton River Walk Pavilion on the banks of the Blackwater River .

July 19, 2000

A converted Motorola Micor mobile VHF radio was put on line as the Club's W4VIY repeater at the Berryhill water tower. The 145.49 Repeater performance improved dramatically. Charles Massengale, AA4PT, modified the commercial radio for repeater operation.

July 21 & 22, 2000

The Milton Amateur Radio Club sponsored their Fifth Annual Milton Hamfest at the Santa Rosa County Auditorium. Volunteer examiners from the Milton and the Pensacola Five Flags club provided testing sessions for all classes of Amateur Radio licenses. The main prize was the Icom IC-706 MKII G and won by Charles Swick, WT4O. Walter Yarbrough, WA4TFR, was the Hamfest Committee Chairman and the entire club was the committee.

September 18, 2000

The Club President, Bill Couch, presented Walter Yarbrough, WA4TFR, with a certificate bestowing Lifetime Club Membership. This was in recognition of Walter's sustained exemplary support for the Club and for his enhancement of Amateur Radio Principals by example. The certificate was signed by all Members present.

November 4, 2000

Club members volunteered to provide communications for the Heritage Trail 5 & 15K Walk/Run marathon sponsored by Whiting Field Morale, Welfare & Recreation department. Hams manned two vehicles, a finish line station and six water & aide stations strategically located along the route. Participating members were: KE4KRK, Jack & Darlene Diehl; N4YGS, Nelda 'Cookie' Strnad; K4BJC, Barbra Couch; KB4PMY, Warren Jarvis; AC4KA & AE4AU, Dick & Polly Wonson; KC4HKJ & KG4JNC, Dave & Liz Lyle; KI4SH & N4SGJ, John & Pearl Cain; WA4TFR, Walter Yarbrough; NT4Z, Hugh Armstrong; K4LO, Phil Wilson and K4OZL, Tony Snow.

December 16, 2000

On this date William R. Farrall, W0FHJ, became a Silent Key.

Bill had been a Club member for years, and was currently our Activities Vice President.

December 18, 2000

The Club President, Bill Couch, presented Hugh Armstrong, NT4Z and Warren Jarvis, KB4PMY with a certificate bestowing Lifetime Club Membership. This was in recognition of their unrelenting dynamic support for the highest of amateur radio principals and the Milton Amateur Radio Club in particular. The certificate was signed by all Members present.

January 2001

The new year's Officers are:

Philip Wilson, K4LO, President

Hugh Armstrong, NT4Z, Vice President

Pearl Cain, N4SGJ, Sec/Treasurer

Cindy Robinson, AF4UH, Activities Vice President

January 15, 2001

On this date a new Club position was created. Darlene Diehl accepted the station of Publicity Chairperson. Darlene will be responsible for publishing press releases heralding the Club activities in various local newspapers. She also assumed the Sunshine Committee position from Barbara Couch, K4BJC. Darlene will be busy this year.

Hugh Armstrong, NT4Z; Warren Jarvis, KB4PMY; Jack Diehl, KE4KRK and Tony Snow, K4OZL were presented with the Club's Sustained Exemplary Meritorious Service Award for their continual support and personal contributions to Amateur Radio ideals and to the Milton Amateur Radio Club in particular. The certificates were presented by Bill Couch, W4VY.

February 11, 2001

Former Club Member, Ann Clark WA6YIM, became a Silent Key on this date. Ann was living in Mesquite, Nevada with her husband Dean, WB6UKF.

February 19, 2001

Bill Couch, W4VY, former Club President for the last two years, has drafted and handed out many awards to deserving members. On this date Bill was presented with his own Exemplary Meritorious Service Award for exceptional leadership and his continuing adherence to the highest of Amateur Radio principals.

March 31, 2001

The Club provided communication services for the Pace Days Festival 5K run. Hugh Armstrong, NT4Z, covered the Starting line and drove the course as the follow-up chase vehicle. Liz & Dave Lyle, KG4JNC & KC4HKJ, were at the 1 mile marker, Tony Snow, K4OZL was at the 2 mile marker and Phil Wilson, K4LO, handled the Finish Line.

April 28, 2001

Long time club member and personal friend, Mr. William S. Couch, W4VY, became a Silent Key on this date.

Bill was responsible for obtaining the Club's first call sign, and subsequently the vanity call of W4VIY.

Words cannot express how much Bill will be missed by me, his family and friends.

We pray for him fair winds and following seas into eternity.

July 20 & 21, 2001

The 6th Annual Milton Hamfest was held this Friday & Saturday. Once again it was a tremendous success. All tables were sold and the County Auditorium was packed. Bill Hayden, WY8O, took home the grand prize, a new ICOM 706 MKII G radio.

Walter Yarbrough was again the Hamfest Chairman. Wayne Barr, KQ4OW, and Ben Skipper, KS4IE, provided VE testing material and assistance for the Amateur Radio testing session held Saturday. Steve Richbourg, KO4TT, will check all testing material turned in and submit exams to the ARRL VE people.

Pearl Cain, N4SGJ, did a fantastic job of drumming up donations from local establishments for the hourly door prizes.

December 17, 2001

At the Club's annual Christmas dinner/monthly meeting, the 2002 Club Officers were announced. Phil Wilson and Pearl Cain both accepted reelection in office. Walter Yarbrough will function as Activities VP. James "Larry" Busbee, W2RM, kindly volunteered to chair the club's 2002 Field Day activities. Walter will once again chair the Hamfest committee. Tony Snow, K4OZL, was presented his second Meritorious Service Award from the Club for his services as W4VIY Repeater Trustee and Webmaster for the Club's Web page.

