



President's QSO

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Special points of interest:

- Your articles wanted for the newsletter.
- Please send in your dues for 2002, if you haven't already...make checks payable to TARS, and send to Post Office Box 37127, Tallahassee, Florida, 32315-7127

I can't believe that the year is already almost one-quarter gone. Time sure flies by! Our much-anticipated annual auction will be coming up this at this month's meeting. Be sure to make this meeting, or you just might miss out on that great deal you've been searching for.

TOSRV will be coming up before you know it. We'll need all the help we can get, so be sure to mark your calendar, and help out if you can, even if it's just for half a day on Saturday or Sunday. Get with Brett Wellman, KG4KLR,

to volunteer for the event.

I traveled the TOSRV route with Larry Pushor, this year's event director with the Capital City Cyclists Club. There are no changes to the route from last year, and I can assure you that the road names on this year's set of maps will be accurate. If you get lost its your own fault, don't blame me or the maps (wink).

Since I remodeled the ham shack after getting new flooring put in, I've been busy getting everything settled back into the new environment. Once I

finish getting the boxes and everything unpacked, I'll put a couple of pictures of the new KG4ACF station in the newsletter. Some of you had seen station KG4ACF prior to the flooding, and subsequent remodeling. I'm sure you will appreciate the improved arrangement. I know I like it a lot better!

Well, I can't think of anything else that needs to be said right now, other than get on the air, and have some fun – I'll be listening up for you.

Until next month, 73!

VP's Corner

No column for March

Meeting Minutes—February 2002

There were 22 members, one new member (Brian Dunsworth, KG4OJA) and guest, Bud Johnson, WI5G, from Richardson, Texas.

Program

Jack Heiss, WBOVMZ, gave a presentation on making antennas entitled, Variations on a Dipole, or Adventures in Antenna Building.

Treasurer's Report

Same as last month. Dues are payable.

Minutes

Minutes were not approved because the newsletter wasn't available.

Repeater Report

146.91 has an antenna problem which needs to be fixed and will need a work party. Tallahassee Community Hospital

has agreed to leave the shed for the repeater so that tower will stay for the club's use. There is a shuttle mission on Feb. 20. The .03 server is online and the RTS circuit is hooked up. If you have access to state Suncom phone, will have voiceover IP (just ask Randy for the software). Big thanks to John Williamson, N4HV, for loaning necessary equipment (he also sold us a Diamond 2m antenna for \$50). Still need to get controller from Doug Ferrell.

Special Events Committee

During the Tallahassee Marathon, two people asked about ham operators for their events. Carliane will follow up with them. Events coming up include the Springtime Tallahassee 10k run on April 6; Walk

America on April 13; and TOSRV on April 20-21. Will be busy month and need lots of operators.

BREAK

Jim Giles won half the raffle of \$18. The other half will go to club coffers.

Announcement

Theo Titus, K4MVL, owner of Dell Electronic is having an open house on March 23 and will offer parking lot for a tailgate. He's also interested in having a ham shack section on website (www.dellelectronics.com) and maybe some part of the store that would have equipment for sale on consignment.

Old Business

None

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Meeting Minutes—December 2001

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New Business

George Thurston's widow donated all his equipment to the club and it will be sold at the Orlando HamCation by Ted Zateslo, W1XO.

Motion to change meeting time to 7:00 was approved and is effective beginning in March.

Randy spoke with Suzy Davis about using the Betty Easley Center at the Capital Complex off Capital Circle SE as a meeting venue.

Steve Welsh announced the new Red Hill's Trader Net that will follow the ARES net, Sunday evenings on 146.655.

Field Day:

Coming up June 22 - 23 at Mission San Luis. Instead of dedicated stations for voice and CW, there will be dedicated stations per band.

The motion approved last month authorizing up to \$400 to purchase HF antennas for any purpose was discussed and another motion was approved (Carliane opposed) to reconsider the expenditure(s).

Update on TOSRV:

Brett went to Thomasville's club meeting (three officers from Albany were there, too) and the main item that was discussed was having the net controls switch to the other clubs as the racers pass through their respective home

regions. Will have signup sheets next month.

Next month is the time usually set aside for the club auction. Given the tailgate proposed at Dell Electronics, a question was raised whether to continue with the auction. Motion approved to keep the TARS auction meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p. m.



"Please submit your articles/ information to the newsletter editor by the 15th of the month...info on back."



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Upcoming Events

Testing Session:

7:00 p. m. EDT on
March 5, 2002, at the
regular testing session
location on Dupree St in
Tallahassee. For more
information, a map and
directions, visit <http://www.k4tlh.org>.

TARS Meetings:

Every first Thursday of
the month at 7:00 p. m.
EDT.

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 N Monroe St.

Capital District ARES

Net: Every Sunday,
8:00 p. m. Eastern on
the AE4S repeater
(146.655).

North Florida ARES

Net: Every morning,
except Sunday on 3950
KHz at 9:00 a. m. East-
ern.

North Florida Phone

Net: Every evening,
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