

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Membership Meeting Minutes FINAL

9/16/2024



President - Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL – Welcome
Vice President - TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH –
Treasurer - Jim Self, KW4PW – see Treasurer's Report
Secretary - Renata Sierzega, KQ4ASH –
Board Member at Large - Chris Benoit, KC4NW –
Board Member at Large - Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW – Absent
Membership – Ron Davis, K4TCP -
Testing – Ron Davis, K4TCP / Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL –
Programs – Greg Mitchell KB1AWM -
QSL manager –Chris Benoit KC4NW-
Repeaters – Bryce Myers, K4LXF –
Fund Raising –Jim Self, KW4PW –
Properties – TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH –
Education and Scholarship- Jim Wasson KO4MNB, Stephen Behr K4OPZ
Field Day- Ron K4TCP, TW KF4CQH, John Satterfield KK4JS - KO4AFL

Call to order: 1900 Adjourned 1951

Location: American Red Cross 2424 A City Hall Lane, N. Charleston, SC

38 members present

UPCOMING EVENTS: Note: All participation for events must be approved by the Board prior to any members signing up the Club to participate.

Holiday PARTY!!!! Monday, Dec 16th at 6:30 pm!

“QUARTERLY EVENTS”: Mark your calendars!

Little David: **12 October 24** POC: TW KF4CQH

Winter Field Day: **January**

Hunley: Museum Ships: **February**

Summer Field Day: **June**

Little David: 12 Oct 24: 9 AM- 2 PM POC TW KF4CQH

Santee Cooper Canal Park: 900 Stony Landing Road, Moncks Corner, SC 29461

- Enter the site just before the park on the left
- Using tents and tables
- Need power supply, batteries, generator
- Approximately 7 people expressed an interest

The Citadel Cyber Awareness Month 8 Feb 2025 POC: Jim, KO4MNB

- The Citadel Cyber Awareness Month in October looks like it is not going forward. However, we have been asked to set up our ham radio stations for the “Storm the Citadel” event on February 8, 2025. Details pending.

Business:

Trailer Maintenance and Deployment Committee: POC Steve KO4AFL

Members: Chip WB4ZVR, Jim KW4PW, Mike KJ4TAC, Ron K4TCP and Glenn WA4NMW

- Solar panels have been installed but need wiring.

Education Committee: Jim Wasson KO4MNB and Stephen Behr K4OPZ

- Palmetto Scholars Academy POC Steve Behr K4OPZ – PSA has a new principal, a new vice principal and may new teachers. The Ricky Reyes, new vice principal, will meet to discuss the K4PSA equipment and location. The site still needs a teacher to sponsor the club.
- St. John Catholic School: POC Jim Wasson KO4MNB and Stephen Behr K4OPZ

The radios are fully operational. Great work by the TARC team!

Principal Durand asked TARC to teach electronics starting in January 25. TARC team proposed a two LED multivibrator circuit kit for the students to build. Additionally, Durand requests TARC team to teach soldering to the 7th and 8th graders so their kit will include a printed circuit board. The 5th and 6th graders would not be soldering. **Team needs at least four volunteers to be team leaders.** Contact Jim KO4MNB to volunteer.

St John's celebrated their 70th Anniversary. The Bishop toured the radio shack.

- SC Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW): POC Jim Wasson, KO4MNB

Students will prepare questions to ask during the ISS contact. TARC will select the questions to be asked. This will be completed the last two weeks in October. The schools that are vying for the ISS contact are as follows:

- Woodland Middle School in Dorchester
- Ronald McNair School in Lake City
- Hillcrest Middle School in Dalzell
- Lake Marion Middle School

"Our ARISS Contact will occur during the first week of December. Steve Behr K4OPZ and Jim Wasson KO4MNB have completed development of the TARC Virtual Training Classes with 6 pre-recorded audiovisual presentations. The first week of November, we will be completing the selection of the host school for the contact and selecting those students who will be asking questions to the astronauts."

