

# Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

## Membership Meeting Final

6/16/2025



**President** - Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL –

**Vice President** - TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH – Absent

**Treasurer** - Jim Self, KW4PW –

**Secretary** - Renata Sierzega, KQ4ASH –

**Board Member at Large** - Chris Benoit, KC4NW –

**Board Member at Large** - Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW –

**Membership** – Ron Davis, K4TCP -

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

**Programs** – Reid Robinson KR4CPL-

**QSL manager** –Chris Benoit KC4NW-

**Repeaters** – Bryce Myers, K4LXF –

**Fund Raising** –Jim Self, KW4PW –

**Properties** – TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH – Absent

**Education and Scholarship**- Jim Wasson KO4MNB, Stephen Behr K4OPZ -

**Field Day**- Ron K4TCP-, TW KF4CQH- John Satterfield KK4JS-, Steve KO4AFL -

**POTA**- Dave Merritts AE4ZR-

**Call to order:** 1900

Adjourn: 1948

37 in attendance

**Location:** Am Red Cross

2424-A City Hall Lane

North Charleston, SC 29406

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

### **NEW CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS! Submit names by 31 Jul 2025.**

Nominating committee: Jim KO4MNB, Renata KQ4ASH

Please contact us if you are interested.

Current openings are for:

Pres: Chris KC4NW

VP: David AE4ZR

**Sec:**

Treasurer: Steve KO4AFL

Members at Large:

Glenn WA4MNW

Jim KO4MNB

Note interested members that have been nominated and accepted are listed above.

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

**\* 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.
- **Saturday: 12-12:30 PM** Ron K4TCP will be leading a Slim Jim J pole **antenna building class**. \$20 donation needed for materials. Soldering is involved. POCs: Ron Davis and John Satterfield.
- **Saturday: Set up starts around 11 AM**. Club will have a potluck dinner on Saturday night. A Survey Monkey is **now available** to sign up for both the potluck and working the radio.
- **Sunday**: please be available for teardown.
- Members are to bring their own headset.
- Owen has volunteered to use his smoker to make brisket. Bob and Helen are bringing a 12 lb. ham. Come enjoy!!!

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

**12 Jul 25:** POC Dave Merritts AE4ZR

This event may be at May Forest OR Charlestown Landing OR Ft Lamar. TBD

**19-20 Jul 25:** Support your Park event. Club members may go to any State Park and set up. This is an on your own event unless you want to invite a few Friends!

**FT Dorchester Robotics: 18-19 Jul 25:** POC Glenn WA4NMW

- Volunteers needed to assist 3,4 & 5<sup>th</sup> graders for a few hours to building blinking light kits on a bread board. **Need 2 volunteers:** Glenn WA4NMW, Steve K4OPZ, Jim KO4MNB, Steve K4OPZ and Owen KF5BLK (Sat only).

**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.

- Discussed using WINLINK, Morse Code station, FT8 demo
- Discussed accessing and utilizing a TV designed for outside\
- First day of Air Show is Stem Day with area school students

**Old Business:**

**Vatican report.** Steve K4POZ, Jim KO4MNB

**Vatican report.** While visiting Rome for the funeral of Pope Francis, Jim Wasson, KO4MNB, arranged for a June 5 contact with the Vatican Amateur Radio Station HV4NAC. Jim had to make the FT-8 contact from home due to technical issues with the station at Saint John Catholic School. When the Vatican called CQ, there was an immediate pile up (of course) on 21.047MHz so they switched to 21.077MHz to make the contact. Then the operator, Luciano IOJBL, called CQ to make the contact with Jim from HV4NAC. The antenna system on top of the Pontifical North American College includes a steppIR horizontal,

HF vertical and several other beam antennas. Their QSL card shows the Vatican station with Saint Peter's Basilica in the background.

**Museum Ships report:** Van N4VGE and David AE4ZR attended. They had 104 voice contacts and then 140 SSB. Delta Loop and CHA 250.

### **Education and Scholarship Committee:**

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

- Discussed plans for next year with the Science Teacher and Principal for science related projects for 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The topics approved are for space, weather and water.
- 18 Jun 25: Team will be at the school helping to resolve a number of radio related issues.

**Alston Middle School: K4PSA Asset Disposition:** POC Steve K4OPZ

- Equipment transferred to the Alston Middle School. The VHF tripod antenna remains and will be taken down at a future date.
- Howard Germroth WW4GH attended the meeting to thank TARC for donating the K4PSA equipment. AARG (Active Amateur Radio Group) will be working at this school. They invited all to check out their club anytime. They have Zoom meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7 pm. See more information on their FB page.

**Membership:** POC Ron K4TCP

Current membership: 138 members, all currently paid.

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

**QSL:** POC: Chris KC4NW

- 12 requested. 4 electronic (only 1 confirmed valid) 8 N4HLH Museum Ships
- **Make your own QSL card:**  
Radio QTH - QSL Card Creator  
<https://share.google/rr9IulkMzryGvRwJj>
- 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 will obtain an engraved placard for the frame.

**Programs: NEW** POC: Reid Robinson KR4CPL

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

- June: Slim Jim J-pole antennas building. Making the antennas will occur on Saturday, 28 June during Summer Field Day. Cost \$20 for materials. Ron did a brief show and tell.
- July: WINLINK. Ron K4TCP
- Radio activities: satellite
- Programming for Extras
- Computer Aided Transceiver (CAT) via YouTube

- DIY Headset adaptors: electronics.halibut.com ; <https://ohis.org/> POC: Steve KO4AFL
- QSL cards: POC Van N4VGE
- How to run a teletype radio
- Set up for digital modes: FT8, Olivia, PSK 31, JS 8
- Different types of antennas
- How to tune an antenna

**TREASURER:** Jim KW4PW

South Carolina Federal Credit Union

- Total balance: \$6,340
- Expenses: Approximately \$1,500/year. No unforeseen expenses beyond that.
- Expenses: Insurance on the trailer paid. Purchased ladder for the trailer.
- Earnings: Dues
- Social media: Website: Dream Host
  - Hosting due **1/20/26**.
  - Domain registration: \$17.99 yearly due **1/16/26**
- Raffle: 2M antenna analyzer

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Van N4VGE announced that he will be on a DX Expedition in India or Thailand in May of 2026. There is room for 18 people. There are already 17 committed. If you are interested, contact Van. He will maintain a waiting list. Equipment will be delivered via DHL.

**General Information:**

**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](mailto:N4EE@tridenthams.org)

**WINLINK:** Contact Ron K4TCP if interested. He has additional information on this. POC: Ron K4TCP

**Repeaters:** POC: Bryce K4LXF

Note: TARC and CARS meetings are announced on the repeaters. See repeater list on TARC website. Status will be reported monthly.

**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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 one registered to date.

**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.

**NETS: Check the TARC Website**

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Renata Sierzega KQ4ASH  
Secretary