

TARC March Member Meeting

03/15/2021



President – John KK4JS – Welcome to the member attending
Vice President - Jan KX4MI – No report
Treasurer - Jim KW4PW – Approximately \$3700 in the account.
Secretary - Mike KJ4TAC – The new insurance policy has been received.
Membership – Ron K4TCP – Not present
Testing – Dave AE4ZR/Ron K4TCP
Programs – Van N4VGE- The April program will be by Ron K4TCP discussing soldering techniques, tips, and tricks. Dr Tom WW1TA will present DMR Basics for the May Program.
Repeaters – Bryce K4LXF – No report
Fund Raising - Peggy W4ZBR – No report
Properties - Steve KO4AFL – A trailer inventory will be held on 17 April starting at 9 a.m. This will be done during the Spring Operating Day. Anyone wishing to help are invited.
Meeting called to order: 1900 hrs.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dave AE4ZR – In person testing will commence the 3rd Wednesday in April (21 April 2021). Persons wishing to take the exams should arrive by 1845 and the doors will be closed at 1900. The testing location will be: 1141 Remount Rd Suite #300 North Charleston, SC 29406

Ron K4TCP and Greg KB1AWM – The new site is currently being populated.

NEW BUSINESS

Purchase of a canopy/pop up with removable or roll up sides. Van N4BGE has been authorized to select and purchase the appropriate canopy, not to exceed \$250.

Purchase of bulk nylon guying line ¼ inch or so. Jim KW4PW located another source of 3/16 nylon cord, 1000 ft roll @ ~\$50 and purchased it. This roll will be stored in the trailer.

Springtime Operating Day. Dave AE4ZR announced the paperwork and authorization has been approved. SOD will be held at Charlestowne Landing April 17. Start time will be 0900 for set up and end at 1600. Attendees are encouraged to bring a covered dish for lunch (potluck). A microwave will be available to warm the food. Coffee will be provided all day. A power source (generator) will be available for crock pots and electric cookers if needed.

Van N4VGE reported that Museum Ships on the Air will be held this year. The dates are June 5-6. TARC has been registered and will be activating the Hunley again this year. Van is the point of contact and will accept any volunteers to help him plan and set up this event.

The General Election for TARC Board members is coming up in August. A Nominating Committee is required to identify potential candidates. Volunteers are requested for membership in this committee. Member duties include identifying and presenting candidates for the offices of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, producing ballots, conducting the elections, tallying votes, and presenting the results to the membership. Contact John KK4JS or Mike KJ4TAC if you wish to be a member of this committee. Members of this committee cannot be candidates for office.

Summer Field Day will be 26-27 June. Volunteers for the Planning Committee are needed.

A proposal was made to hold a Tail Gate this year since there will be no Ham Fest this year. Volunteers are needed to help plan and set up this event. TARC will contact CARS to see if they want to participate/co-sponsor this event.

Steve KO2AFL announced there will be a Hamfest in Huntsville Alabama Aug 21-22. He said that many hams are going to camp in a local State park, and they will be activating that park the entire weekend for POTA. It is recommended that if you plan to attend, you should make your reservations soon. The available locations are appearing to fill up fast.

Jan KX4MI brought up the subject of Ham Boot Camp, as mentioned in a recent edition of QST magazine. Jan noted that TARC had similar program called What's Next to assist new hams as they begin this new hobby. This subject will be discussed at the next Board meeting to determine what is needed to revive this program.

Glenn WA4NMW won the raffle of the SWR meter.

Meeting Adjourned: 1941 hrs.

Steve KO2AFL gave an informative presentation of remote testing of prospective hams and the VEC's that utilize remote testing. You can also watch his You Tube video on this subject. The video can still be viewed by those that missed it. The link for the live stream is:

<https://youtu.be/QzYC5Eb0vI0>