

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Membership Meeting Minutes

1/19/2026



Call to order: 1901 Adjourned: 1927

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

Board Officers/Committee Members Present:

President – Chris Benoit, KC4NW

Vice President – David Merritts, AE4ZR

Secretary – Brent Tatum, KO4KCR

Membership – Ron Davis, K4TCP

Testing – Ron Davis, K4TCP, Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL

QSL manager – Chris Benoit KC4NW

Fund Raising – Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL

Education - Stephen Behr K4OPZ

Field Day - Ron K4TCP, Steve KO4AFL

POTA - David Merritts AE4ZR

Treasurer - Steve Anderjack - KO4AFL

Repeaters – Bryce Myers, K4LXF

Properties - Terrence Hamilton, KR4FLR

Board Officers/Committee Members Absent:

Programs – Reid Robinson KR4CPL

Education - Jim Wasson KO4MNB

Board Member at Large - Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW

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Treasurer: \$7,255. Ruffled Baofeng in today's meeting

Membership: 86

Education Committee: On January 8 and 9, nine members volunteered to help the students at St. John Catholic School learn how to solder and build electronic kits. The next class (for Middle School students only) will be on Monday, 23 February, from 9:00 to 11:00am to build LED flashing light PCB kits. In March, we will help the students build the siren PCB kit. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help the kids build their kits please contact Jim Wasson, KO4MNB.

QSL: None

Programs: After today's meeting, logging to help prepare for winter field day. Feb fire chief from Greenville coming in for safety class on LIPO batteries

Repeaters: Moncks Corner link was down, back online

POTA: Four people showed up. David thinks due to late email going out as reminder and last club meeting it was discussed POTA will not be done.

Old Business:

- Field Day: Glenn went over End-Fed Half-Wave antenna kit, hands on activity we are doing at winter field day. Order kit through ARRL. Chris brought up event, location (St. Johns Episcopal Church on Johns Island), Elmers will be present to help with questions on equipment.
- Board voted to start Sunshine Committee (double check committee name) to welcome new members in
- Get with Renatta if you have not RSVP yet for Christmas party at Bahama Breeze
- Greg - President of Lowcountry Contest Club, reach out to him if you are interested in attending monthly meeting/dinner
- Board voted to approve up to \$400 in funding for St. Johns Catholic School
- Mike Maheu- W4KWC asked for third volunteer to help run Thursday evening newcomers net ran by CARS at 8:30pm. Also offered HAM radio using Lennox for program topic after one of our upcoming monthly meetings. mike@w4kwc.com

NEW BUSINESS:

- Winter field day, trailer set up at 9am. On air 11am. 2 radios in trailer and 1 radio outside trailer somewhere to help tune antennas that are being made. Hi vis vests will be on those overseeing parts of winter field day so you can easily identify who to contact for questions.
- Terrence was introduced as new properties person within the club. Will be conducting inventory at winter field day
- Air show Apr 30th set up, STEM May 1. Main air show May 2 and 3. Sign up sheets will circulate next three meetings.
- Chris would like to hold a Fox Hunt once the weather warms up. Before the event, club will discuss what it is, how it works, and have an antenna build before event.
- Orlando Hamcation coming up Feb 13-15

General Information:

- 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>
- Upcoming Events:
 - Joint Base Charleston Air Show (April 2026): POC Chip Mack WB4ZVR. Chip stated soon he will begin soliciting inputs to plan the STEM display and to sign up volunteers.

NETS: Check the TARC Website: Every Tuesday at 8pm on your local repeater.

73

Brent Tatum, KO4KCR
Secretary