

August 2001



Tallahassee Field Day 2001

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Official Field Day event results are in, and TARS submitted scores to the ARRL on July 23. Our score should place us near the top 33% of North Florida section stations with a score of 4,842, excluding bonuses.

This year's Field Day



Clark, NI4P, logs while Henry, N5HF, works the HF CW station in Kent's, KC4TOC, trailer.

event included an HF CW station, an HF phone station, a VHF/UHF phone/CW station, and a Satellite station. Field Day operations accumulated 890 CW

QSOs and 641 phone QSOs for a total of 2421 QSO points. Our low power (non-QRP, but less than 150 watts) status provides a power multiplier of 2, so total score before bonus points is 4842.

Provided that the ARRL does not phase out, the Novice/Tech (+) HF phone/CW station

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Special points of interest:

- Field Day 2001 report is submitted to ARRL HQ on July 23.
- Field Day gets best press coverage in years.
- Gasoline fleet card for communications van should be received any time now.
- Spaghetti 100 cycling event coming up in October.

President's QSO

On July 23, I sent in the summary, dupe sheet, logs, and support documentation to the ARRL for our Field Day 2001 opera-

tions. Although our point total and participation level was down this year from last year's, I believe TARS will still place among

the top 1/3rd of NFL section class 2A stations. Hopefully next year, participation will be up – the score

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VP's Corner

No column this month

Meeting Minutes—July 2001

Meeting was called to order at 1931 EDT by President David Heupel, KG4ACF.

Guests: Bryan Posey who it interested in ham radio; Dave Davis, WA4WES, HF Gateway manager who assigns HF gateway operators during emergency situations; and Eric Rye, KG4ACF's brother-in-law. There were 20 members in attendance.

PROGRAM:
Emergency and NTS Traffic Handling, presented by Kent Hutchinson, KC4TOC.

Summary: Any emergency goes through an organ-

ized "net" which is a group of people passing messages into and out of a stricken area. Messages into a stricken area are kept until after critical or priority emergency traffic has been handled. Health & welfare traffic is usually held until 48-72 hours after the event. There are three kinds of nets:

- 1) Formal Net is when no one talks unless the net control station allows it,
- 2) Informal Net is when not all traffic goes through the net control. Each operator must provide identification but an informal net allows traffic to

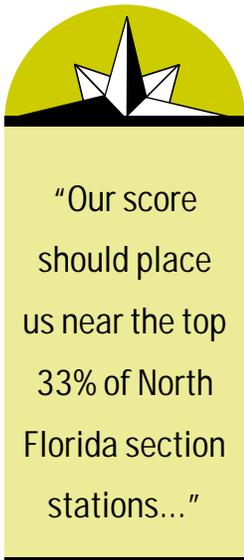
pass while the net control station says very little (listen to some HF nets which are well run), and

- 3) Free Mode which is under very little control but if the net control station has traffic to pass, everyone is supposed to stand down.

A good example is to listen to Army or Navy MARS nets. There are publications available that provide guidance on traffic handling protocols.

Contact Kent Hutchinson, KC4TOC, or <http://www.arrl.org> for more information.

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Meeting Minutes—July 2001

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Treasurer's Report: There is \$999.39 in checking and \$1,324.77 in savings.

The exemption for sales tax has been renewed.

June's minutes were approved.

Repeater Report: Kent Hutchinson, KC4TOC, reported that all repeaters are up according to Randy Pierce. A

new K4TLH repeater will be available soon on 442.1. Input on 442.1 with a PL tone of 123.0 Hz.

Testing: Two people passed their Technician exams at Field Day. Two others passed unknown tests at the testing session held on July 3, 2001.

[Break from 8:30 to 8:50 p.m.]

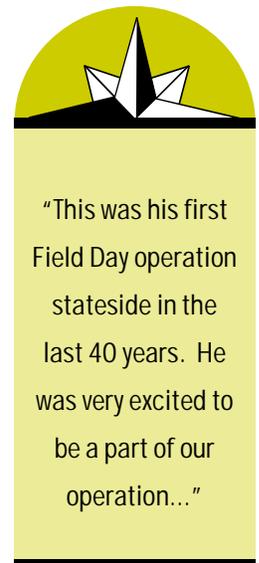
Raffle: John Decoteau, KG4GXT, won \$10 from the raffle

drawing, and gave half back to the club, so \$15.00 went to the club's coffers.

