

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Membership Meeting Minute FINAL



1/15/2024

Officers:

President - Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL – Welcome

Vice President - TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH –

Treasurer - Jim Self, KW4PW –Dues due.

Secretary - Renata Sierzega, KQ4ASH –

Board Member at Large - Chris Benoit, KC4NW – Absent

Board Member at Large - Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW –

Membership – Ron Davis, K4TCP –Members will be off the roster after Jan 2024 if not paid. 69/104 paid. 3 new members joined at this meeting.

Testing – Ron Davis, K4TCP / Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL –

Programs – Greg Mitchell KB1AWM Jan: John KK4JS- “ADIF Master Basics”

QSL manager- Chris Benoit KC4NW- Absent

Repeaters – Bryce Myers, K4LXF – See discussion below

Fund Raising –Jim Self, KW4PW – Raffle: Crimper and a large package of Anderson power pole connectors donated by Jim KW4PW for Jan 24 membership meeting.

Properties – TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH – Discussion below re: Winter Field Day

Education and Scholarship: Jim Wasson KO4MNB/Stephen Behr K4OPZ

Field Day: Ron K4TCP, TW KF4CQH and John KK4JS

Location: Am Red Cross, 8085 Rivers Ave., N Charleston, SC

Call to order: 1900

41 Members present

Upcoming Events

Winter Field Day: 27 at 2pm (set up at 11 AM) - 28 Jan at 2 pm 2024: POC Jim Self KW4PW

- Glenn’s place: 251 E Highland Dr., Summerville, SC. Chip has sandwich board signs and cones for directions once close to the address.
- Latest rules emailed 12/5/23.
- Porta potty rented \$137
- Donated items will be on a table with price tags. Members may give a donation to the club for these items. Members may not bring items for sale, only for donation for the club to sell.
- Sign up sheet was passed around or use Sign Up Genius on line.
- There will be two stations out of the trailer.
- The weather is expected to be cold but the trailer should be warm enough with the equipment and people in it.

Hunley Event 17 Feb 2024 at Fort Moultrie, 1214 Middle St., Sullivans Island, SC.

- Gates open at 9 AM and trailer setup. POC Steve KO4AFL.
- TARC members to arrive at 10 AM. TARC will use N4HLH station ID.
- The “yellow” grassy area is reserved for support vehicles. This is where our trailer will be located. We might have to consider shoring in the event we have wet/soft ground. Shore boards are available for under the trailer. Please note, no antennas will be allowed outside of the red perimeter. POC Tom Valenzia W4ID
- Computer set up needs to be completed

JBC (Joint Base Charleston) Air Show (Thunderbirds): Education and Scholarship Committee: **19-21 Apr 2024** Discussed this Air Force STEM event and all supplies and equipment. No hanger but base provides two canopies, table and chairs. TARC needs 3 members per ½ day so 6 slots per day to cover this event. Chip/Ron to send out an email to members and a sign-up Genius. TARC call sign N4EE will be used. All those that sign up will get a parking pass for the event. POC Chip KB4ZVR

Summer Field Day 22-23 June 2024 POC John KK4JS
Potential site to be evaluated on John's Island. The Board will discuss this at the next meeting.

OLD Business

Maintenance and Deployment Committee: POC Steve Anderjack KO4AFL Members: Chip WB4ZVR & Jim KW4PW & Mike KJ4TAC & Ron K4TCP & Glenn WA4NMW

The committee will establish criteria/vet for deployment of trailer including STEM and school visits. Reviewing use and deployment options. A towing member will always be included in any site visit. Will be sending out a survey for areas where/when to deploy. POC Steve KO4AFL

When established, the ad hoc Maintenance and Deployment Committee will send out a survey for deployment training days.

The second intercom system has arrived. The two computers will be installed before Winter Field Day. Sound dampening foam were installed decreasing the dB from 77 to 74. Work left to be done: mount propane tanks after floor repair, clean and organize the trailer. POC Ron K4TCP

Education and Scholarship Committee:

Palmetto Scholars Academy: K4PSA Discussion to restart of continues. The radio at the site works. Steve will meet with the interim principal to discuss next steps. POC Steve Behr K4OPZ

St John Catholic School: (5th-7th graders) ARRL education curriculum continues. One lesson per month for one hour from Noon to 1:00pm. If interested in joining this committee, contact the POC's. In Oct-Dec 2023 the team explained how the three stages (tuner, detector, and filter) of a radio work, and the kids built and tested their own crystal radios. The following members assisted: Glenn W4NMW, Tim KQ4JVQ, Tom W4ID, Steve K4OPZ, Jim KO4MNB, Tom AJ4UQ, Frank K1FHT, and Michael K3ZMD.

