

# Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society

## May 2011



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## Next Meeting

**May 5, 2011, 7:00 p.m.**

**Ocala Rd. Publix**

The Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society meets at 7:00 p. m. on the first Thursday of every month.

Our primary meeting location is the conference room on the upper floor of the Publix at 800 Ocala Road (near Tennessee St.) in Tallahassee. Talk-in on the AE4S repeater 146.655 (-.600, tone 94.8), or 146.520 simplex, if you require entry into the building.

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## TARS Officers

President: Dan Moniz - K14HGO  
Vice President: Alan Torledsky - W1ABT  
Secretary: Zulma Flynn – KJ4PVD  
Treasurer: Larry Pushor - K14MAJ

### TARS Committees:

Repeater Trustee #1: Randy Pierce AG4UU  
Repeater Trustee #2: Vacant  
Newsletter Editor: Elizabeth Zawrotny K4EAZ  
Historian: Vacant  
Equipment Manager: Steve Welsh AD4E  
Education: Phil Ashler N4IPH  
Testing Coordinator: Alan Terrell N4KGT  
Special Events: Vacant  
Webmaster: David A. Heupel WE4RA  
Public Information Officer: Vacant

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## Upcoming Events

May	5	TARS Meeting
May	14	Quincy EAA 445 Fly-In
May	15	National Peace Officers Memorial Day

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## Club News

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### TOSRV

TARS assisted the Capital City Cyclists in the annual TOSRV bicycle tour April 16 – 17. The event was a 200 mile bike ride starting at the State Capital building Saturday with cyclists riding through Cairo, Sale City and staying overnight in Albany. On Sunday, they returned via Camilla and Whigham back to the Capital. TARS has been involved with TOSRV since the beginning.

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### K4ICY Briefs Women's Group on EmComm

Thursday, April 21st, Mike Maynard K4ICY (AEC Leon) was invited to spend time that evening holding a seminar on emergency radio communications at a women's event.

Two dozen members of the Relief Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Tallahassee 2nd Ward) conducted a training event for emergency preparedness. With hurricane season looming, subjects touched upon life saving practices, such as maintaining "72-Hour" Kits, evacuation planning, emergency food storage and preparation, and severe weather awareness.

Included was a special guest: Deputy State Meteorologist Michelle Palmer from the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

Mike taught the importance of preparing one's self and their family for communication emergencies with FRS and Ham Radios. The pros and cons of each radio type were expressed with the value of ham radio being emphasized. Modes were described including D-STAR, EchoLink and auto-patching. ARRL information fliers and club information were distributed.

Additional activities included a demonstration of an HT contact with Sal, K4YFW, and a exciting hands-on event where all of the women took opportunities to talk to each other in groups using four FRS hand-held's. Many of them used a two-way radio for the first time. There was much interest created and many learned valuable insights into the power of our hobby.

Maybe someday a life may be saved because of what was taught that night.

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### The Lunch Bunch

Many members of TARS get together for lunch every Friday about 11:30 a.m. at the Golden Corral on Monroe Street. Everyone is welcome.

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### ARES News



### National Peace Officers Memorial Day

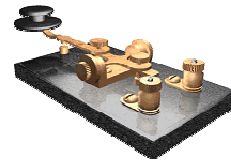
At the request of Congress to honor all Law Enforcement Officers, in 1962 President John F. Kennedy signed into law

a bill that proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Also on the calendar week of each year during which such when May 15th occurs has been designated National Police Week.

This year that week will be Sunday May 15th through Saturday May 22nd.

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### Some Local Nets

North Florida Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Net: Dailey, 9 a. m.: except Sunday, 3950 kHz

Capital District EmComm Training Net: Sunday, 7:30 p. m.: 146.655 MHz

Capital District ARES: Sunday, 8 p. m.: 146.655 MHz

The first Sunday of every month, we have three special ARES nets. One on 75 meters, on or near 3958KHz (+/-) at 1930 hours Eastern time. At the conclusion of this net, most everyone moves to 7245KHz (+/-), and picks up the round table there. At 2000 hours Eastern, the

regular weekly Capital District ARES net meets on 146.655MHz, and we are joined by station WX4TAE, at the National Weather Service Office in Tallahassee. During the first portion of this net, one of the staff meteorologists joins us on the air and provides a retrospective of the previous month's weather patterns, a brief forecast of what we might expect for the coming month, and also takes specific questions from stations who have checked in to the net. Please join us for these very informative ARES nets - the first Sunday of every month.

Florida Phone Traffic Net: Daily, 6:55 am: 3940 kHz

Florida Midday Traffic Net: Daily, Noon: 7242 kHz

North Florida Phone Net: Daily, 2330Z: 3950 kHz,

Thomasville Amateur Radio Club  
Thursday, 8:00 pm, 145.17 MHz Duplex, PL 141.3, --600

Sportsman's Paradise Amateur Radio Club: Monday, 8:00 pm, 145.450 MHz, PL 94.8

Jefferson County Net: Monday, 8:00 pm on the Monticello, WX4JEF, 145.43 MHz, PL 94.8

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## Our Neighbors

Thomasville Amateur Radio Club (TARC)

Meetings: The first Saturday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Plaza Restaurant in downtown Thomasville.