January 2002

Philip Wilson, K4LO, President

Richard McCoy, KK5IN, Vice President

Pearl Cain, N4SGJ, Sec/Treasurer

Walter Yarbrough, WA4TFR, Activities Vice President

February 23, 2002

The Club held the first Foxhunt of the year today. Tony, K4OZL, was the fox and hiding at the QTH of Jerry James, WY4O, on Blueberry Lane . The first team to reach the Fox was Tom Manning & Richard McCoy, AF4UG & KK5IN. Second place went to KC4HKJ & KG4JNC, Dave & Liz Lyle. Other teams were John & Pearl Cain, KI4SH & N4SJG; Warren Jarvis, Barbara Couch, Hugh Armstrong, KB4PMY, K4BJC and NT4Z; Larry Busbee, W2RM; and Jack & Darlene Diehl, KE4KRK. We all met at Reggies after the hunt to swap stories and make plans for the next hunt.

March 2002

Once again MARC provided communication services for the Pace High School Pace Days Festival 5K Run. Club Volunteers set up stations at the Start/Finish line and points around the course. Each station reported on the runners progress and was ready to summon medical assistance if needed. Those participating were Phil Wilson, K4LO; John & Pearl Cain, KI4SH & N4SGJ; Dave & Liz Lyle, KC4HKJ & KG4JNC; Dean Clark, WB6UKF; Richard McCoy, KK5IN and Ted Robinson, KF4T.

MARC applied for membership in the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce the 20th of March and was accepted as of 1 April 2002. This was done in an attempt to actively present our Amateur radio Club to the community.

June 22, 23, 2002

Field Day was held on this date at the main pavilion at Carpenter's park in Milton . Larry Busbee, W2RM, was the Chairman and coordinated the whole thing. Saturday afternoon the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce people arrived for a 'Ribbon Cutting Ceremony' and 'Picture shoot'.

Several 'New' Club Members, as well as some old timers who have never been in a Field Day activity, jumped in and got their feet wet. Each and every Club Constituent helped out in one way or another. The entire endeavor was very successful and everyone seemed to enjoy the exercise very much.

Liz, Cindy and Pearl - KG4JNC, AF4UH and N4SGJ respectfully, cooked up a really fabulous breakfast of pancakes and sausage on Sunday morning.

June 28-30, 2002

Officials of the Pace Elementary School presented their 1st Annual Blue Grass Festival in Pace, Florida . Their goal was to offer some good 'Old Fashioned' entertainment for children of all ages. Many Blue Grass bands performed at various times during the three day event. The festivities offered were numerous and included Pie & Watermelon eating contests, greased pole climbing, one legged sack races and hay rides. The Milton Amateur Radio Club was asked to help with communications between the Festival Coordinator and various people setting up and running the activities. We were not kept overly busy, but we did get a good measure of Club endorsement to the public. Many Club Members volunteered their time to be present with 2 meter HT's to get the job done.

July 26 / 27, 2002

7th Annual Milton ARC Hamfest held this date.

August 19, 2002

In gratitude for her hard work and dedicated service to the Club, the Milton ARC presented Pearl Cain, N4SGJ, with a new ICOM T7H duobander HT. Pearl consistently put forth that 'extra' effort in just about everything she undertakes. This included the Secretary / Treasurers office as well as demanding Field Day and Hamfest preparations. The membership unanimously

agreed that Pearl greatly deserved this small token of our appreciation.

October 6, 2002

Long time Club Member Charles H. Heisner, K4FOJ, became a Silent Key on this date. He will be missed at the Club meetings and on the Ham Bands.

October 23, 2002

One of the original Club members, Charles Massengale AA4PT, became a Silent Key early this morning. Many hams in the area will sorely miss Charles' help and support promoting Amateur Radio and personal advancement. Charles was the owner/operator of the Pace, Florida 145.41MHz repeater.

December 17, 2002

The last meeting of the year held at Ryans's restaurant in Pace. Members and guests enjoyed dinner which was followed by a short meeting for electing new officers. After the meeting, a Christmas party took place. Cookie, N4YGS, started the 'Dirty Santa' ritual.

2003 Officials are: Phil Wilson, K4LO - Returning as President.
Jack Diehl, KE4KRK - Elected as Vice President
Pearl Cain, N4SGJ - Returning as Secretary/Treasurer
Activities VP Pending

January 20, 2003

Warren Jarvis, KP4PMY, volunteered to fill the Activities VP job for this year.

March 17, 2003

The Club Secretary, Pearl Cain - N4SGJ, submitted her resignation effective immediately. Her physical condition restricts her ability to participate in activities the way she would like. She felt that someone without these restrictions would be needed for the upcoming MARC Hamfest and Field Day preparations. Pearl received a sustained round of applause showing appreciation for her many contributions to the Club. She will remain with the club and help support club activities in every way she can.

March 21, 2003

Dave Lyle, KC4HKJ, A club member for years, has volunteered to assume the position of Secretary & Treasurer.

March 29, 2003

MARC provided communication support for the Pace 5K run. KB4PMY, Warren Jarvis, was manning the Starting line. NT4Z, Hugh Armstrong, was situated at the 1 Mile water and aid station; K4OZL, Tony Snow, was at the 2 Mile station; and KG4BDN, Tom Jensen, Was at the Finish line. No casualties this year!

April 21, 2003

To show appreciation for using their facilities for our monthly meetings, the club membership voted unanimously to make a donation to the West Florida Regional Library. A library representative met with us and advised us that money was needed to purchase books for a children's reading class. A check for \$250.00 was contributed to the Library to cover the money needed for this project.

April 26, 2003

In celebration of the 2003 Blackwater River Festival, the Milton Chamber of Commerce sponsored a 5K run along the Heritage trail in Milton . Immediately following the 5K was a 1K Fun run. MARC provided communications support for both events. Tom Jensen, KG4BDN, was at the Headquarters/ Start Line. Hugh Armstrong, NT4Z, was at the Library/ Welcoming center on the Heritage trail. Tony Snow, K4OZL, was at the watering station #1; Tom Manning, AF4UG, was at the turn-around-point on the Heritage trail; Warren Jarvis, KB4PMY, manned the watering station #2; and last but not least was Phil Wilson, K4LO, holding down the Finish Line. During the race, a lost child had approached Hugh and asked for help. The child's parents were located and the child was transported to his parents at the starting Line riding on a big Honda Motorcycle.

