

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Board Meeting Minutes FINAL

4/07/2025

President - Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL – present
Vice President - TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH – via phone
Treasurer - Jim Self, KW4PW – present
Secretary - Renata Sierzega, KQ4ASH – present
Board Member at Large - Chris Benoit, KC4NW – present
Board Member at Large - Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW – present
Membership – Ron Davis, K4TCP -present
Testing – Ron Davis, K4TCP / Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL – present
Programs – Greg Mitchell KB1AWM - Not present
QSL manager –Chris Benoit KC4NW- present
Repeaters – Bryce Myers, K4LXF – present
Fund Raising –Jim Self, KW4PW – present
Properties – TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH – via phone
Education and Scholarship- Jim Wasson KO4MNB, Stephen Behr K4OPZ - Present
Field Day- Ron K4TCP, TW KF4CQH, John Satterfield KK4JS (not present), Steve KO4AFL
POTA- Dave Merritts AE4ZR- present

Call to order: 6:10 pm, Adjourn: 7:10 pm

Location: Hanahan Library, 1215 Old Murray Ct., Hanahan, SC 29410

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

*** ANNUAL EVENTS* : Mark your calendars!**

Ride the Low Country: 12 April 2025. We are looking for operators to support vehicles and operate from rest stops along the way. POC: Linda Selleck KJ4EVV

ARRL World Ham Radio Day: 18 April from 9am to 2pm at the Dorchester Country Emergency Operations Center at 212 Deming Way in Summerville. The TARC EmComm trailer will be on display and participating in the event. Please come out to support our live radio operations. POC: Jim Wasson, KO4MNB

POTA: 10 May 25: Ft Lamar 1207-1227 Fort Lamar Rd, Charleston, SC 29412 POC: Dave Merritts AE4ZR

*** Museum Ships: 7-8 Jun 2025.** POC: David Merritts AE4ZR

David will be setting up a ham radio station for all to operate at the boat landing across from the Hunley Museum at 1250 Supply Street in Charleston.

*** Summer Field Day: 28-29 June 2025.**

- Location: Saint John's Episcopal Church, 3673 Maybank Hwy, John's Island, SC. It is at the entrance to the Angel Oak. Mike Edwards KJ4TAC will be leading a Slim Jim J pole antennas building class. \$20 donation needed for materials. Ron K4TCP will send out a Survey Monkey so Mike knows how many kits to order. POCs: Ron Davis and John Satterfield.
- Set up starts around 9 AM. Club will probably have a potluck dinner on Saturday night. Discussion on each member bringing their own headset.
- Discussion on Lowcountry Contest Club (LCCC) Call sign NU4SC joining TARC group for CW. More information forthcoming. POC Chip WB4ZBR
- Due to the potential late hour with CW and better evening weather, a Board member will need to remain to close up shop. Renata KQ4ASH will volunteer to stay.

Joint Base Charleston Air Show: May 2026 POC Chip WB4ZVR

Chip has been in touch with his Air Show contact. They will connect with Chip in Nov 25 to provide additional information.

Old Business:

Trailer Maintenance and Deployment Committee: POC Steve KO4AFL

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

- Club, educational and promotional use.
- Request for trailer use to be submitted to the committee 60-90 days in advance.
- Work left to be done:
 - Mount propane tanks after continued floor repair (weld frame "C" channel support). Steve will schedule a welder to come to the trailer to make repairs. Chip Mack suggested installing hinge pins for easy removal of the tanks.
 - Some rust spots noted on the trailer frame and needs to be removed
 - Small dehumidifier for the trailer: The membership approved \$350 for a dehumidifier. Consider providing Glenn a stipend to use his outdoor outlet.
 - Need to wire in 110 VAC power for dehumidifier.
 - GPS repeater \$80 approved: Need to mount antenna on the roof upright.
 - Replace emergency brake and GPS tracker battery that needs to get charged while sitting parked as now it only gets charged from the truck towing it. Jim KO4MNB donated a small solar panel to be propped up on the tongue to charge the battery. Need to install posts on the battery box to attach the alligator clamps from the solar panel.

Education and Scholarship Committee:

St. John Catholic School: POC Jim KO4MNB and Stephen K4OPZ

- The programing has been outstanding. Thanks to the TARC team for sharing their time and talents and the membership for their financial support. Programing will resume in the next school year.

K4PSA Asset Disposition: POC Steve K4OPZ

- Steve reported that Palmetto Scholar Academy has no interest in resurrecting their ham radio club. Steve called the new Vice Principal to ask him about transferring their equipment to the club for educational use with other schools, but he hasn't yet returned Steve's call. In the meantime, PSA has a new person that may be taking over the club.

Scholarship Program: POC: Owen Trott, KF5BLK

- Owen presented a proposal regarding an overhaul of the TARC Scholarship Program to the Board at the 3 February 2025 board meeting.
- Owen has donated \$500 to the scholarship fund with hopes that members (not club funds) will add to that initial contribution to make a \$1000 scholarship award possible by next school year. There was discussion how to generate a revenue stream to continually fund the scholarship award program.
- Owen plans to talk to the PTAs in the tri-county area about program to gain interest, in addition to the Boy Scout Council and other youth groups.
- The TARC website information on the scholarship has been removed for now. Owen will get with Ron to revamp the page with new information.
- Last updated: Feb 25

Membership: POC Ron K4TCP

Current membership: 130 members, all currently paid. Membership increase may be due to the Clubs outreach activities.