Net: Thursday night at 8:00 pm on 145.17MHz Duplex

**Sportsman's Paradise Amateur Radio Club (SPARC)**

Meetings: Third Thursday of each month at the Wakulla County Emergency Management Facility at 7:30 pm

Net: Monday Night at 8:00 pm on 145.450 MHz, pl 94.8

**Jefferson County**

Net: Monday evening at 8:00 pm on the Monticello, WX4JEF, 145.43 repeater; PL 94.8.



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## Next Meeting - Speaker Topic: An Invitation from Hussein, JY1, the King of Jordan

In the fall of 1985, while at work, I received a phone call from Hussein, JY1, King of Jordan, (SK). The phone call was an invitation to visit Jordan. Now how can you say no to a King! So six months later I found myself in Jordan. In January, after the presentation by Art, VE2AHH on his and his YL's trip to Israel and Petra, Jordan, I thought the club may be interested in seeing what the Jordan was like 25 years earlier. – Gerry, WA6POZ

*The meeting will be held on May 5 at 7 pm at the Publix at 800 Ocala Road.*

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## **Trading Post**

### **For Sale**

Yaesu VX-7R Tri-Band comes with drop in charger, car charger, RT System programming cable/Software and Speaker/mic for \$225.00 OBO If interested contact Norm K4GFD

### **For Loan**

If any TARS' member needs to use the MFJ 259 Antenna Analyzer or a Heathkit SB-220 80 through 10 meter HF amplifier, let Steve, AD4E, know: [ad4e@arrl.net](mailto:ad4e@arrl.net)



If you have personal amateur radio items that you would like to sell or need, we will publish short requests in the newsletter, subject to editorial review. Please send your requests to the newsletter editor at [K4EAZ.Elizabeth@gmail.com](mailto:K4EAZ.Elizabeth@gmail.com) by the 15th of the month.



## **Topics of Interest**

Members are encouraged to submit items of interest for publication. Items should be brief and may be edited for spelling, grammar, punctuation, etc. The deadline for publication is the 15th of the month.

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## **E-mail Addresses**

Please forward any additions or changes of e-mail addresses for delivery of the Newsletter to [K4EAZ.Elizabeth@gmail.com](mailto:K4EAZ.Elizabeth@gmail.com) .

Also notify me if you do not wish to continue to receive the newsletter.

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## Minutes of Previous Meeting

Thursday, April 7, 2011

The TARS April Meeting was held at the Publix on Ocala Rd. on Thursday, April 7, 2011.

CALL to ORDER at 7:00 p.m.

President Dan Moniz, KI4HGO, welcomed the members and guests. Everybody was invited to sign a "get well" card for Elizabeth Zawrotny, K4EAZ.

Alan, W1ABT, welcomed the CEO for the North Florida Red Cross, Daniel Samborn. He has worked for the American Red Cross for 27 years in Ft. Myers, FL, Tampa, FL, Jacksonville, FL, Charlotte, NC, Providence, RI, Baltimore, MD, and now Tallahassee, FL. Daniel thanked the amateur radio community for the communication support to the Red Cross, and invited everybody to stop by his office for further questions.

Dan, KI4HGO, welcomed Stan Zawrotny, K4SBZ, the new Public Information Coordinator for the North Florida Section. Stan initially talked about his professional career and his career as an amateur radio operator. Stan became a ham when he was a teenager. The main topic of his talk was Public Relations. Stan mentioned there are three main aspects of public relations: protection, recognition and recruiting. Stan pointed out the importance to let the public know what we do, since the amateur radio community always needs the support of the public. One of Stan's goals as a PIC is to recruit young people, however he encouraged everybody to be a recruiter.

We had the 50-50 during the break; Donna, WQ4M, was the lucky one. She donated the money to the club.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

- Larry, KI4MAJ, reported the treasures report in the newsletter.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Testing: Alan Terrell, N4KGT, commented that the previous Tuesday test session was a success. Nine of the people who took the test either got upgraded or got a license.

Education: Get on the Air for April has been cancelled because it is the same day as the TOSRV event.

Website: Dan KI4HGO, commented the website will be updated and arrange by

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Melissa.



# TARS Treasurer's Report

May 2011

Beginning balance March 15, 2011

Checking Account:	\$ 737.61
Savings Account:	<u>2289.17</u>
	\$3026.78

Summary of month's activities:

Receipts deposited in Checking Account	\$72.25
Interest received for Savings Account	.28
Expenditures for the month	\$22.16

Receipts into checking account derived from the following:

\$56.25	Member Dues
8.00	50/50
<u>8.00</u>	Member donation
\$72.25	Total

Expenditures:

<u>\$22.16</u>	Talquin Electric for Bethel Rd Tower, 4-8-11 billing
\$22.16	Total

Outstanding Expenses:

None

Ending Balances on April 15, 2010:

Checking Account:	\$ 787.70
Savings Account:	<u>2289.45</u>
Total	\$3077.15

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3 Members renewed or joined since last report.