On **January 16**, we will be giving a lecture on transistor amplifiers, OHM's Law, resistance and voltages.

SEVEN TARC volunteers are needed for approx. 1 hour on February 29 2024 to assist the students building and testing audio amplifiers designed to connect to their crystal radios. Stephen Behr, Ron Davis and Jim Wasson are donating the parts. Jim asks members to once again to volunteer assist the students to assemble their amplifier kits. We have 6 teams of 4 students each. POC Jim Wasson KO4MNB and Stephen Behr K4OPZ

SC Department of Employment and Workforce: Dr. Patricia Ferguson has been in contact with Jim regarding an interest in submitting a proposal for the Amateur Radio for the International Space Station (ARISS) program. The ARISS Education Plan is to be submitted by **February 29**. The draft will be presented to TARC for review. They will need a TARC Letter of Commitment. POC Jim Wasson, KO4MNB

Properties: TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH

Items donated will be available for a donation to TARC at the Winter Field Day. See Winter Field Day details.

Membership: POC Ron K4TCP

Membership name badges from Palmetto Awards price increased. Board discussed utilizing a different membership badge including additional info such as license and other training info or just add the fee to the membership for the first year.

Ron K4TCP to send targeted emails to members that have not yet paid their membership fees.

NEW BUSINESS:

Education and Scholarship Committee:

INFORMATION: ARRL

Amateur Radio Extra Class Licensing course (free, weekly, live) on Zoom will begin on Thursday, January 18, 2024, and will run through Thursday, March 28. There will be 11 sessions. The three-hour sessions will start at 6:30 PM Eastern Time. Sessions will be recorded. Those attending should hold (or be studying for) the General Class Amateur Radio License. These are the classes that we have been holding for years sponsored by the National Electronics Museum. Those wishing to sign up should email roland.anders@comcast.net

There will also be a General Class offered by CARS (Charleston Amateur Radio Society) on **16 & 17 Mar 24** to be held at the VA hospital, 109 Bee St., Charleston, SC with a VE test on 17 Mar 24. Please email Warren Richey at w5513@hotmail.com or Terry Benton at terbenster@gmail.com to sign up so they can prep.

N4CIT Citadel Ham Radio Club: Col Linda Riedel, Dep Dir of Ops and Outreach, Citadel DoD Cyber Institute has responded to Jim's email to reactivate the Citadel Ham Radio Station. A meeting was held on January 11 with Jim, Steve K4OPZ, and Michael K3ZMD in which COL Riedel asked if we would give a presentation to the Cadets regarding the "Advantages of College Ham Radio Clubs" and bring our Mobile Ham Radio Station trailer to the campus for a demo. In the meantime, we gave her the contact information for the trustee to investigate where the equipment is stored. Linda will be back in touch with some proposed dates for our visit. POC: Jim KO4MNB, Steve K4OPZ

Bill Text: SC H4549 | 2023-2024 | 125th General Assembly | Introduced | LegiScan

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "AMATEUR RADIO ANTENNA PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 4-1-190 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY MAY NOT ENACT OR ENFORCE CERTAIN ORDINANCES THAT DO NOT CONFORM TO THE AMATEUR RADIO PREEMPTION; AND BY ADDING SECTION 27-30-180 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION MAY NOT PROHIBIT AN OWNER OF A PROPERTY WITHIN THE ASSOCIATION FROM INSTALLING OR USING AN AMATEUR RADIO ANTENNA ON THE PROPERTY.

POC: Glenn WA4NMW

Update: Glenn provided information on the legislative process. Please contact him for further information.

TREASURER: South Carolina Fed Credit Union

- Total Balance: \$6,251
- Paid \$31.99 for the use of the shelter for the clubs Christmas pot luck.
- Insurance premium due on MHRT 1/16/24

- Social media: Website charges: Dream Host
- Hosting: \$185 for 1 year approved due 1/20/24
- Domain registration: \$17.99 yearly due 1/16/25
- Deposited: \$230.50 which included paid dues and profit from the raffle

Club Liability Insurance:

Current insurance company is no longer insuring for this type of insurance. The Board will look at other options. Insurance is due by 3/23/24

Repeaters:

There is a repeater/tower located in Summerville, SC that the Club would like to get up and working again. It's status of ownership and accessibility are in question. Club will be in contact with the Summerville Mayor. POC Steve KO4AFL, Glenn WA4NMW

General Information:

Testing: Testing is scheduled the 3rd Wed of every month. A few have signed up for this month. Need VE's.

TARC Website: <https://www.tridenthams.org> Reminder to members about all the resources available on the website.

Adjourned:

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Renata Sierzega KQ4ASH

January Program: John KK4JS- "ADIF Master Basics"

February Program: Chip WB4ZVR- "It's about Time"