



Tallahassee Field Day 2002—Wrap-up

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Here is the breakdown of the Tallahassee Field Day 2002 event:

TARS should qualify for the following bonus points:

- 100% Emergency Power
- Media Publicity
- Operation in a public place
- W1AW Field Day Message
- Satellite QSOs
- Non-traditional demonstration mode: ATV

Mode	Band	QSOs	Points
CW	80	19	80
	40	67	134
	20	265	530
	15	42	84
	6	2	4
CW QSO TOTAL		395	790
Phone	40	72	72
	20	335	335
	15	241	241
	10	61	61
	6	37	37
Satellite		5	5
GOTA		9	9
Phone QSO TOTAL		760	760
		QSO TOTAL	1550
		Power Multiplier	2
GRAND TOTAL QSO Points			3100

Special points of interest:

- August meeting at the Love Building on FSU campus. Program will be a tour of the new National Weather Service Office on the 4th floor of the Love Building. Parking and entry on the West side of the building.
- Be sure to check out our new web site at <http://www.k4tlh.net>.
- Mark your calendars for Spaghetti 100 cycling event coming up October 19.

President's QSO

On behalf of TARS, let me offer a gracious "thank-you" to our friends at the State EOC for donating high-capacity batteries to us (and

SPARC) for use in emergency communications work. Coordinated by John Fleming, WD4FFX, Bob Crawford, KE4RFH, and Kimo

Montague, K4IMO, these folks made contact with the right people to facilitate this transfer. There will likely be

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VP's Corner

It's hard to believe how fast this summer is flying by, which means we are getting deeper and deeper into hurricane season. The National Weather Service has been very active lately on a local level, conducting numerous Skywarn training classes. If you have an opportunity to take advantage of this training, I highly recommend it. You will probably be amazed at how much information you learn.

Another thing hurricane season brings to

mind is emergency power during long outages. Although we haven't had this problem in quite some time, it could be just a matter of weeks before we find ourselves scrambling to put together a hurricane kit we've been putting off and making sure all of our lawn furniture is secured at the bottom of the pool. Be sure to take advantage of every opportunity to acquire batteries for emergency power. There was a recent donation from the State Emergency Op-

erations Center that has been a tremendous benefit for our local amateur radio community, and there are always other businesses willing to donate their backup batteries that are no longer in use. This is a fantastic way to build a shack that is completely self-sustaining in times of emergency.

I hope everyone has a wonderful August, and be sure to participate in the International Lighthouse-Lightship

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Meeting Minutes—June 2002

Called to order at 7:06 p. m. Twenty-five members, and 3 guests were in attendance.

Announcements:

Steve Welsh, AD4E, took a moment at the beginning of the meeting to express his gratitude to everyone for placing their confidence in him to lead TARS over the next year. His

objectives over the next year are to grow the club, and elevate the status of amateur radio in our community.

Our Leon County EC, David Davis, WA4WES, who was short of time, made an announcement that he is looking to determine the general footprint of our local repeaters. He asked that

if you are traveling out of town, to try and keep an eye on the repeaters, making a note of where you are when you can no longer hear them and/or getting on the fringe of the machine. If you would like to contribute your signal reports, and/or avail yourself for emergency operations, should the

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Meeting Minutes—June 2001 (con't)

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need arise, please send an e-mail to dave. davis1@aol.com.

Program:

Kent Hutchinson provided the Weather Channel videos on severe weather of which the section on tornadoes featured footage that they shot locally in Tallahassee. Jeff Lockwood, N4TML, also provided some information about great resources on the Internet for obtaining weather information, such as the Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Oklahoma.

Steve Welsh, AD4E, mentioned some up-

coming programs – namely a tour of the new National Weather Service office at the Love Building on FSU campus; and a program about homebrew projects.

Treasurer's Report:

Kent Hutchinson, KC4TOC, reported that we slightly exceeded our traditional \$300 Field Day budget by about \$35 – 40 on food and drinks. Kent asked for a motion from the floor to approve the additional expense from the treasury – so moved, seconded, and passed.