June 18, 2003

Club member Steve Ford, KG4SEW registered his XYL Vickie, KI4AZJ and daughters Erin, KI4AZK, and Roxanna, KI4AZL, as members of the Milton Amateur Radio Club. They received their new Amateur call signs on this date.

June 28 & 29, 2003

Field Day was held on this date at the main pavilion at Carpenter's park in Milton . Larry Busbee, W2RM, was the Chairman and coordinated the whole thing. This could be a 'Ditto' from last years entry. Once again the Club made a respectable score. Club President Phil Wilson, K4LO, logged the lion's share of points. Phil worked CW straight through the contest with only a minimal of 'coffee' breaks. Also this year more Club members tried their hands at operating and all in all everyone enjoyed the excursion.

July 25 & 26, 2003

MARC sponsored it's 8th Annual Milton Hamfest at the county auditorium. All tables and all prize tickets were sold. The Parking lot was crammed with Tailgaters and the Auditorium packed with shoppers & sellers.

Jay Camac, N4OX, won the main door prize and Hugh Armstrong took the second place prize.

Five new Generals and three new Technicians came out of the VE Testing session headed by Larry Busbee, W2RM. Other VE Team members were Dick & Polly Wonson, AC4KA & AC4SU, Tom Manning, AF4UG, Cindy Robinson, AF4UH, and Tony Snow, K4OZL

July 29, 2003

Chad Forster, KI4BRJ, passed the Technician class exam at our Hamfest. He received notification of his new call sign and was subsequently signed up as a New Club Member on this date.

August 18th, 2003

The MARC meeting convened at the Knight of Columbus building on Dogwood Drive . The change was for two reasons. The Library will no longer allow us to keep a filling cabinet or anything else at the Library and we were checking out this location for future meetings. Secondly, and incidentally, the Library is closed this week for renovations. Phillip Pfeiffer had arranged for members to use the new location on a trial basis. Membership will decide later whether to make a permanent move or not.

September 15th, 2003

Jerry Dent, KG4TUT, volunteered to act as the Milton ARC 145.49 MHz Net Manager.

December 15th, 2003

The last MARC meeting of the year was held at the Santa Rosa Regional Library for the purpose of electing next year's Club officials. The meeting was an abbreviated session for voting purposes exclusively. However at this meeting members present

also elected to award John Snow, K4OZL, lifetime membership status.

December 16th, 2003

The Annual Club Christmas Dinner was held at the Hudson House on Avalon Blvd .

January 1st, 2004

2004 Officials are: Hugh Armstrong, NT4Z - President.

Tom Manning, AF4UG - Vice President

Dave Lyle, KC4HKJ - Second year as Secretary & Treasurer

Jack Diehl, KE4KRRK - Volunteered as Net Manager

Activities VP Pending

January 1st, 2004

One of the original Club members, Gwendolyn Hunt Heller, KA4OQE became a Silent Key this date. We all will miss her radiant smile and charming personality at our Club meetings.

February 29th, 2004

Anneliese Snow, Tony's XYL, passed away this date. She died at her home in Milton. This world has lost a beautiful and compassionate soul.

Tony Snow, K4OZL

June 26th & 27th, 2004

Field Day was once again carried out at the main pavilion at Carpenter's park in Milton . Larry Busbee, W2RM, was the Chairman and coordinated the whole thing. There were very few casualties, and those were really minor. Once again all participants had a great time and MARC again submitted a very respectable score.

July 23rd & 24th, 2004

MARC sponsored it's 9th Annual Milton Hamfest at the county auditorium. Once again it was another colossal hit. Plans are being made to repeat this in 2005.

August 16th, 2004

Gerald Swann stepped down as MARC Net Manager because he is starting his college classes again and will not have time necessary to carry out this function. Pearl Cain, N4SGJ, graciously stepped in to fill the position.

At the August Club meeting, members present voted in favor of MARC sponsoring the VE Testing endeavor held bi-monthly in Pensacola . Hugh Armstrong NT4Z and Tom Manning AF4UG picked this up from KO4TT years ago and have kept it running since. Tom advised they will have to look for another testing site at the beginning of next year. The hospital plans on remodeling soon and their testing room will go away.

January 17th, 2005

2005 Officials are: Tom Manning, AF4UG - President

Chuck Meyer, KQ4BD - Vice President

Dave Lyle, KC4HKJ - Third year as Secretary & Treasurer
Barbara Couch, K4BJC - Sunshine Chairperson
Pearl Cain - Volunteered as Net Manager
Activities VP - Pending (Again)

At the year's first meeting Darleen Deihl was presented with the Club's Certificate of Appreciation for her part in planning and preparations for the 2004 Club Christmas dinner.

April 2nd, 2005

Pace Festival 5K run, MARC provided communications between the Main Coordinator, Start and Finish line and each water/aide station. AF4UG, NT4Z, KE4KRK, KC4HKJ and myself K4OZL participated.

April 16th, 2005

Engaged KD4BWQ James, to climb the water tower and replace the DB104 four bay dipole that was damaged during hurricane Ivan in September 2004. The old antenna itself was in good shape. The only damage was to the mast that held the antenna to the tower. It was bent at almost a 90 degree angle. Club plans to refurbish the old antenna and sell it at the Hamfest in July.

June 09, 2005

Tom Manning, AF4UG, accepted a proclamation from the City Council and later a second one from the Mayor himself declaring the week of 20 June as Amateur Radio Week. This was in support of the Club's Field Day activities. Standing with Tom were, Hugh Armstrong, NT4Z; Larry Busbee, WX4B; Rudy Hubbard, WA4PUP; Steve Ford, KE4SEW; Chuck Meyer, KQ4BD and myself Tony Snow, K4OZL.

