

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes FINAL

6/2/2025



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 – Absent

Membership – Ron Davis, K4TCP - Absent

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

Programs – Greg Mitchell KB1AWM - Absent

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- Absent, Stephen Behr K4OPZ -

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

POTA- Dave Merritts AE4ZR-

Call to order: 1802

Adjourn: 1909

Location: Hanahan Library

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 Aug 2025.

Consider being part of the nominating committee.

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

Vatican Amateur Radio Station: 5 Jun 2025 1:30 PM

Jim (KO4MNB) traveled to Rome for Pope Francis' funeral and had an opportunity to visit the Vatican Amateur Radio Station (HV4NAC) located at the Pontifica of North America College where the seminarians from the U.S. attend class. As such, he was able to establish a rapport with the station operator, Luciano (I0JBL), who has agreed to schedule a QSO contact between HV4NAC and N4EE (TARC) on **June 5th at 1:30pm** at Saint John Catholic School's Amateur Radio Station, 3921 St. Johns Ave. N Charleston, SC. TARC members who would like to attend please contact Jim. Addendum: FT8 will be used as a backup.

*** Museum Ships: 7 Jun 2025:** POC: David Merritts AE4ZR

David will be setting up a ham radio station at 0800 for all to operate at the boat landing across from the Hunley Museum at 1250 Supply Street in Charleston at 0900-1400.

*** 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.
- Ron K4TCP will be leading a Slim Jim J pole antennas building class. \$20 donation needed for materials 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 brisket.
- Insurance certificate obtained.

POTA (Parks on the Air): 12 Jul 25: POC Dave Merritts AE4ZR

Support your Park event. Location TBD.

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

- Volunteers needed to assist 3,4 & 5th graders for a few hours to build kits. Kit prices sent to Glenn for review. Need 6 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

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.
 - 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 will be on site on Mon/Tues after school is out to reallocate the radio resources from this site. Board approved transferring equipment to the Alston Middle School. There is interest in that school.

Membership: POC Ron K4TCP

Current membership: 136 members, all currently paid.

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

QSL: POC: Chris KC4NW

- 4 electronic, 1 non-confirmed
- **Make your own QSL card:**
Radio QTH - QSL Card Creator
<https://share.google/rr9lulkMzryGvRwJi>
- 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: POC: Reid Robinson KR4CPL

Please contact the club if interested in managing this program.

The following ideas to be considered for future club programing 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.
- July: WINLINK. Ron K4TCP
- Radio activities: satellite
- Programing 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: \$6,562
- Expenses: Approximately \$1,500/year. No unforeseen expenses beyond that.
- Expenses: \$132 Insurance paid
- Earnings: Dues
- Social media: Website: Dream Host
 - Hosting due **1/20/26**.
 - Domain registration: \$17.99 yearly due **1/16/26**
- Raffle: TBD

NEW BUSINESS:

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

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

Repeaters: 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>

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 your equipment; Check the news!

This information will be added to the TARC Website

Digital Nets:

RadioSC

First Monday each month at 7pm. Early check-in at 6:45pm. Digital voice modes. DMR: XLX Master XLX_517A, Quadnet TG 517, TGIF 517, YSF: YCS310 DG-ID 81, D-STAR: XRF517A, M17: URF517A

D-STAR RF into 145.120 DUP-

Digital Dog Net

Monday at 5:00pm on RadioSC

North Carolina & Friends of D-STAR Net

Tuesday 9:00pm on REF054C.

Coastal Carolina D-STAR Net

Saturday at 7:30pm on REF054C.

Raspberry Pi Net

Monday at 11:00pm on REF038C.

D-STAR Tech Net

Tuesday @ 11:00pm on REF012A.

More info: <https://papasys.com/events/dstar-tech-net/>

Quadnet Multimode Digital Voice Net

Saturday @ 6:00pm EST on Reflector XRF757A.

Quadnet Talkgroup 320.

TGIF Talkgroup 320.

YSF31001.

Quadnet HamNation After Call Net

Wednesday @ 10:00pm EST Reflector XRF757A.

Quadnet Talkgroup 320.

YSF31001.

Quadnet Young Operators Digital Voice Net

Geared toward young operators but all are welcome.

Sunday @ 7:00pm EST Reflector XRF757A.

Quadnet Talkgroup 320.

YSF31001.

Analog nets:

Sunday 8pm
Lowcountry ARES net
HEART linked repeaters
Statewide joins at 8:20pm

Tuesday 8pm
TARC 2m
HEART linked repeaters

Thursday 9am
Statewide Hospital practice net
SCHEART linked repeaters Awendaw, Wallace VHF, and Whitehall

Thursday 8pm
Newcomers net
HEART linked repeaters

Tuesday 8pm
AARG
147.300 PL162.2

Saturday 8pm
AARG 6m
52.540 FM then 50.140 USB

Daily 7pm
Carolina SSB net
3.915 LSB

Other nets

<https://netfinder.radio/nets/state-province/south-carolina>
<https://www.arrl.org/arrl-net-directory-search>

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Secretary