

TARC Membership Meeting Minutes

04/19/2021



President – John KK4JS – Welcome to the members attending.

Vice President - Jan KX4MI – No report

Treasurer - Jim KW4PW – Approximately \$3800 in account. New member dues included.

Secretary - Mike KJ4TAC – No report

Membership – Ron K4TCP – Several new members and potential new members attending tonight.

Testing – Dave AE4ZR/Ron K4TCP See Item Listed Below

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. Tom Billings will conduct the on a date TBD – rebuilding/refurbishing HW7 's and HW8's.

Repeaters – Bryce K4LXF – Adams Run repeater out of service. Old antenna inside the building.

Fund Raising - Peggy W4ZBR – Antenna kit or mobile UHF/VHF Radio. Winner choice.

Properties - Steve KO4AFL – Trailer inventory conducted and list updated.

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. Follow on testing may be moved to another location, pending COVID restrictions being lifted.

Purchase of a canopy/pop up has been finalized. John has the link to order the canopy online and will order it this week.

Springtime Operating Day. A big thank you to Dave AE4ZR for setting this up. It was considered a big success with plenty of members, new hams and prospective hams attending.

NEW BUSINESS

Van N4VGE reported that Museum Ships on the Air will be held June 5-6. TARC has been registered and will be activating the Hunley again this year. The Location is the Boatyard next to the Museum. 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. Nan has volunteered to chair this committee. 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. New club members are encouraged to help with this process and volunteer to be a member of the Committee.

Summer Field Day will be 26-27 June. Ron volunteered to chair the committee and Glenn volunteered to assist. Glenn also will let us use his property again for this event. Volunteers for the Planning Committee are needed. New members are encouraged to join this committee. Many of the older Hams got their start in this hobby by helping with the committees and participation in the events.

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. Mike informally spoke with several CARS members at their last meeting about co-hosting this event. Nothing definite yet. Mike requested that this topic be added to their next meeting agenda to discuss it further.

Steve KO4AFL 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. It is recommended that if you plan to attend, you should make your reservations soon. The available locations are appearing to fill up fast. Here is the link to the Hamfest [Huntsville Hamfest – Huntsville Hamfest](#) There will multiple park activations (POTA) during this event.

The old TARC program called What's Next will be revived. Ron K4TCP will be the point of contact and co-ordinate the program. The program will cover many of the different aspects and subjects included in ham radio. It is designed to provide new Hams basic information. TARC members with specific skills/knowledge in Ham Radio and would like to volunteer for this program, contact Ron. All new members and new Hams are encouraged to sign up for the program when it becomes available. Notices about the What's Next Program will be on the TARC website soon.

Greg brought up the FCC changes on RF Management. These changes in the rules can affect some Ham operating stations because several of the ham exemptions have been removed. All non-exempt stations will be required to have an RF Survey on file with the FCC. Greg will be investigating how these rules changes will affect TARCC and its operating events.

New member Bill Huff won the raffle and selected the antenna kit.

Meeting Adjourned: 2000 hrs.

Ron gave his presentation on basic soldering techniques.