June 25/26, 2005

Hugh Armstrong, NT4Z, coordinated the Club's Field Day 2005 activity at the River Walk Pavilion south of highway 90. Operating 4A NFL class, several Club members took turns at the microphone. Phil Wilson, K4LO, ran the CW station practically non-stop for eighteen hours straight and racked up several hundred double scoring contacts. Gerald Swan, AI4DE; Steve Ford, KG4SEW and Eric Scott, KI4JQJ, made numerous attempts to break through the crowd and complete a Satellite contact using both the International Space Station and Saudi Sat SO-50. Although we were able to connect we couldn't score a contact. The Club purchased a screened tent for the food area. Barbra Couch, K4BJC, coordinated the food and drink area. Although a 40% chance of thunderstorms was predicted, not a drop of rain fell. As usual, ants, mosquitoes and some really horrible looking bugs were plentiful. And to round out the 2005 Field Day event, the key to the restrooms didn't work and we were locked out. The bathroom notwithstanding, with decent propagation, fair weather, good camaraderie and excellent food, a great time was had by all who participated in The MARC's Field Day 2005.

July 10, 2005

Hurricane Dennis made a direct hit on Milton at about 2 pm this date. Club members volunteered to stay at various hurricane shelters and provide voice communications supporting Red Cross, Police, Medical, Firefighters and other County Officials between the shelters and the main Emergency Operations Center. The county 146.70 repeater was utilized for this purpose since it was placed on generator power during the storm. The Club's repeater on 145.49 lost power when the high winds came ashore and the brand new DB104 antenna mast was bent at about 10 degrees. The Milton area sustained a great deal of structure damage, downed power lines and many, many trees uprooted or broken off. Power was restored to the club repeater about a week later. It came back on the air in good shape. The antenna, while bent, still works OK. The repeater building came through the storm in great shape and unlike hurricane Ivan, it stayed in place on it's foundation this time.

July 21, 2005

Hurricane Dennis brought down the antenna for local radio station WECM 1490 AM located off Berryhill Road here in Milton. The owner asked Hugh, NT4Z, to help her get back on the air. Hugh and Tom Manning, AF4UG, constructed an antenna system out of the downed guy wires. They hooked this up to the helix house and after some other minor repairs and retuning, the radio station was back on the air.

Hugh wrote: "On Thursday morning I received a call from Marilyn Alvarez a friend of many years who owns WECM. Her radio tower had been knocked over by Hurricane Dennis. The tower was broken in three pieces but the section up to the first set of guy wires was still standing. She runs the station with her son Michael and they were desperate to get back on the air. It turns out that their station engineer was unavailable but suggested she call some local hams who might be able to put up a dipole or something to get her on the air. After she called me, I called Tom Manning who agreed to help me and we went over to the station on Friday. What we did was to figure out mathematically a 1/4 wave arrangement that would load up a guy wire. With the help of Michael we spent the afternoon rigging it. We had some difficulty getting it loaded because of a bad capacitor in the feeder box (it turned out that there were two bad caps). We played with it a bit but could not legally go into it much further. Happily, the engineer was available on Friday evening and he replaced the parts and by 2:00 a.m. Saturday morning, had our antenna loaded properly. The station was back up on the air radiating from our improvised antenna using a guy wire as a 1/4 wave vertical antenna. Tom later heard the station quite well at the Alabama border. It sounds as good as ever at my place. We each have thank you cards and the Hamfest commercial is running almost hourly on WECM."

July 22/23, 2005

Notwithstanding hurricane damage, the 10th Annual Milton Hamfest was held as planned at the County Auditorium. While attendance appeared down a little, those who attended had a great time buying, selling and trading all manner of radio equipment. Eight people passed their amateur exams during the VE testing session. 3rd place award was won by WA2MVH of Pensacola, 2nd place went to KF4UPJ of Fairhope, AL and the main award went to KF4IRC of Mobile, AL. This was Dave Lyle's initial run as Hamfest Coordinator (with plenty of help from Walt and Pearl). I'm sure I can speak for the entire Club when I say "Great Job Dave!"

January 01, 2006

Club Officers for 2006:

President: Steve Ford, KE4SEW
 Vice Pres: Warren Jarvis, KB4PMY
 Sec/Treas: Dave Lyle, KC4HKJ

Michael Short, AI4NS, volunteered as the W4VIY Net Manager.

February 20, 2006

Barbara Couch, K4BJC; Pearl and John Cain, N4SGJ and KI4SH were awarded "Lifetime Membership" for their outstanding work done on so many Amateur Radio projects for the Club over the years. Tom Manning, AF4UG, was presented with a Gavel Plaque in appreciation for his exemplary leadership as President for the year 2005. Tom's XYL, Anne Manning was presented a certificate of appreciation for being such a gracious host for the Executive Committee which met at The Manning home each month.

During this month a second Repeater survey similar to the June 7th, 1999 Survey was conducted. This was done to study repeater coverage after a number of repairs and updates. Participants were Jack Diehl, KE4KRK; Tom Manning, AF4UG; Wally Stephens; Gerald Swann, AI4DE; Bob Perry, KA0AGC; Richard McCoy, KK5IN; Liz Lyle, KG4JNC; Phil Shelton, K4RCE; Warren Jarvis, KB4PMY; Phil Wilson, K4LO; Larry Busbee, WX4B; Mike Short, AI4NS; Eric Scott, KI4JQJ; Dave Lyle, KC4HKJ and Tony Snow, K4OZL. Once again Hugh Armstrong, NT4Z, prepared the professional quality report.

July 14 / 15 2006

11th Annual Milton Hamfest held this date at the County Auditorium. Grand prize was the Yaesu FT 857D.

August 21, 2006

One of the original club members, Charles Swick - WT4O, was awarded "Lifetime Membership" for his invaluable contributions over the years to so many Amateur Radio ventures for the Club. Charles served as The very first Club President, and did so repeatedly for many years thereafter. Charles has been a pillar of the Club and this recognition is long overdue.

At the August meeting, Eric Scott, KI4JQJ, assumed responsibility for the Club's W4VIY Website. The original website had been summarily disestablished. Eric quickly reposted the Club's webpage on his personal website. At the monthly meeting Eric proposed that the Club purchase it's own Internet Domain Name, MiltonARC.org - The majority of members present approved the motion. Eric was given the endorsement to make it so.