3 individuals

0 family members

0 students

Dues for renewing individuals, as well as family members are \$15.00. Membership fee for new members joining in April is \$10.00.



## The Radio Amateur's Code

### The Radio Amateur is...

**CONSIDERATE...** never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

**LOYAL...** offers loyalty, encouragement, and support to other amateurs, local clubs, and the American Radio Relay League, through which Amateur Radio in the United States is represented nationally and internationally.

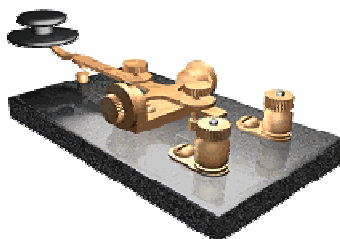
**PROGRESSIVE...** with knowledge abreast of science, a well-built and efficient station and operation above reproach.

**FRIENDLY...** slow and patient operating when requested; friendly advice and counsel to the beginner; kindly assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interest of others. These are the hallmarks of the amateur service.

**BALANCED...** radio is an avocation, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

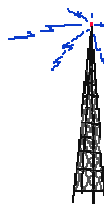
**PATRIOTIC...** station and skill always ready for service to country and community.

-- The original Amateur's Code was written by Paul M. Segal, W9EEA, in 1928.



# Repeaters

	Location	County	Call Sign	For Emerg Mgt Use	D-Star	Output Freq	Encode	Aux or Remote Site
1	Crawfordville	Wakulla	K4WAK	Yes		145.450 -	94.8	
2	Crawfordville	Wakulla	KD4MOJ	Yes		444.000	None	
3	Greensboro	Gadsden	K4GFD	Yes		147.390	94.8 Tsq	
4	Monticello	Jefferson	WX4JEF	Yes		145.430 -	94.8	
5	Monticello	Jefferson	KA3FZO	Yes	D-Star	444.050	None	
6	Quincy	Gadsden	W4EAF	Yes		147.165	94.8	
7	Tallahassee	Leon	N4PG	Yes		146.610 -	203.5	
8	Tallahassee	Leon	AE4S	Yes		146.655 -	94.8 Tsq	
10	Tallahassee	Leon	K4TLH	Yes		146.910 -	94.8	
11	Tallahassee	Leon	K4TLH	Yes		147.030 +	94.8	
12	Tallahassee	Leon	KA4EOC	Yes		147.285	94.8 Tsq	
14	Tallahassee	Leon	K4TLH	Yes		442.100 +	94.8	
15	Tallahassee	Leon	K4TLH	Yes		442.850 +	94.8	
16	Tallahassee	Leon	KJ4G	Yes		443.400 +	131.8 Tsq	LK. TALQUIN; 147.495 smplx, Tsq 146.2 PANACEA; 146.505 smplx, Tsq 131.8 CRAWFORDVILLE; 147.555, smplx, Tsq 88.5 APALACHICOLA; 147.435, smplex, Tsq 100.0
17	Tallahassee	Leon	AE4S	Yes		443.950 +	94.8 Tsq	
18	Tallahassee	Leon	N4NKV	Yes		444.400 +	131.8	
19	Tallahassee	Leon	K4WAK	Yes	D-Star	146.835	DNA	
20	Tallahassee	Leon	K4WAK	Yes	D-Star	443.450	DNA	
21	Tallahassee	Leon	K4WAK	Yes	D-Star	1293.000	DNA	
22	Tallahassee	Leon	K4WAK	Yes	D-Star	1253.000	DNA	
23	Wacissa	Jefferson	K4TLH			147.000	94.8	



## New Membership or Renewal Form

2011 has arrived and so has TARS membership renewal. Make the form easy on yourself. If you have not changed any information from last year, merely make payment to TARS. Complete the form with your name and indicate your member type and ARRL membership status. For Family status, complete a form for each member.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Member type: Individ. \_\_\_\_\_ Family \_\_\_\_\_ Student \_\_\_\_\_ (check one)

Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

ARRL member (y/n) \_\_\_\_\_ TARS Van trained (y/n) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership dues for the Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society run \$15 annually per individual or family.

**Students** (with valid ID) **can join for free!** You need not be a licensed amateur radio operator to join the Society. An interest in radio communications is all that is required. New members pay pro-rata based on the number of months remaining in the calendar year (\$1.25 per month). Renewing members pay \$15 dues; except after July, dues become \$7.50.

Please make your dues check payable to the Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society (or TARS). Bring your check with the additional information to the next monthly meeting of the Society and give it to the Treasurer, or mail your check and information to the Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society, C/O Treasurer, P. O. Box 37127, Tallahassee, FL, 32315.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), their dues are \$39 annually. TARS is an ARRL sanctioned organization. Go to <http://www.arrl.org/join.html> for more membership

