

TARC Membership Meeting Minutes

03/21/2022



President – Glenn WA4NMW – Welcome

Vice President – Steve KO4AFL – No Report

Treasurer – Jim KW4PW – Not Present but report via text - \$3655 in account and all bills paid up to date.

Secretary – Mike KJ4TAC – No report

Membership – Ron K4TCP – New membership record of 81 paid members.

Testing – Ron K4TCP/Dave AE4ZR– 3 tested and passed last session. TARC will now be utilizing GLARG as the VE for remote testing. This lessens the VE administrative requirements.

Programs – Van N4VGE/Jim KO4PGH – April presentation will be on Conducting a Foxhunt.

QSL manager – Jim KO4MNB – All logs from Jan 2021 on are now entered into both QRZ and LoTW web sites. All QSL requests have been sent.

Repeaters – Bryce K4LXF – Yorktown repeater has some noise and is being investigated.

Fund Raising – Peggy W4ZBR – The MFJ 269C PRO antenna analyzer will be available when one hundred tickets have been sold. Do not have to be present to win. Raffle for an MFJ dual time clock or cable clamps (winner choice)

Properties – Alicia KN4UPG (Chair) Jim KO4PGH (assistant) – No Report.

Call to order- 1900

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Jim KO4MNB would like to announce the return of the Low Country SKYWARN network. The net will be conducted on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 2100 hrs. (9 p.m.) All are invited to participate. Contact Jim or Dr Tom WW1TA for information about becoming a member of the SKYWARN team.

OLD BUSINESS:

The TARC Roadmap schedule is as follows:

April – It was decided the Spring operating day will be held in conjunction with the Antenna Build party. The tentative location will be the Ghivans State Park. This will allow the builder to immediately evaluate and use their new antenna as well log any contacts (regular and POTA). The date will be April 23 at 0900. The Overlook Shelter has been reserved. Members are encouraged to get there early so the build can commence and still have time to tune and operate your new antenna. Members just wanting to activate are reminded to bring their own power supplies because the shelter outlet will be in use for the builds.

May – VHF Yagi build for the Foxhunt. Date and location to be determined. The May Membership meeting presentation will be “How to Fox Hunt Successfully.”

June – Fox Hunt. The Board is discussing prizes for the winners. The Foxhunt may be moved to July to prevent conflict with other scheduled events.

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.

Classes for General ham exams have started. The classes will be ending the week before the next testing session. The Goose Creek Library is the location of the classes. See the TARC web site for more information.

John KK4JS is still waiting for a resolution of the issue with the damaged canopy purchased through Amazon.

The Little David event this year to be held on 8 October from 0900 to 1400 hrs. The Little David Call sign has been reserved. The location at Old Santee Canal Park has been reserved

Museum Ships will be held on June 4 & 5. The Board will investigate site location and participation. Van will contact the boatyard owner to see if that can be used for this event.

NEW BUSINESS:

During a discussion of the current contact logging software in use, it was mentioned that procedures for the logger be developed to accommodate multiple loggers and that training be provided to loggers if needed. This is because the club is now using electronic logging software which requires the operator to log in. The Board will determine how this will be done and will present it to the membership.

It was noted that on several instances, club members have gone out for individual activations and used to the Call club sign N4EE to also include the club for logging purposes. All members who do this are reminded to send a copy of the log to David AE4ZR so he can upload it to the logging databases. This gives both the member and club credit for any contacts, plus gives the contact two call signs (contacts) for his log.

With the upcoming Summer Field Day approaching quickly, a volunteer to be the Field Day Coordinator is needed. This person will oversee making sure that all of the details needed for a successful field day. This is not a one-person job and there will be plenty of help to get the tasks done. The President may appoint a member for the job if there are no volunteers.

Next month TARC will be 49 years old. There may be a celebration (Birthday Cake) at the April meeting.

The Board is currently looking into conducting an Extra Class this Fall. Current expectations will be 10 to 15 weeks long. A search for a satisfactory slide deck is in progress. The members were polled to see if another Tech class should be conducted. CARS also conducts a Tech class, so members may be referred to them.

Lee KI4LLJ won the monthly raffle.

Adjourned: 1950

Mike KJ4TAC gave a presentation on DIY Yagis for foxhunting.