Kent said that Field Day was the club's only expense for the month, and that with a \$150 donation from our good friends of the Capital City Cyclists Club, and collection of membership dues, the income almost exactly balanced the Field Day expenses, and that we still have about \$2900 in the bank.

The June minutes as published in the newsletter were approved by a majority vote.

Special Events:

Carliane Johnson, KG4CJT, our Special

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Including bonuses, but excluding duplicates that I might have missed, TARS should see a Field Day score of close to 3700 points listed for our 2002 Field Day operation.

I don't know about you, but I'm looking forward to next year. Let's strive to get that point total up and maybe get in the top five of the Northern Florida Section!



Look for a program on contesting coming up at a

future TARS meeting, presented by yours truly.



There are about
122 days left in
Hurricane
Season, make
sure your station
is emergency-
ready.

Meeting Minutes (con't)

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Events Chairperson was not in attendance.

Repeater Report:

Randy Pierce, AG4UU, is on military duty and was unable to report on the status of the repeaters. However, comments were made that it appears all club-owned machines are up & running just fine.

Testing:

Alan Terrell, N4KGT, reported that during the Field Day 2002 testing session, there was a no-test upgrade to General class, and five people upgraded to Amateur Extra class. The next

scheduled ARRL/VEC testing session in Tallahassee will be 7:00 p. m. on September 3, 2002 at the regular testing session location, 2631 Municipal Way, in Tallahassee, Florida. Check the TARS web site for more information.

Break

David Heupel, AG4UQ, won the drawing and took half of a \$28 pot. The other half went to the club treasury.

Field Day:

David Heupel, AG4UQ, will have a run-down of the Field Day 2002 results in the next newsletter.

Old Business:

The Bylaws revisions deleting the reference to the meeting start time and duration was moved, seconded, and approved.

New business:

David Pienta, KG4DVW, mentioned that state employees must be registered American Red Cross volunteers in order to get administrative leave in times of emergency. Dave would like to see that courtesy extended to state employees who are amateur radio operators, but not

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President's QSO

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more batteries in the future, so if you still need a battery and didn't get one this time, stay tuned.

It was highly recommended that an automatic battery charger/conditioner be purchased to maintain these batteries. Theo,

K4MVL, may have a line on these, and their approximate cost is \$25. They are also available at Wal-Mart.

Linda, KG4RTX, has announced that she will be calling a ladies net (a.k.a. "Powder Puff Net") Tuesday nights at 8:00 p.m. on

147.03 MHz, PL=94.8Hz. The first net will be called August 6. Please listen in and spread the word as this is another great way to increase local participation in ham radio.

Our Club Secretary, David Heupel, AG4UQ,



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VP's Corner (con't)

Weekend 8:01 PM EDT, August 16, 2002 (= 0001 hrs UTC, August 17) until 7:59 PM EDT August 18, 2002 (2359 hrs UTC, 18 August 2002). These special events are always a lot of fun to listen to and even better when you crack the mic and make a few contacts.

73
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President's QSO

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is working diligently to enhance our web-site. More news will be pending soon.

Brett, KG4KLR, and I

have been working to bring you the programs you've requested. Please tell us what kind of programs you'd like for the months ahead.


We will do our best to make it happen! For August, we will be taking a tour of the new National Weather Service (NWS) facilities located on the main campus at FSU. For September, our program will highlight homebrew construction techniques. For October, we will have our annual Fall Picnic. This time we will enjoy the beautiful setting at the San Luis city park.

Upcoming Hamfests include the Alabama



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HEAVE..... HO.....!



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President's QSO

State Convention in Huntsville, August 17 & 18. There will be a 'fest in Tampa on August 24. Also, don't

Randy Pierce, AG4UU, is hosting a trip to the Keys for the Lighthouse/Lightship Special Event weekend,

as this event draws near.

And to rip-off a phrase out of QST:



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Ken Reecy, AC4TO, Jim Thayer, KS4JW, and Clark Scott, NI4P get the V/UHF and Amateur TV stations ready for action.