The Club's Vanity Call, W4VIY, is due to expire in November of 2006. Robert Perry, KA0AGC, volunteered to submit the renewal request to ARRL and to assume the Club Call Custodian responsibilities with the application.

August 23, 2006

Eric Scott, KI4JQJ, set up the Club's own web page domain for the W4VIY Webpage.

Records show that the internet address <http://www.miltonarc.org> was created on 23 Aug 2006 and is effective until August of 2016.

January 01, 2007

Club Officers for 2007:

President: Tom Manning, AF4UG
Vice Pres: John Worley, KI4NOU
Sec: Ken Dunn, K4SVX
Treasurer: Dave Lyle, KC4HKJ

August 07, 2007

John Cain, KI4SH, became a Silent Key on this date.

John Lawson Cain born January 10, 1921 in Carter, Oklahoma passed away August 7, 2007 at his home in Holt, Florida.

John and his XYL Pearl-N4SJG, have been very active MARC members for many years.

John's previous calls were W7LMP (Portland) W6CLE (Oklahoma) & N4IXT

December 31, 2007

John Snow, K4OZL, assumed the W4VIY webpage administration once again on Oct 29 2007.

Webpage counter registered 641 hits from Oct 29 to Dec 31st 2007.

January 01, 2008

Club Officers :

President: John Worley, KI4NOU
Vice Pres: Robert Perry, KA0AGC
Secretary: Ken Dunn, K4SVX
Treasurer: Dave Lyle, KC4HKJ
Club Registered Agent: Hugh Armstrong, NT4Z

Advisory Board:

Tom Manning– AF4UG
Rudy Hubbard – WA4PUP
John (Tony) Snow – K4OZL

Volunteers:

Hamfest Chairperson: Ken Dunn – K4SVX

Field Day Coordinator: Robert Perry – KA0AGC
Net Manager: Robert Perry – KA0AGC
Repeater Chairperson: Robert Perry KA0AGC
W4VIY Club Call Custodian: Robert Perry – KA0AGC
Club Webmaster / Historian: John (Tony) Snow – K4OZL

January 21, 2008

Tom Manning was awarded Lifetime Membership on this date for the outstanding work he has done on so many Amateur Radio related projects, and especially for his contribution of time and expertise in planning, procuring, assembling and maintaining the Clubs W4VIY VHF repeater. His involvement was essential for the successful operation of the Club's VHF repeater project. Because of his sustained efforts for the Volunteer Examiner testing program, many new Amateurs have been added to our ranks. His personal contributions to Amateur Radio Ideals in general and our Club in particular have been a great asset for the Amateur Radio community. Bravo Zulu Tom !

February 02, 2008

The first MARC Foxhunt of the year transpired on this date. Tony & Helen Snow, K4OZL & KI4ZYH, were the Foxes. They were hiding in NT4Z's driveway. They waited until Hugh left for the hunt then they went to his QTH on Shamrock Drive and set up shop. Hugh was unaware of this arrangement, nonetheless he and Tom Manning, AF4UG, were the 1st Place winners with one hour and ten minutes search time. Second place was the team of Ken Dunn, K4SVX, and his son Chad. They logged a time of two hours, six minutes. Other participants were Evelyn Armstrong, Bob Perry-KA0AGC, John-KI4NOU, Shelly-KI4RTT, Josh-KI4YGC and Rebecca Worley; Sam Wimberly-KI4SZI, Larry Carpenter-K4LWC and Larry Busbee-WX4B

April 04, 2008

The Milton ARC took possession of a surplus Ambulance from the lifeguard Ambulance Services. Hugh Armstrong, NT4Z, arranged the transfer with Mr. Jason Kimbrell. Plans are to convert this into an Emergency Communications Van and to use this as a net control point for the various events the Club provides communications services for events such as the many marathons and races. Club personnel present for the transfer were Hugh Armstrong-NT4Z, Mr. Jason Kimbrell, Ken Dun-K4SVX, Tom Manning-AF4UG, Club President John Worley-KI4NOU, Rudy Hubbard, WA4PUP and Bob Perry-KA0AGC.

April 21, 2008

The Milton ARC awarded the Clubs Vice President Bob Perry, KA0AGC, their Certificate of Appreciation. This award was in recognition of his many volunteer efforts for numerous club sponsored events. And especially for being the Trustee for the W4VIY club call sign, as well as the Repeater custodian.

Bob was presented the certificate at the regular April Club meeting.

June 28/29, 2008

MARC set up for Field Day at Carpenters Park in Milton. With 32 participants and four active stations, we totaled 392 CW and 126 SSB contacts.

The Club racked up 2670 points under bad propagation with a high noise condition. Once again Phil Wilson, K4LO, racked up the lion's share of CW points with his ancient bug and extraordinary perseverance. Bob Perry, KA0AGC, chaired the Field Day Committee and did a fantastic job overseeing the site preparation.

July 11/12, 2008

The 13th Annual Milton Hamfest held this date at the County Auditorium. Grand prize was the Icom IC-718 HF Xcvr. It was estimated over 300 people attended. High gas prices and a Blue Angels show helped to reduce attendance. Plans for

next year is already being formulated. Ken Dunn chaired the Hamfest Committee and did an outstanding job making arrangements.

August 18, 2008

KC7WJZ Richard Palmer donated ham equipment to the Club. These will be used for the Com Van.

December 13, 2008

The last Club meeting of the year was held at the Pace Masonic Lodge near Spencer Field. More than 50 members and guests participated. We had a fabulous Christmas Dinner, with Hugh Armstrong, NT4Z, giving grace. Ann Manning once again did a superb job setting up and decorating the table arrangements. Christmas gifts were exchanged after the dinner. A short meeting then took place and the Annual Club Election was held. The new/returning Officers were seated in office.