Old Business:

- 1) **Gas card** – Kent has the number and needs to call.
- 2) **Radio tower** – David hasn't heard from the radio station owner and will call him before the next

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next year, we hope someone with a Novice or Technician (+) license will volunteer to be Station Captain, and get one on the air for more QSO points.

We should qualify for 600 bonus points for a total score of 5,442.



The HF CW station featured a Mosley TA-33 Junior tri-band yagi on a 30 foot tower. The station logged 885 QSOs.

Last year's score was 7,328.

If you missed Field Day 2001, be sure to make it out to next year's event! You certainly will have a good time!

Meeting Minutes

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monthly meeting.

- 3) New Equipment Manager** – The bylaws state that the Treasurer is to be the equipment manager. Doug Ferrell, KD4MOJ, has the equipment as of now, and Kimo Montague,

WD4HWJ, has a few items, such as the rope, gin pole, climbing belt, and storage bucket. Doug has agreed to hold onto the equipment until proper storage can be obtained. Kent's house is currently undergoing renovations, but after the construction is complete he should be able to store all



Negotiations
to acquire
commercial
radio tower
continue.

President's QSO

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is not as important as the number of participants!

We did, however, have a very enthusiastic guest at our Field Day operations this year, Ralph Rosenbaum, 4X1IF, from Israel. This was his first Field Day operation state-side in the last 40 years. He was very excited to be a part of our operation. You should have seen him go! He worked the six-meter station, and

the CW station for several hours, and I think he even put in some airtime on the phone station.

As I mentioned last month, the press coverage for Field Day was outstanding, and again, many thanks to our new Vice President, Brett Wellman, KG4KLR, for getting the media's attention. I believe that Brett's leadership and media connections will be of great benefit to the club over the next year.

I can't wait to see what happens during the upcoming Spaghetti 100 and TOSRV next April.

We just got two new licensees that passed tests at Field Day, and two people either got tickets, or upgraded at the July testing session – so if you hear a new call on the air, be sure to welcome them, and invite them to our meetings.

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President's QSO

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I'm not sure if Brett got a program together for August, as he had a family emergency out-of-state, and went on a scheduled vacation upon returning from that trip, but look for an exciting pro-

gram for September's meeting. I hope to see all of you there!

Until next month,
73!

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the equipment. However, he'll know for sure after construction.

[Meeting extended to 9:45 p. m. approved]

New Business:

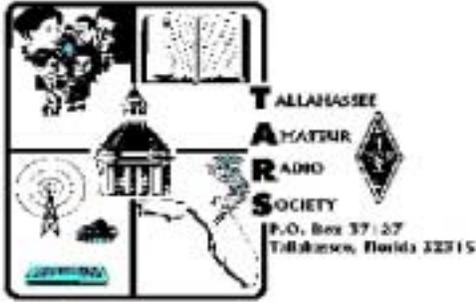
- 1) **Field Day** – Dave Heupel, KG4ACF, still needs to compile logs; CW station had over 800 QSOs, VHF had maybe 40-50 contacts. There was no Novice/Tech Plus station. David recommended the club look into getting some items that are needed during events such as Field Day—like fittings, wire, solder gun, antenna, etc. Recommend individuals bring up fund raising ideas.

Open Mic

- 2) **Field Day in Wakulla** – Bob Crawford KE4RFH, gave update on this first event. Lots of people came out because of Wakulla news article. Emergency Management is considering the group more seriously. Much was learned and already talking about it for next year.

Adjourned at 2136 EDT





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Upcoming Events

Testing Session:
7:00 p. m. EDT on July 3, 2001, at the regular testing session location on Dupree St in Tallahassee. For more information, a map and directions, visit <http://www.k4tlh.org/testing.html>.

TARS Meetings: Every first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p. m. EDT. Picnics in April and October—Tom Brown Park at 6:00.

Friday Lunch: Every Friday, 11:30 a. m. EDT at Golden Corral on North Monroe St.

Saturday Breakfasts:
Every Saturday, 8:00 a. m. EDT at Golden Corral on Monroe St—every Saturday.

Capital District ARES Net: Every Sunday, 8:00 p. m. EDT on the AE4S repeater (146.655).

North Florida ARES Net: Every morning, except Sunday on 3950 KHz at 9:30 a. m.

North Florida Phone Net: Every evening, except Sunday on 3950 KHz at 7:30 p. m.

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