

TARC Membership Meeting

05/17/2021



President – John KK4JS – Welcome

Vice President - Jan KX4MI – No Report

Treasurer - Jim KW4PW – Approx. \$3300 in the account

Secretary - Mike KJ4TAC – Reminded members that the FCC now requires a valid email address to be associated with their Ham license. All members were urged to go on the FCC web page and verify their information is up to date. There is no cost to change the email address. Failure to have a valid email address could result in your ham license being revoked.

Membership – Ron K4TCP – 4 new members

Testing – Dave AE4ZR/Ron K4TCP – See below

Programs – Van N4VGE– Dr Tom giving May presentation – Digital radio. Mike will be giving June presentation on HAMRS Logging software. Greg, KB1AWM will give the July presentation on WSJT-X and Grid Tracker.

Repeaters – Bryce K4LXF – Adams Run repeater antenna stored. County emailed that the repeater could be placed on the tower at the 300-foot elevation. Another meeting this week for more details.

Fund Raising - Peggy W4ZBR – HT, Mobile and Arduino prizes for raffle. Winner choice.

Properties - Steve KO4AFL – Trailer inventory completed.

25 members and 8 guests attended the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dave AE4ZR – Testing will be held at the Remount Rd location until further notice.

Van N4VGE – Museum Ships on the Air will be held June 4-5-6. All preparations are complete, and the new signs obtained. Van will have his motor coach on site and Jim is planning to have his trailer there also. The event will start at 2000 hrs. on Friday 4 June and end at 2000 hrs. 6 June.

The General Election for TARC Board members will be held during the August membership meeting. The Nominating Committee Chair is Nan, KN4MJA with Van N4VGE assisting. Several nominations have been received and confirmed. Any member in good standing can be nominated to be placed on the slate.

Summer Field Day will be 26-27 June. Ron is committee chair, Glen will assist.

Place: Glen's property. All arrangements have been made except for the Porta Potty. John, KK4JS will arrange that. The rules and guidelines will be emailed out to members that wish to operate at their home station during Field Day. Operators are requested to read and follow the rules so the Club can get credit for their contacts.

What's Next - Ron K4TCP discussed how 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 who 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. Ron said they were going through the presentations now to make sure they contain up to date information. Members will be able to sign up for the program via the web site.

Greg KB1AWM – FCC changes on RF Management. These changes in the rules can affect some Ham operating stations because the ham exemptions have been removed. All non-exempt stations

will be required to have an RF Survey on file at the station. Currently, ham stations that have not made any changes to their stations will be grandfathered until 2023. Several members commented they have already completed this survey and said it was easy to complete. Greg will put out a Guide when he completes the rule change review.

Jan KX4MI – Now that COVID restrictions have eased, does the club want to restart the monthly dinner group meetings. These meetings have been historically held on a Thursday. Items discussed were location (businesses capable of hosting 20+ guests), coordinator (will rotate each month) who will choose the location and contact them for reservations. It was emphasized the coordinator is not an assigned or long-term position.

Mike KJ4TAC – Requested the membership to contact invite their local church youth group, or other youth-oriented groups, to TARC events, specifically the Museum Ships Weekend and Summer Field Day with the intent on spurring interest in Ham radio. The roundtable discussion included allowing the visitors to participate in operating and logging. It was suggested that a Guest List be generated be generated for each event so the guests/visitors could be contacted with further information as desired. Having the guest list also adds points to the Club's Field Day total.

Ron K4TCP – Presented an overview of the new web site and its features. The membership was positive and appreciative of the work he did on the new site.

Rick N8BKN – Invited all Hams and their families to the CARS 50th Anniversary Picnic to be held at the Wanamaker County Park off University Blvd on 10 July 1000-1700 hrs. Please RSVP with Brian Smith at bsmith4210@yahoo.com if you plan to attend. Cost to enter the park is \$2 per person.

Mike KJ4TAC won the raffle and selected the Arduino prize package.

Meeting adjourned at 1940 hrs.

Dr Tom WW1TA, gave a great presentation on the digital Ham radio modes.