

TARC January Membership Meeting

01/18/2021



President – John KK4JS – Welcome to the members and guests.

Vice President - Jan KX4MI –

Treasurer - Jim KW4PW –

Secretary - Mike KJ4TAC –

Membership – Ron K4TCP –

Testing – Dave AE4ZR/Ron K4TAP –

Programs – Van N4VGE – Not Present

Repeaters – Bryce K4LXF –

Fund Raising - Peggy W4ZBR -

Reports: The meeting was held at 1141 Remount Rd Suite 300 North Charleston 29406.

The meeting was called to order at 1900 hrs.

Jim KW4PW – Current account balance is approximately \$4000. All payments have been accounted for in this balance. Several dues payments and new membership fees have been received since the last meeting.

Ron K4TCP – The Club now has 70 members. Unpaid members can still pay by check, money order, and via the secure payment link on the TARC web page: <http://tridenthams.org/membership.htm>

Steve KO4AFL – REMOTE TESTING

If anyone would like to take their amateur radio exams remotely please use the following link.

<http://hamstudy.org/sessions/glaarg>

Or if they would like to test with me use the following link: <http://hamstudy.org/sessions/ko4afl>

If my sessions are full, they can email me at ko4afl@gmail.com and I will open an additional spot for them if they mention TARC or CARS. If I don't have a session listed, email mail me because the session may not be publicly available but I can still send the registration link.

Here are some stats on the VEC used for the remote testing with GLAARG (Greater Los Angeles Amateur Radio Group). First remote exam given 4/5/2020 211 remote sessions given as of 1/19/2021 4073 Examinees and 4059 elements passed 402 VEs have attended at least 1 remote session. The GLAARG VEC has added almost 600 VEs since April 2020.

Remote Exams are free to Military, Veterans, First Responders and Youth.

My standard sessions will be the third Wednesday at 6pm and first Saturday at 12pm

Van N4VGE – The January meeting program topic will be Contesting and presented by Greg KB1AWM. The February meeting program topic will be DMR Basic by Dr. Tom WW1TA by John KK4JS.

Bryce K4LXF – reported the Trident Hospital Repeater (146.730) was adjusted and the external digital signal appears to have been resolved. The repeater is still being monitored.

Peggy W4ZBR – Steve KO4AFL won the evening raffle and selected the Yaesu FT-4XR handy talkie. The digital soldering station will be available for the next raffle.

OLD BUSINESS

Ron K4TCP and Greg KB1AWM are still looking for a replacement web hosting site to replace Go Daddy that is currently being used. The TARC account expires in February 2021.

Winter Field Day will be held at Glen's WA4NMW property in Knightsville. This is the same location as the summer Field Day held earlier this year. The dates are 30-31 January 2021. Jim KW4PW stated he will be bringing a grill and possibly a cooker that will be available to members who want to cook their own meals. Ron K4TCP reported that an insurance binder has been obtained a no cost to cover this event. A Porto Potty has been arranged for the even location. Setup time will commence at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Operations will be conducted from 1400 (2 p.m.) Saturday until 1400 (2 p.m.) Sunday. Tear down will commence at the end of the event.

Jan KX4MI – Discussing looking into programs to increase female and young adult participation in ham radio. Pamphlets have been provided for posting on Trident Tech Bulletin boards.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Rob Dean's, W4VRO, father died last November after battling health issues. TARC sent a card to Rob offering our condolences.

There will be no Hunley event this year.

Mike KJK4TAC took care of updating the TARC PO Box information and payment for 2021 rent.

Steve KO4AFL announced that the TARC trailer contents will be inventoried during the setup period for the upcoming Winter Field Day event. All are invited to assist with this.

Meeting adjourned at 1920 hrs.

Greg KB1AWM gave a very informative presentation on Ham Radio Contesting.