The outgoing President, John Worley, KI4NOU, was presented with a Presidential Gavel Plaque inscribed with the following: "Awarded For Exceptional Leadership while President of the Milton Amateur Radio Club in the Year 2008." John also presented Ken Dun, K4SVX; Hugh Armstrong, NT4Z; Bob Perry, KA0AGC; Sam Wimberly, KI4SZI and Nelda Strnad, N4YGS, each with the Club's Certificate of Appreciation for exceptional services rendered in behalf of the Amateur Radio Club.

December 30, 2008

Pearl Louise Cain, N4SGJ, became a Silent Key on this date. Pearl had been a long time Club Member. She was the Club's Secretary and Treasurer for the years 2001, 2002 and part of 2003. She was very active in the Club's Field Day, Picnics and Annual Hamfest undertakings. She carried out these tasks as she did most everything else, with unreserved enthusiasm and determination. It is with deep sadness that the MARC members bid their last farewell to Pearl. She leaves behind many fond memories.

The MARC Webpage registered 3,668 visits in the year 2008.

January 01, 2009

Club Officers :

President: Robert Perry – KA0AGC
 Vice Pres: Tom Manning – AF4UG
 Secretary: Ken Dunn, K4SVX
 Treasurer: Cookie Strnad – N4YGS
 Club Registered Agent: Hugh Armstrong, NT4Z

Advisory Board:

Rudy Hubbard – WA4PUP
 Hugh Armstrong - NT4Z
 John (Tony) Snow – K4OZL

Volunteers:

Hamfest Chairperson: Ken Dunn – K4SVX
 Field Day Coordinator: Robert Perry – KA0AGC
 Net Manager: Robert Perry – KA0AGC
 Repeater Chairperson: Robert Perry – KA0AGC
 W4VIY Club Call Custodian: Robert Perry – KA0AGC

January 19, 2009

Club President Bob Perry, KA0AGC, presented The Milton ARC's Certificate of Appreciation to Phil Wilson, K4LO, for his exceptional morse code skills demonstrated during Field Day competitions. Phil has, for many years, logged a lion's share of CW contacts for our club. His efforts have allowed our Club to present a respectable score time and again. This official

recognition was long overdue. Bravo Zulu Phil !

March 11, 2009

William (Bill) Lyle, KC4ZUG, became a Silent Key on this date. Bill was a long time Club member and was a Lifetime ARRL Member.

All members will miss Bill at the Club meetings and on the air.

March 15, 2009

Robert Perry KA0AGC, began playing with Echo link around Four years ago and found it had some promising features. He coordinated with Ben, KB4JDE, who had several repeater systems tied into Echo link. Bob and Ben discussed how to tie the repeaters all together for Emergency communication. Ben provided Bob with a required computer plug- in card. Bob, with his own spare computer, two meter rig and an antenna hooked it all together and experimented a few times with the system. In early March of 2009 Bob felt that it was working properly and brought it on-line 24/7 on the MARC W4VIY repeater.

June 27, 2009

The MARC participated in the 2009 ARRL Field Day setting up in the North end of Russell Landing Park on the Blackwater River in Milton. Once again we ran 4A NFL. 37 people signed the Visitors log including Paul L. Eakin, KJ4G, our ARRL Section Manager. Bob Perry, KA0AGC, introduced a novel antenna set up. A 130 foot wire was kept aloft using an 8 foot diameter weather balloon tethered with fishing lines. Another first for Bob, he decided to go with computer logging vice the old dupe sheets and station logs. Once again Phil Wilson, K4LO, manned the CW position and made several hundred CW contacts. Chuck Strnad, N4QEP, set up and operated a digital PSK-31 station. WX4US Fred M. Friedl, Jr. and his XYL, Barbara - N8JBI, operated a 6 meter station. Various other Club Members manned the two SSB stations. Ken Dunn, K4SVX, supervised the Chow Wagon and prepared excellent meals Saturday as well as breakfast on Sunday morning. Set up was arduous in the Florida heat & humidity, but once things were set up and running everyone seemed to enjoy the ARRL exercise. We all look forward to next year's event.

July 13, 2009

KV4ES, Mr. Marvin E. Reznicek, 71 year old retired Navy Chief Petty Officer, avid Ham Radio Operator, Machinist, passed away Monday night, July 13, 2009. Although not a Club member, Marvin was very active in the Ham community. He was instrumental in setting up the Floridatown Tailgater in Pace Florida for many years. It is with regret the he now joins the ranks of Silent Keys.

July 17/18, 2009

The 14th Annual Milton Hamfest held this date at the County Auditorium. The Grand prize was the Yaesu FT-857D. This was considered a bigger and better Hamfest over last years endeavor. Ken Dunn chaired the Hamfest Committee and did an outstanding job making arrangements. Walter Yarborough, WA4TFR, arranged for the County Auditorium at no cost for the Club.

September 13, 2009

Jerry Wayne James, WY40, of Milton, Florida, was an active MARC member in years past. For reasons unknown he stopped attending the monthly Club meetings and dropped from membership, even so until recent years he still could be relied upon to operate the Talk In Station in support for our yearly Hamfest. Jerry enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1956. and was discharged on December 7, 1964. He had served honorably for eight years and was very proud to have been a member of the armed forces. Jerry has courageously fought a battle against lung cancer for the last year. He died September 13, 2009. Jerry was a good friend and an avid Ham Radio Operator. We all wish him Fair Winds and Following Seas into eternity.

October 24, 2009

Hugh Armstrong arranged for a Special Event Station to be set up at NAS Whiting Field which was celebrating their 66th anniversary. Club members arrived early to set up the tent, the stations, the antennas and the ARRL Ham Radio hand-out material for the public. Members present were Bob Perry-KA0AGC, Sam Wimberly-KI4SZI, Jack Diehl-KE4KRK, Cookie & Chuck Strnad-N4YGS & N4QEP, Larry Busbee-WX4B, Hugh Armstrong-NT4Z, John Crawford-KI4TNL, Larry Carpenter-K4LWC, Tony & Helen Snow-K4OZL & KI4ZYH. The Navy had an impressive collection of Aircraft parked on the tarmac. They also set up four towers of huge speakers along the taxi way and played music very loud for the attending crowd. Even with all the Aircraft noises and this built in Kilowatt Audio QRM several good contacts were made by the Special Event Station. A good time was had by all.

