

**Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.**

**Board Meeting Minutes FINAL**

**7/7/2025**



**President** - Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL –

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

**Treasurer** - Jim Self, KW4PW – Absent

**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- Absent

**QSL manager** –Chris Benoit KC4NW-

**Repeaters** – Bryce Myers, K4LXF –

**Fund Raising** –Jim Self, KW4PW – Absent

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

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

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

**POTA**- David Merritts AE4ZR-

**Call to order:** 1805

Adjourn 1935

**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.

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

Nominating committee: Jim KO4MNB, Renata KQ4ASH

Please contact us if you are interested.

Current nominees are to date:

Pres: Chris KC4NW

VP: David AE4ZR

Sec: (1)

Reid Robinson KR4CPL

Brent Tatum KO4KCR

Treasurer: Steve KO4AFL

Members at Large: (2)

Glenn WA4MNW

Jim KO4MNB

Chip WB4ZBR

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

**\* Summer Field Day: Hot Wash**

- Do a Dry Run 1-2 weeks before the event.
- Stop using Survey Monkey as members have difficulty with it and it limits sign on. Use hard copy sign-up sheets at meetings.
  - Have members sign up for specific times on the radio, set up and take down.
- Saturday Pot Luck. Another very successful event. Members can stay for dinner even if they have not contributed. The purpose is comradery.
- Checklists are needed for most aspects of trailer pre-use safety, setup, use of all equipment inside the trailer as well as the generators and propane and take down. This is a great training opportunity.
- Checklists needed for antenna setup and take down. This is a great training opportunity.
- Computers should be for all uses.
- There were many visitors. Place the “sandwich” sign with the QR code near the trailer, not the road.
- Alert visitors to the QR code on the trailer that sends them to the TARC Website.
- Assist Sect Manager Brad Humphries AE4VJ stopped by

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

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

This event may be at May Forest (only open M-F) OR Charlestown Landing (No response) OR Ft Lamar.

David will go to Charlestown Landing this week. **IF it rains, this event is cancelled.**

**14 Jul 25: Technician class:** Glenn WA4MNW, Ron K4TCP

Course Schedule

1. **Dates:** Week of **July 14th**
2. **Class Times:** **Monday through Friday**, 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM
3. **Review Session:** **Saturday, July 19th** at 9:00 AM
4. **License Exam:** **Saturday, July 19th** at 11:00 AM
5. **Location:**  
Dorchester County Emergency Management Department  
**212 Deming Way, Building 1**  
Summerville, SC 29483

**18 Jul 25 ONLY: FT Dorchester Robotics:** 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 1 more volunteer:** Glenn WA4NMW, Jim KO4MNB, Steve K4OPZ.

**19-20 Jul 25: POTA:**

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! The TARC website will note where some members may be and at what time.

**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:**

**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.

**Membership:** POC Ron K4TCP

Current membership: 140 members.

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

**QSL:** POC: Chris KC4NW

- 10 Hunley, 1 Field Day
- **Make your own QSL card:**  
Radio QTH - QSL Card Creator  
<https://share.google/rr9lulkMzryGvRwJj>
- 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.

- 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: \$6,475
- Expenses: Approximately \$1,500/year. No unforeseen expenses beyond that.
- Expenses: Protein for Field Day Sat. Dinner; Donation to the church
- 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:**

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 David Merritts AE4ZR

- David 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>

### **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