

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Membership Meeting Minutes

8/18/2025



President - Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL – absent
Vice President - TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH – absent
Treasurer - Jim Self, KW4PW – absent
Secretary - Renata Sierzega, KQ4ASH – absent
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
Programs – Reid Robinson KR4CPL- present
QSL manager –Chris Benoit KC4NW
Repeaters – Bryce Myers, K4LXF – present
Fund Raising –Jim Self, KW4PW
Properties – TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH
Education - Jim Wasson KO4MNB - present, Stephen Behr K4OPZ - absent
Field Day- Ron K4TCP, Steve KO4AFL
POTA- David Merritts AE4ZR- present

Call to order: 1900, Adjourn 1942

Location: American Red Cross, 2242-A City Hall Lane, N. Charleston, SC 29406

Notes:

Ron K4TCP agreed to fill in for Steve KO4AFL to preside over the subject meeting and Jim KO4MNB agreed to fill in for Renata KQ4ASH as Secretary for the meeting.

The Board agreed to meet on the Tuesday's following a Monday holiday to allow Board members to enjoy the holiday weekends. Therefore, the next Board Meeting will be on 2 Sept at 6:00pm at the Hanahan Library. All members are invited to attend Board Meetings.

New Club Office Elections:

The nominating committee consisted of Jim Wasson KO4MNB and Renata Sierzega KQ4ASH. Each nominee introduced themselves prior to the collection of ballots by Mike Edwards KJ4TAC and Drew McCoy KQ4TYT. Those who were **nominated** were listed on the ballots as follows. Reid Robinson KR4CPL announced that he was dropping out of contention for the Secretary position to focus his efforts on his current role as Programs Chair. Ballots were handed out to active members, as was confirmed with check-ins on the membership roster provided by Ron Davis K4TCP. The ballots contained provisions for write-ins for each position.

- President: Chris Benoit KC4NW
- Vice President: David Merritts AE4ZR
- Secretary: Brent Tatum KO4KCR and Reid Robinson KR4CPL
- Treasurer: Steve Anderjack KO4AFL
- Members at Large (2): Glenn Stephens WA4NMW, Chip Mack WB4ZVR, and Jim Wasson KO4MNB

Mike and Drew provided the ballot count to Ron who read the election results. People were elected to the respective offices below:

- President: **Chris Benoit KC4NW**
- Vice President: **David Merritts AE4ZR**
- Secretary: **Brent Tatum KO4KCR**
- Treasurer: **Steve Anderjack KO4AFL**
- Members at Large (2): **Glenn Stephens WA4NMW** and **Jim Wasson KO4MNB**

EVENTS - Mark your calendars!

Summer Field Day (28 June 2025): POC Ron K4TCP and Steve KO4AFL

Ron reported 1900 points earned for Field Day. Bonus points were earned for the Clubs involvement with educational programs and social media presence. The Band conditions were not the best and one computer was out of service for some time. The Board discussed Lessons Learned and employing checklists for future field days.

Parks on the Air (11 October 2025): POC David AE4ZR

David reported we had a large turnout of over 20 operators at the last POTA event. The next POTA event will be scheduled for 11 October at a park to be determined. Also, 18-19 Oct is "Support your Parks" weekend.

Joint Base Charleston Air Show (April 2026): POC Chip Mack WB4ZVR

Chip stated that soon he will begin soliciting inputs to plan the STEM display and to sign up volunteers. More details are contained in the Board Meeting Minutes.

DX Event (May 2026) POC Van Herridge N4VGE

There will be on a DX Expedition ANDAMAN in Bay of Bengal. 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.

Old Business:

Education Committee - St. John Catholic School: POC Jim KO4MNB and Stephen Behr K4OPZ. We will be teaching the new 8th graders how to solder flashing light and siren kits as we did last year. Steve Behr is looking into non-soldering projects for the 5th through 7th graders. We will be asking for volunteers once plans have been solidified.

Membership: POC Ron K4TCP

Current membership: 141 members.

QSL: POC: Chris KC4NW

- 1 Hunley, 2 Field Day
- Make your own QSL card:
Radio QTH - QSL Card Creator
<https://share.google/rr9IulkMzryGvRwJi>

Programs: POC: Reid KR4CPL

Please contact Reid to discuss your interest in presenting a program or suggestion for programming. The following ideas to be considered for future club programming for members.

- 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 and how to tune an antenna

TREASURER: Jim KW4PW

Ron said balance remains approximately the same

- Total balance: \$6,293 (South Carolina Federal Credit Union)
- Expenses: Approximately \$1,500/year. No unforeseen expenses beyond that.
- Expenses: Paid
- Earnings: Dues
- Social media: Website: Dream Host
 - Hosting due **1/20/26**.
 - Domain registration: \$17.99 yearly due **1/16/26**
- Raffle: None for August due to Elections

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Christmas Party:** The December meeting will be the Club Christmas Party rather than a general meeting. Last year the venue was Bahama Breeze. Members made several suggestions regarding venue such as Pages Okra Grill, Jim and Nicks, and the Elks Lodge, all have private rooms. Please forward your suggestions to the Board for consideration.
- **Technician Licensing Course on Zoom:** A free, weekly, live, Technician Class Licensing course on Zoom will begin on Thursday, Sept 4, and will run through Thursday, October 16 (7 sessions). The three-hour sessions will start at 6:30 PM and they will be recorded. These are the classes that we have been holding for years sponsored by the Amateur Radio Club of the National Electronics Museum. Those wishing to sign up should email Rol at roland.anders@comcast.net.

General Information:

POTA (Parks on the Air): POC David AE4ZR

David 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: 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 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 the TARC Website