December 7, 2009

The Annual Milton ARC Christmas Dinner and Club Meeting were held at the Pace Masonic Lodge. For something out of the ordinary this year, the new Club Officers were actually sworn into their respective offices. 54 Club Members and Guests attended, and after a fabulous meal, exchanged Christmas gifts and good wishes.

January 01, 2010

Club Officers :

President: Robert Perry – KA0AGC
 Vice Pres: Tom Manning – AF4UG
 Secretary: Ken Dunn, K4SVX
 Treasurer: Chuck Meyers KC3H
 Club Registered Agent: Hugh Armstrong, NT4Z

Advisory Board:

Rudy Hubbard – WA4PUP
 Sam Wimberly - KI4SZI
 Chuck Strnad - N4QEP

Volunteers:

Hamfest Chairperson: Ken Dunn – K4SVX
 Field Day Coordinator: Robert Perry – KA0AGC
 Net Manager / Repeater Chairperson / W4VIY Club Call Custodian: Robert Perry – KA0AGC
 Webmaster / Historian: John (Tony) Snow – K4OZL

The W4VIY Club Web Page registered 4, 199 visitors during the calendar year 2009. We look to beat that in the upcoming year.

April 10, 2010

Hank Holt, KS4NY and Wayne Barr, KQ4OW passed away this morning. The Amateur Community and the World have lost two very fine individuals.

Hank lost his long battle with Swine Flu. He contracted the disease in February. Hank was a very active member of MARC back in the late 90's.

He was our Club's first Foxhunt winner. We will surely miss these gentlemen on our airways.

April 17, 2010

Bob Perry, KA0AGC supervised the MARC sponsored Floridatown Tailgater in Pace, Florida on a bright sunny day. Once again many people attended and several pieces of equipment changed hands. Hugh Armstrong, NT4Z, brought out the Club's Communication Van and put it on display.

June 26, 2010

The MARC participated in the 2010 ARRL Field Day. The club set up again on the North end of Russell Harbor Landing which is located along the Blackwater River in Milton. The club ran 3A NFL this year. The club had 10 hams that worked at SSB HF table - SSB 6 meter table - PSK-31 radio tables. The club had a total of 8 other hams that dropped by to see the set up. We had one guest this year it was Buddy Jordan Ward 1 Council member. Buddy was showed a full scale Field Day Operation the in and out and the up and downs of setting up a 24 hours by K4LWC Larry Carpenter. The club used computer logging again this year and it worked great. As always K4SVX Ken Dun cooked up a storm, nobody went hungry, we had lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday was pancakes and sausage and other items that Ken cooked up.. Ken did get some time on the 6 meter table where he had a ball. The heat was there again this year. HI HI maybe 2011 we can have air conditioners. The club did a great score for a small showing.

July 23/24, 2010

MARC did the 15th Annual Hamfest at the Santa Rosa County Auditorium . The club had a grand price of a Yaesu FT-857D again this year. Plus MARC gave a way \$ 600.00 in cash prizes over the two day hamfest. We had 450 hams and family's show up this year. K4SVX Ken Dunn was the Chairman this year, KA0AGC was the co-chair this year. WA4TFR Walter Yarborough was the main ticket seller again this year. MARC would like to THANK all MARC members that came out and help make this hamfest great again.

October 09, 2010

Bob Perry KA0AGC supervised the MARC sponsored Floridatown Tailgater in Pace, Florida. The weather worked out great again. The Tailgater had a lot of equipment being traded between different hams from 7:30 AM to 11:00 AM. K4OZL Tony Snow brought out a story board showing photo's and telling about our pass member that had passed a way. This board was looked at closely by a hams that came out to the tailgater. (THANK YOU K4OZL for doing this) KA0AGC Bob brought out the MARC Com van, showing all the radio gear is up and working. KA0AGC has set up new dates for 2011 tailgater being in April and October, see club events.

The MARC had is annual picnic after 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Floridatown Park. We had about 30 people show up. The club THANK all that showed up.

November 05, 2010

Tony Snow K4OZL and Helen Snow KI4ZYH gave the MARC a desktop computer. It will be used in the MARC Com Van to show interested people how Digital software works into ham radio. Maybe get a few people interested in ham radio for 2011

November 16, 2010

On this evening of November 16, 2010 we the MARC elected a new 2011 slate of Officers and Advisory Board. It was voted on and approved by the total members that were at this meeting so this is the list of Officers and Board members are as listed.

President: AF4UG Tom Manning / Vice President: K4LWC Larry Carpenter / Secretary: K4SVX Ken Dunn / Treasurer: KC3H Chuck Meyers /

Advisory Board 3 years: Robert Speser K4RPS / 2 years: Kenneth Williams AJ4XL / 1 year: Charles Wagner AJ4YL

Volunteers: Hamfest Chairperson K4SVX Ken Dunn Hamfest Co-chairperson KA0AGC Bob Perry / 2011 Field Day Coordinator KA0AGC Bob Perry

Repeater Chairperson KA0AGC Bob Perry Repeater Co- Chairperson AF4UG Tom Manning / Web Master and Historian KA0AGC Bob Perry (In Training with K4OZL Tony)

Net Manager: KE4WKK Robert Hinesley Club Registered Agent: Hugh Armstrong, NT4Z

The club members presents voted on the place to have the Christmas Party and the members decide on December 16, 2010 a Thursday evening at Ryan's restaurant in Pace, Florida at 7:00 PM.

December 16, 2010

2010 Christmas party was held at Ryan's Buffets in Pace, Florida. There was 42 MARC members and family's eating and having a good time. Changing of 2010 Officers to 2011 Officers see listing below. Three members, Tom Manning AF4UG, Chuck Meyer KC3H, Ken Dunn K4SVX, receive a Certificate of Appreciation for your out standing dedication and selfless and invaluable service in 2010. A great time was had by all.

