

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes

8/4/2025



President - Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL –
Vice President - TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH –
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-
QSL manager –Chris Benoit KC4NW-
Repeaters – Bryce Myers, K4LXF –
Fund Raising –Jim Self, KW4PW –
Properties – TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH –
Education and Scholarship- Jim Wasson KO4MNB, Stephen Behr K4OPZ -
Field Day- Ron K4TCP-, TW KF4CQH-, John Satterfield KK4JS-, Steve KO4AFL -
POTA- David Merritts AE4ZR-

Call to order: 1800

Adjourn 1910

Location: Hanahan Library

Note: The Board agreed to meet on the Tuesday's following a Monday holiday to allow Board members to enjoy the holiday weekends.

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! Write in will be possible on the night of the election.

Nominating committee: Jim KO4MNB, Renata KQ4ASH
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 WB4ZVR

Each nominee should stand and introduce themselves prior to the election. Only those that are active members may vote.

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

*** Summer Field Day:**

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.

Lessons learned:

- Club will conduct a Dry Run 1-2 weeks before the event.
- Have members sign up for specific times on the radio, set up and take down.
- Checklists are needed:
 - Antenna set up and take down
 - Trailer towing, pre-use safety, driving, set up and take down
 - Use of each piece of equipment inside and outside the trailer including:
 - Computers
 - Generators
 - Propane
- Computers should be for all uses. This requires some updates to programs.
- Designated person to update computers with contacts at the end of Field Day.

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

12 Jul 25: Charleston Landing. POC David Merritts AE4ZR

Report: Approximately 20 people attended. Many activated.

18 Jul 25 ONLY: FT Dorchester Robotics: POC Glenn WA4NMW, Jim KO4MNB and Steve K4OPZ

Report: 40-45 students attended. The group built the Bread Boards.

19-20 Jul 25: POTA:

Report

KO4MNB activated US-3910 Santee Cooper WMA (Eutaw Springs) on Saturday. Had RFI issues with FT-8 as audio cut out when keyed, so I worked SSB 20 meters. The band was crowded with lots of QRM. Got stepped on a lot, so changing frequencies and re-spotting after almost every QSO was time consuming. Resorted to hunting instead. Only logged 13 QSOs after several hours including 14 Park-to-Parks - one station in Canada was a 4 for 1. Made my first QSO with Pakistan however.

Joint Base Charleston Air Show: April 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

- Chip has discussed with the AF team the specifics needed for electrical support.

DX Event: May 2026 POC Van N4VGE

- Van N4VGE announced that he 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.

Dorchester EOC:

In the recent Tech class, 12 students passed.

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 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders. The topics approved are for space, weather and water. Plan soldering again for the new 8th graders.

Membership: POC Ron K4TCP

Current membership: 141 members.

QSL: POC: Chris KC4NW

- 1 Hunley, 1 Field Day
- **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: POC: Reid Robinson KR4CPL

Please contact Reid to discuss your interest in presenting a program or suggestion for programing.

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

- July: WINLINK. Part 1. Ron K4TCP Well done. Many members interested and lively discussion. Part 2 will be presented at a later date.
- August: No program due to officer elections
- 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: \$6,293
- Expenses: Approximately \$1,500/year. No unforeseen expenses beyond that.
- Expenses: Propane for Field Day
- Earnings: Dues
- Social media: Website: Dream Host
 - Hosting due **1/20/26**.
 - Domain registration: \$17.99 yearly due **1/16/26**
- Raffle:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Christmas Party: The December meeting will be the Club Christmas Party rather than a general meeting.

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

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

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Renata Sierzega KQ4ASH
Secretary