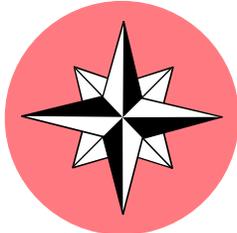




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President's QSO

Your TARS Officers wish you a Happy Holiday Season and a prosperous 2003. I'd also like to express my thanks to my fellow officers: Brett, Kent and David. David (WE4RA) has been especially busy the past six months working on our web-site; generating telephone and address information for locally licensed amateurs; and creating, editing, and mailing our newsletter. The 2002-year was significant for TARS:

Highlights of 2002:

- Meeting programs, including: tour of the NWS Office; RF Safety; Homebrew; software for ham radio; annual auction and more.
- Three purely social events including our spring and fall cook-outs, and December Holiday Dinner
- New web-site launched: www.k4tlh.net.

[k4tlh.net](http://www.k4tlh.net)

- Annual dues significantly lowered (see below)
- Public service events: Spaghetti 100, March of Dimes Walk America, Tour of Scenic Rural Vistas (TOSRV) South, Red Hills Triathlon
- K4TLH repeater system upgrades
- Field Day
- Strengthened alliance with National Weather Service Office/SKYWARN and the American Red Cross

Current Activities:

- Working to grow the hobby and the club
- Supporting ham radio testing that's administered by Alan Terrell (N4KGT)
- Presenting licensing classes
- Optimizing repeaters
- Refining ARES/SKYWARN Plan

Objectives for 2003:

- Bring young people into the hobby
- Expand our HF activities
- Learn more about Foxhunting
- Whatever you have in mind!

What's in it for you?

- Have Fun!
- Develop new friendships
- Learn more about ham radio
- Help grow the hobby
- Give back to the hobby
- Assist with Public Service activities

Special points of interest:

- Amateur Radio Training Classes starting up this month—your assistance in presenting material to trainees is requested. Please listen to the Sunday ARES nets on 146.655 MHz for more information.
- Please visit our web site! It has a great forums section, and lots of other good amateur radio related information and links. Point your browser to <http://www.k4tlh.net>.

These are just a few highlights from 2002. Thank you, to all who have contributed of their funds, time, and talents to help us. We're very excited about the hobby; the Society's plans for the future of Amateur Radio in our community,

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VP's Corner

No column this month.

Meeting Minutes—December 2002

The December 2002 meeting was our annual Holiday Dinner, this year held at Durango Oak-fired Steakhouse, on Apalachee Pkwy, in Tallahassee, Florida.

There were at least 40 individuals in attendance.

Due to dinner, there are no minutes – however, there were a couple of items of note mentioned by the president during the dinner – and they were:

Award Presentations

TARS & Feathers

The TARS & Feathers award as presented by a past recipient of the award. The award is presented to the amateur radio operator in the area who has contributed the most to the hobby by exemplifying the five tenets of the Amateur Radio Service: public service, advancement of the radio art, advancing skills, expansion of the existing reservoir of radio opera-

tors, and promoting international goodwill.

William "Bill" Frieder (N4QNF) presented the TARS & Feathers award to Gerald "Jerry" Kessler (N4JL) for his continued dedication and behind-the-scenes support of TARS, and Amateur Radio in the Big Bend area of Florida. In addition to fully subsidizing and maintaining the AE4S 146.655/443.950 repeater systems, Jerry contributes to the education of youngsters by setting up stations at area schools during shuttle missions. Jerry is certainly a valuable asset in our area for Amateur Radio, and Jerry, we really appreciate what you do for us!

Appreciation Award

Additionally, an Appreciation Award plaque was presented to Jim (KB4IVH) and Pat (WA4FAL) Winne. Jim frequently helps TARS as ground crew personnel on tower climbs, and his excellent machining skills has been of great benefit to the club, many times over. Jim and Pat selflessly give of their time

and effort by supporting club-sponsored events almost every single time one comes up. Jim & Pat will be moving to Arkansas soon, and we wanted them to know that their contributions to the success of TARS have not gone un-noticed over the years of their faithful membership and service to the hobby.

New Members

New 2003 individual memberships this month:

Carl Wells (AG4UT), Mark Edwards (K4MCE), Robert Schubert (KC4LAN),

New 2003 households memberships this month:

Steve & Teresa Welsh (AD4E & K4HIM, respectively)



2003 Membership Application

Please cut out this remittance and include it with your \$15 check for 2003 membership dues, payable to TARS, and mail it to TARS Membership Chairperson, David A. Heupel (WE4RA), 1209 Richview Dr, Tallahassee, Florida, 32301.

Name: _____ Call Sign: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: () _____-_____ Work Phone: () _____-_____

E-Mail Address: _____

President's QSO

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and how we can better serve people in a time of need.

We recently lowered our annual dues from \$25 (individual) to \$15 per household, with the intention of growing the membership—please join us! Make sure to renew your TARS membership for 2003. Use the enclosed renewal coupon and send your \$15 check (payable to TARS) along with any changes (call sign, address, phone, etc) to TARS Membership Chairperson, David Heupel (WE4RA), 1209 Richview Drive, Tallahassee, Florida, 32301.

TARS Receives 37-foot Crank-up Tower from FSU School of Electrical Engineering

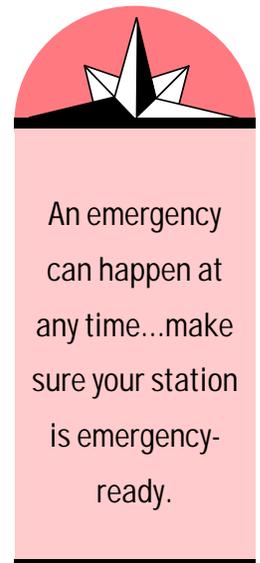
The FSU/FAMU School of Electrical Engineering recently donated TARS a Hy-Gain HG-37SS self-supporting crank-up tower. Included with this 37-foot tower is a Ham-IV rotator and control-box. The Officer's and members of TARS are most appreciative of this donation. At the January meeting, we will discuss and possibly decide how to best use this donation. Special thanks goes to Dr. Thomas Harrison (W9PBA) for facilitating this donation.

Straight Key Night – New Year's Eve

Don't forget Straight Key Night (SKN), is the 24-hour period beginning 7 p. m. New Year's Eve, to 7 p. m. New Year's Day. SKN is one of my favorite operating events; its always a pleasure to break-out my vintage tube, crystal-controlled novice station, old straight-key, and make some casual QSO's on 40 meter CW.

Have a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2003!

73,
 Steve



An emergency can happen at any time...make sure your station is emergency-ready.



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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.
EST, unless otherwise
announced.

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

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

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

**North Florida ARES
Net:** Every morning,
except Sunday on 3950
KHz at 9:00 a. m. EST.

**North Florida Phone
Net:** Every evening,
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