Mail Chimp currently has 460 people listed. Ron will be cleaning up this list.

QSL: POC: Chris KC4NW

- Congratulations to Chris' Dad and Grandson on passing their Technician Exams!
- 4 QSL cards (3 electronic, 1 envelope). 1 Winter Field Day, 2 POTA, 1 Hunley from 6/3/2018
- 2 QSL cards from NA1SS International Space Station for the N4EE ARISS contact made at Dorchester School on 2 Dec 2024. Steve Behr will frame the ARISS card both sides. Steve said he is waiting to hear back from Patricia Ferguson, SC DEW, as to if they will donate an engraved placard for the frame.

POTA (Parks on the Air): POC Dave Merritts AE4ZR

- Dave reminds members, when using the club call sign during POTA contacts, let him know.

Programs: POC: Greg KB1AWN

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

Greg is looking for volunteers to present a relevant ham radio topic.

- April: View video of ARISS event Rich Lorenzo K4ZRL
- May: Headsets. Steve KO4AFL
- June: Slim Jim J-pole antennas building. Making the antennas will occur on Saturday, 28 June during Summer Field Day. Cost \$20 for materials.
- July: WINLINK. Ron K4TCP
- Radio activities: satellite
- Programming for Extras
- Computer Aided Transceiver (CAT) via YouTube

TREASURER: Jim KW4PW

South Carolina Federal Credit Union

- Total balance: \$6,900
- Expenses: Approximately \$1,500/year. No unforeseen expenses beyond that.
- Expenses: \$478 Insurance paid
- Earnings: Dues

- Social media: Website: Dream Host
 - Hosting due **1/20/26**.
 - Domain registration: \$17.99 yearly due **1/16/26**
- Raffle: Large Apache Radio box (Even)
 - April: VHF wattmeter

NEW BUSINESS:

18 Apr 25 World Amateur Radio Event: DART (Dorchester Amateur Radio Team) will be having an open house and the TARC trailer will be there around 9 AM.

Update: Steve KO4AFL will talk to Justin Newman about the Hurricane Expo to get people to sign up for the technician class the **first week in May** and will use this opportunity to discuss repeaters as well.

Background: The state is looking to spend money on repeaters. As such, there was a discussion about meeting with the Dorchester Amateur Radio Team (DART) regarding a location to install our 270 repeater in Summerville located at Glenn's WA4MNW property to augment the 610 repeater that Steve KO4AFL has running on his property. Glenn had an initial discussion with DART President, Beverly Boyd, on 20 Nov 2024.

General Information:

NETS: Check your equipment; Check the news!

- Sunday:
 - Low Country ARES net 2000 Hrs. – 2020 Hrs.
 - SC ARES net 2000 Hrs. -2130 Hrs.

On the SCHEART repeaters

- Tuesday:
 - SC ARES HF net at 1800 Hrs. on 3.990MHz
 - WinLink Net
 - TARC Net 2000 Hrs. -2100 Hrs. on the Low Country repeaters
- Wednesday:
 - 1st and 3rd Wednesday Weather Training net 2000 Hrs.
- Thursday:
 - SCHEART Training net 0900 Hrs. – 1030 Hrs. on the SCHEART
 - New Comers net 2000 Hrs. -2100hrs on the Low Country repeaters

WINLINK: WINLINK Tues Net. Prep for hurricane season. Contact Ron if interested. He has additional information on this. POC: Ron K4TCP

Repeaters: Work was being done on the Yorktown repeater. Also note, TARC and CARS meetings are announced on the repeaters. See repeater list on TARC website. Status will be reported monthly. Nothing new to report. POC: Bryce K4LXF

Lending Library: POC Owen KF5BLK. TARC members are encouraged to bring books to the monthly meetings. We have 10 books so far. Owen will give Ron the list of books available for publication on the TARC website. Check out is from one Membership meeting

to the next, or Owen can be reached by email at owen.trott.landman@gmail.com to arrange a meeting to pick up a book, but it would still be due at the following membership meeting.

Testing: POC: Testing is scheduled at 6:30pm the 3rd Wed of every month at the Hanahan Public Library, 1216 Old Murry Ct., Hanahan, SC 29410. Pre-register for the exam session at <https://hamstudy.org/sessions/glaarg>

Club Call Sign Info:

- N4EE: Maintain N4EE for Special Events and Field Day. David Merritts AE4ZR is the custodian and uploads into QRZ.
 - NOTE: Someone may be inadvertently using the N4EE call sign as there have been 14 QSL requests. Chris KC4NW will crosscheck dates to see if TARC was using the call sign at that time.
- N4HLH: Use for Hunley Events. Ron K4TCP is the custodian and uploads into QRZ.
- W4ANK: Repeater Call Sign for future for club events. Rick N8BKN is custodian.

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Renata Sierzega KQ4ASH
Secretary