A recommendation was made to submit a write up for the QST.

TARC team includes Jim KO4MNB, Tom AJ4UQ, Greg KB1AWM, Steve K4OPZ, Steve KO4AFL and Glenn WA4NMW.

- Citadel Ham Radio Club N4CIT: POC: Jim KO4MNB, Steve K4OPZ
 - See events information

Properties: TW Kirkpatrick KF4CQH

- Add GOTA Box to inventory, serialize, and take a picture. Information needed from Steve K4OPZ.
- No update.

WINLINK: To be discussed further.

Membership: POC Ron K4TCP

Current membership: 105
50% of members have paid dues for this year.

DUES DUE!

QSL: POC: Chris KC4NW

- 2 Field Day and 2 HLN Hunley
- Summer Field Day: Dig: 33 Phone: 574 CW: 0 numbers. Ron K4TCP

Media: POC Ron K4TCP

No update.

Program ideas: POC: Greg KB1AWN

The following ideas to be considered for future club programming for members.

Please note: The ideas listed below need to be confirmed with an ELMER presenting.

- Sept: 3d printing by Mel Seyle W4MEL and Terry Fox N4TLF
- Oct: Mike, N4OBR, discuss the area's new digital repeater (DStar/DMR/fusion).
- Nov: ARES, Rick, N8BKN
- Dec: Holiday Party
- Jan: Dx Mission Report Van N4VGE
- Radio activities: satellite
- Propagation information: solar cycle
- J pole and antennas
- Programming for Extras
- Ladder lines
- Slim Jim and J Pole antennas building: May do this on a club operating day. POC Ron K4TCP

TREASURER: Jim KW4PW

South Carolina Federal Credit Union

- Total balance: \$6507
- Expenses: Approximate: \$1,500
- Expenses:
 - Sound proof curtain: \$410
 - Dehumidifier \$400
- Earnings:
 - Dues received: To date: \$1500
 - Donation for Jim Wallace 897 radio: \$400
 - Raffle: \$150 profit
- Social media: Website: Dream Host
 - Hosting due **1/20/25**.
 - Domain registration: \$17.99 yearly due **1/16/25**
- Please use the TARC Website Square to pay dues. It makes the money easier to track. Thank you.
- Discuss plan for use of the balance at the next Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

W4DAX SCHOLARSHIP Program: POC: Owen KF5BLK

- Owen Trott reported that Tom Lufkin had terminated his W4DAX scholarship.
- Owen to present to the TARC Board a proposal to continue this scholarship.

Club Christmas Party: POC Renata KQ4ASH

Party will be on **Monday, Dec 16th at 6:30 pm** which is the normal Club meeting day.

Location: Bahama Breeze, 7811 Rivers Ave., Charleston, SC It is near one of the entrances to the Northwoods Mall.

Ron will send out the Monkey Survey so we know how many will attend. There will be Chinese gifts (max \$20) to exchange up to 3 times. Bring others to share in the fun!

Education Committee: Membership discussed considering financial support. One item mentioned was the Flashing Light Project: \$200.

Dorchester EOC: Discuss this organization getting more involved in TARC activities. To be discuss at the next Board meeting.

GENERAL INFO:

Repeaters: POC: Bryce K4LXF
No changes

Lending Library: TARC members to **bring books** to the monthly meetings. Owen will be at the next Board meeting to discuss a plan. POC Owen KF5BLK

Testing: Testing is scheduled the 3rd Wed of every month. Two from TARC scheduled this Wed.

Licensure classes:

1. A Technician class will be held at the VA downtown on 109 Bee Street in the conference room (there will be signs). Sept 21-22. Saturday 0800-1700. Sunday 0800 to 1200. Test is at 1300 (1 pm)
2. National Electronics Museum classes: Year round: Here is the link to the signup form:
<https://forms.gle/jKoezyUr5Ak2pvji9>

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