"...we need to make a concerted effort to recruit young people into the hobby."

Steve Welsh,
AD4E

miss the "Grand Daddy of them all" in Shelby, North Carolina—its always Labor Day weekend. A huge tailgate makes it worth the drive if you enjoy hamfests. I speak from the experience of attending several times.

August 17 and 18. Make contact with him if you might be interested in participating. In conjunction with this event, Theo, K4MVL, has secured special event call sign "W4M" for use at the St. Marks Lighthouse. Listen up on the repeaters for more info

"Talk up Amateur Radio," when you can. Let's all work together to elevate the status of Amateur Radio in our community. When you hear a new call on the air, invite them to tune-in on Sunday nights to the nets.

Meeting Minutes—July 2002

necessarily registered ARC volunteers. This would aid in making sure there are enough personnel available in the event of an emergency in our area. Kent Hutchinson, KC4TOC, mentioned that this is something that needs to be run by our new State Government Liaison, Ted Zateslo, W1XO.

Linda Miller, KG4RTX, mentioned the formation of the Ladies "Powder Puff Net," and graciously asked for the club's permission to operate the net on the 147.03 repeater. David Heupel, AG4UQ, so moved that we allow her to manage and operate her net as she sees fit on the 147.03 machine. The motion was seconded and approved.

John Love, NZ4QJ, asked that a budget committee be formed to analyze the financials of the club. The budget committee would estimate revenues, and expenditures, and deter-

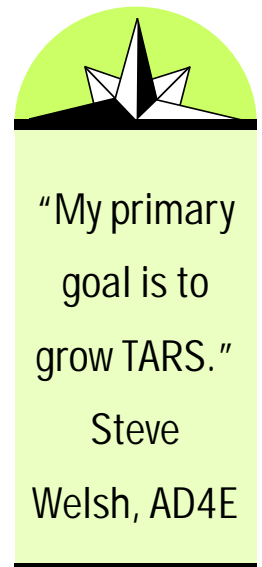
mine whether or not we may need to hold fundraisers, etc. The budget committee could also propose appropriations of club funds for use on club-sponsored projects, such as putting on a training session for American Red Cross volunteers, or setting up an APRS station at a local school. Steve Welsh, AD4E, asked John if he would chair this committee, and Kent Hutchinson, KC4TOC, said he would be happy to work with John on this endeavor.

Bill Frieder, N4QNF, said he might have a line on a no-cost acquisition of a used bus, very similar to ones used by rental car companies to shuttle people from the airport to the rental car depot. Some interest was expressed in the idea. Bill agreed to look into the possibility further, and report back in the future.

Steve Welsh, AD4E, expressed interest in lowering our dues to \$15

for regular membership/household/family and also offer a \$10 student membership. Steve believes that we might be able to grow our membership if we lower our dues. The idea generated much discussion, and no movement was made during the meeting to change our current dues structure. However, Steve asks that we give the idea some consideration over the next couple of months or so. The bottom line is that he wants to grow the organization, and make it stronger through the diversity of interests that all local amateur operators enjoy. If you have any input or feedback with respect to this issue, or how we can go about growing the club, please contact Steve Welsh by phone or e-mail.

The meeting was adjourned at 2037 EDT.



"My primary goal is to grow TARS."

Steve Welsh, AD4E



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Upcoming Events/Nets

Testing Session:
7:00 p. m. EDT on the
first Tuesday of odd
numbered months, at
2631 Municipal Way in
Tallahassee. For more
information, visit [http://
www.k4tlh.net/testing.
htm](http://www.k4tlh.net/testing.htm).

TARS Meetings: Every
first Thursday of the
month at 7:00 p. m.
EDT. **Note: The Au-
gust meeting will be
held at the Love
Bldg., on FSU cam-
pus. The program
will be a tour of the
NWS office.**

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.

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

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Net:** Every morning,
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KHz at 9:00 a. m.

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