

# TARC Membership Meeting Minutes

## 01/17/2022



**President** – Glenn WA4NMW – Welcome

**Vice President** – Steve KO4AFL – No Report

**Treasurer** – Jim KW4PW – Approx. \$4000 in account. Upcoming bills – PO Box, Insurance.

**Secretary** – Mike KJ4TAC – No Report

**Membership** – Ron K4TCP – 72 paid members.

**Testing** – Ron K4TCP/Dave AE4ZR– Next session 19 January. Remote testing in place thru GLARC

**Programs** – Van N4VGE/Jim KO4FGH– Upcoming presentations under consideration

**Repeaters** – Bryce K4LXF – Seabrook repeater linking issue has been corrected.

**Fund Raising** – Peggy W4ZBR – Currently selling tickets for the 10- and 12-meter HF mobile transceiver or a MFJ 269C PRO antenna analyzer (winner choice).

**Properties** – Alicia KN4UPG (Chair) Jim KO4PGH (assistant) – An inventory will be performed during Winter Field Day

Call to order- 1900

Award Ceremony - Presented the 2021 TARC awards to Ron KATCP and Dave AE4ZR.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Glenn WA4NMW/Ron K4TCP – Plan is to start classes on 25 January and hold two classes per week for 3 weeks. The Goose Creek Library conference room is reserved for these classes. First class will start on January 25 at 1930 hours. The classes will be from 1900-2100 hrs. on 27 Jan., 1, 3, 8, 10 February. Testing will be the week after classes end. Sign up will be on the TARC website. There is no cost to attendees for these classes. Technician Class study guides are available for purchase online to provide the material for review at home.

Winter Field Day will be held on 29-30 January 2022. The same location as the Summer Field Day will be used. Plans are to set up site at 10 a.m. Get there early to learn how to set up antennas and operating stations. Radio checks at 1330 hrs. and on the air (event start) at 1400 hrs. Tear down will happen after 1400 Sunday.

The POTA Operating Day held on Saturday 4 December at the Santee State Park was an enormous success. Thanks to all who attended.

The Hunley event will be on 17 February 2022 at Ft. Moultrie. All hams and non-hams will be able to log operating time, so come on out. Be prepared for wintry weather since this location is on the beach and what is normally the coldest day of the year. Everything is set. This event will also be a POTA event so operators can get POTA credit while making contacts (dual call sign). 2 HF stations will be operating and possibly a VHF station on simplex.

Ron K4TCP is developing a method for members using the TARC web page to ask for help solving any ham related problems they have. This is a work in progress on the web site.

## NEW BUSINESS:

The TARC Roadmap schedule is as follows:

April – Antenna build (HF and VHF/UHF J pole)The ARRL antenna kit is available online for approximately \$70. Jim has offered to purchase the materials needed for participants and estimates the cost to be \$25-30. All tools and equipment will be provided. Sign up using the website.

May – Solder party and a VHF Yagi build for the Foxhunt

June – Fox Hunt

Unfortunately, Linda KM4WBM is unable to continue as QSL Manager. James KO4MNB has volunteered to take over as QSL Manager.

The Tuesday Night TARC Net is in need of volunteers to function as Net Control. This position will improve your capabilities and provide you with practice as a Ham to operate during emergency conditions or disasters. If you are the first Ham on the scene or on the air during these times, you **ARE** the Net Control. A few minutes training, a pad of paper, pen or pencil, and a UHF/VHF radio that will connect to the local repeaters is all you need. Contact Ron K4TCP or John KK4JS for further information.

A special thanks to E. Gordon Mooneyhan, W4EGM, Public Information Coordinator, ARRL South Carolina Section for visiting our club. He gave a short presentation about what's happening in SC within the Ham community. He also said he plans to attend the Hunley event and summer field day.

The raffle was held for the radio and analyzer. The winner, new member Scarlett, selected the radio. The MFJ 269C PRO antenna analyzer will be available when one hundred tickets are sold. The monthly raffle item will be determined.

Adjourned: 1945

Glenn WA4NMW gave an outstanding presentation on using solar power during Ham operations. It highly informative on the equipment needed and how to determine power needs. He also gave a brief talk on the pros and cons of solar power in a residential setting here in South Carolina.