Club Officers : 2011

President: Tom Manning – AF4UG
 Vice Pres: Larry Carpenter – K4LWC
 Secretary: Ken Dunn, K4SVX
 Treasurer: Chuck Meyers KC3H

Advisory Board:

Robert E. Perry KA0AGC Kenneth Williams – AJ4XL
 Charles Wagner – AJ4YL Robert Speser – K4RPS

Volunteers:

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 Historian: Robert Perry – KA0AGC
 Field Day Coordinator: Robert Perry – KA0AGC Repeater Chairperson: Robert Perry – KA0AGC W4VIY Club Call
 Custodian: Robert Perry – KA0AGC
 Net Manager: Robert Hinesley – KE4WKK
 Club Registered Agent: Hugh Armstrong, NT4Z

December 27, 2010

We learned today that Walter Yarbrough, WA4TFR, passed away Christmas day. An original Club Member, Walt was a driving influence in the Milton ARC from day one. He was the main reason the Club's Annual Hamfest has done so well over the years.

January 18, 2011

The MARC meeting this date attached 27 members. Robert E. Perry KA0AGC was bestowed Lifetime membership on this date. A discussion of working and getting activating of NA-142 Island with the Five Flags Club at the end of July. We had a discussion about how and where the direction of the club want to go.

April 9, 2011

The MARC Floridatown tailgater went well this weekend. We had around 92 hams at the park and a lot of gear was trade. Coffee and Doughnuts was well received.

June 23 & 24, 2011

The MARC participated in the 2011 ARRL Field Day. The club set up again on the North end of Russell Harbor Landing which is located along the Blackwater River in Milton. The club ran 3A NFL this year. The club had 9 hams that worked at SSB HF table - SSB 6 meter table - PSK-31 radio tables. The club had a total of 7 other hams that dropped by to see the set up. The club used computer logging again this year and it worked great. As always K4SVX Ken Dun cooked up a storm, nobody went hungry, we had lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday was pancakes and sausage and other items that Ken cooked up.. Ken did get some time on the 6 meter table where he had a ball. The heat was there again this year. HI HI maybe 2012 we can have air conditioners. The club did a great score for a small showing. (We came in First in NFL 3A group)

July 22 & 23, 2011

MARC did the 16th Annual Hamfest at the Santa Rosa County Auditorium . The club had a grand price of a Yaesu FT-857D again this year. Plus MARC gave a way two meter mobile and (4) 2/440 handheld radios this year at the two day hamfest. We had 550 hams and family's show up this year. K4SVX Ken Dunn was the Chairman this year, KA0AGC was the co-chair this year. MARC would like to THANK all MARC members that came out and help make this hamfest great as it has been in the last 7 years. We gave Walter Yarborough wife a 19 x 22 photo of her deceased husband Walter Yarbrough WA4TFR.

July 30 & 31, 2011

Some of the members from the MARC when out and help at IOTA NA-142 along with the Five Flags Club. It was hot out at the sea shores. It was a learning experience. Not a lot of points scored but it was enjoyable.

September 17, 2011

MARC had the club picnic out at the Naval boat docks. We had around 24 hams and family show up.

September 20, 2011

The MARC members decide to upgrade the 145.490 repeater tonight. We have been having some problems with the cavities and antenna. It

was decide to buy new cans tonight.

October 08, 2011

The MARC Floridatown tailgater went well this weekend. We had around 85 hams at the park and a lot of gear was trade. Coffee and Doughnuts was well received.

October 18, 2011

Marc loss a old time member today. KF4T Ted Alan Robinson died of a heart attach at his home while cleaning up brush. Ted install the DB-224 on the water tower for the 145.490 repeater many years ago. Ted was a officer in the club for several years. Ted will be missed by all.

October 18, 2011

We started taking shirt orders and receive orders for 35 shirts. We also got a new antenna approved for the 145.490 repeater. We all so took names fro the 2012 year slated of officers.

November 08, 2011

MARC loss another old time ham on this date. NT4Z Hugh Armstrong. Hugh held several office in the club. Hugh will be missed by all. Mrs. Armstrong gave all of Hugh amateur radio gear to the MARC. Which I discussed with her on what we want to do with Hugh gear and she thought it was a great idea. Mrs. Armstrong said Hugh would be very happy to see that.

November 15, 2011

We got our new by-laws approved at this meeting. We also elected new 2012 officers. Christmas party was discussed. new officers listed in December listing.

December 20, 2011

2011 Christmas party was held at Ryan's Buffets in Pace, Florida. There was 48 MARC members and family's eating and having a good time. Changing of 2011 Officers to 2012 Officers see listing below. Tom Manning AF4UG was still in the hospital so he wasn't able to be at the meeting. The Vice-President Larry K4LWC did the officers switch this year for Tom.. A great time was had by all. This year we gave 45 presents to Scarce Heart Children Hospital. We also help out a Milton young mother with four kids we gave her box and can food and \$119.00 gift card. She was so happy.

Club Officers : 2012

President: Robert Speser – K4RPS
 Vice Pres: Robert Perry – W5CL
 Secretary: Ken Dunn - K4SVX
 Treasurer: Cookie Strnad - N4YGS

Advisory Board:

Kenneth Williams – AJ4XL Jim Stewart - W4AGL Chuck Strnad - N4QEP

Volunteers:

Hamfest Chairperson: Ken Dunn – K4SVX Hamfest Co-Chair Robert Perry – W5CL Webmaster / Historian: Robert Perry – W5CL
 Field Day Coordinator: Robert Perry – W5CL Repeater Chairperson: Robert Perry – W5CL W4VIY Club Call
 Custodian: Robert Perry – W5CL
 Net Manager: Robert Speser - K4RPS Club Registered Agent: Robert Perry - W5CL Sunshine Coordinator: Chuck Meyer - KC3H

