

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes Final

5/5/2025



President - Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL –
Vice President - TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH –
Treasurer - Jim Self, KW4PW –
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Board Member at Large - Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW –
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 (absent), Stephen Behr K4OPZ -
Field Day- Ron K4TCP, TW KF4CQH, John Satterfield KK4JS, Steve KO4AFL
POTA- Dave Merritts AE4ZR- (absent)

Call to order:

Location: Hanrahan Library

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!

* 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 at 0900.

TECH CLASS: 17-18 May 25: 8500 Palmetto Commerce Pkwy, Charleston, SC POC: Rick N8BKN

* 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 have a potluck dinner on Saturday night. A Survey Monkey will be available to sign up.
- Members are to bring their own headset.
- Owen has volunteered to use his smoker to make the protein.

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.
- Discussion for next year may occur on 5 Jun 25 with the Science Teacher and Principal for science related projects for 5th and 8th graders.

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. The school is currently on Spring Break. The school will be closing at the end of May. The site license expires at the end of July 25.
- Steve to email Tom Glaab AJ4UQ to see if we can reallocate the assets at this location.

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. A discussion with school boards in the plans.
- Last updated: Feb 25

Operating Class Syllabus Spring 2025

Email Rol to get registered, then **previous classes have been recorded** and are available.

Optional Supplemental Reading:

The ARRL Operating Manual for Radio Amateurs, 12th Edition. The material in the Operating Manual supports many of these talks, but it is not a specific text for them. Some of our topics are not in the manual, and a few of the manual topics are unique to the book. The book is available at Amazon.com in both Kindle and print versions.

Course Organizers: Rol Anders, K3RA roland.anders@comcast.net 410-796-4792 Tom Christovich, K3YH tom.christovich@gmail.com 410-615-3269

Date: Title: Speaker

- Apr 3 All About Operating, Amateur Radio Rol Anders, K3RA

Organizations, Ham Radio Awards

- Apr 10 VHF/UHF Weak Signal Work and "Roving" Brian Skutt, N3IQ

Fast Scan TV Operating Jim Andrews, KH6HTV

- April 17 DXing Bernie McClenny W3UR

Rol Anders, K3RA

QSLing Rol Anders, K3RA

- April 24 Remote Station control over internet Ike Lawton, W3IKE (30-40min)

CW in the no-code era Rol Anders, K3RA

- May 1 Contesting Dan Zeitlin, K2YWE

Logging Software Rol Anders, K3RA

- May 8 Digital Modes Alan Zimmerman, KM4ND
- May 15 No Session—Dayton Hamvention Week
- May 22 Amateur Satellites Paul Stoetzer, N8HM

Portable (backpacking) operation Paul Stoetzer, N8HM

- May 29 Propagation: HF and 6 Meter Propagation

during the next year near solar maximum Frank Donovan, W3LPL

- June 5 Public Service, EmComms Andy Protigal, N3AWP

Dan Wilt, N3YQ

- June 12 Setting Up a Modern (or not so modern) HF Alan Zimmerman, KM4ND

Station Kevin Zembower, KC3KZ

- June 19 Lightning Protection and Grounding Ron Block, NR2B

Traffic Handling Al Nollmeyer, W3YVQ

Robin Schaefer, AA3SB

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!
- 8 QSL cards (7 electronic, 1 envelope). 2 Winter Field Day, 3 POTA, 1 Hunley from 6/3/2018
- Update: 5 electric: 2 were located, 2 were not located and 1 was questionable.
- 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, please let him know. N4EE@tridenthams.org

Programs: POC: Greg KB1AWM Greg would like to step down. Please contact the club if interested in managing this program.

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

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

- May:
- TBD: 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

- Programing 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/UHF wattmeter

NEW BUSINESS:

TECH CLASS: 17-18 May 25, 8500 Palmetto Greenville Rd, Charleston, SC POC Rick N8BKN

General Information:

NETS: Check your equipment; Check the news!

- Sunday:
 - Low Country ARES net 2000 Hrs. – 2020 Hrs.
 - SC ARES net 2020 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. NEED additional Net Controls. Please consider learning this skill and volunteer.
 - Wednesday:
 - 1st and 3rd Wednesday Weather Training net 2000 Hrs. (Per CARS)
 - WINLINK Net: All day
 - 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/TARC. 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.

The Lending Library is live on the website. Here is the link -

> <https://www.tridenthams.org/library/>

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>

- No testers this past month.
- 1 has signed up for this month.

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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Secretary