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Special points of interest:

- Tune in to the Sunday ARES nets on 146.655 MHz and keep up to date with Amateur Radio in our area.
- Please visit our web site! It has a great forums section, and lots of other good amateur radio related information and links. Point your web browser software to <http://www.k4tlh.net>.

President's QSO

Thank you, to those who assisted with radio communications support for TOSRV, the annual bicycle ride from Quincy to Albany, with a return ride the next day. They were: KJ4G, N4KGT, KG4CJT, AG4VE, KC4TOC, K4IMO, AG4UT, N4TML, KE4RWS, KB4FEA, W1XO, AD4E, KE4RFH (and nephew), WE4RA, KG4GXT, KG4BNO, KG4CJU, K4MVL, WA4WES, KD4QKI, KD4MNY, and KG4OJA. Also, thanks to Jerry Kessler (N4JL), and Bill Jordan (AE4S), for use of the 146.655 MHz repeater system. As always, it provided superb communications coverage.

In a letter dated April 22, 2003, Larry Pushor, TOSRV Ride Director for the Capital City Cyclists, wrote:

"Dear Steve: On behalf of the Capital City Cyclists and the bicyclists who rode TOSRV 2003, I want to thank you and the radio club members for all the work you did covering our event. The ride went very well, I think. We had many complements on the ride. Judging from the rider's comments, the cyclists appreciated the role that you all played in making the ride safer. They noticed that the radio volunteers "seemed to be at every turn". In addition, we appreciated the level of communications which you provided, helping us to manage the progress of the ride—it was great! It was especially nice that the two radio volunteers followed the last four riders into Quincy even though they didn't finish until 6:45 p.m. This really displayed the same dedication that everyone showed throughout the ride. Thank you again for the

help you consistently provide for us; it makes a BIG difference".

In addition to providing every radio volunteer with a choice t-shirt, CCC also forwarded us a check for \$150 to help defer costs. Keep in mind that without the help of volunteers from our sister club's in Thomasville and Albany, the level of radio support would have been significantly less. So, on behalf of TARS, let me extend a gracious THANKS to the Thomasville and Albany radio clubs, of which my contacts were Mike Brown (KE4FGF) and Jay Reid (KG4OJJ), respectively.

Silent Key—KE4IRB

It is with much sorrow I must report that Eunice Smith (KE4IRB), passed away recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with Eunice's OM,

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VP's Corner

No column submitted for this issue.

Meeting Minutes—March 2003

There were 33 individuals in attendance, six of which were guests.

Treasurer's Report
No report

Testing

The next regular testing session will be held May 6 at 7:00 p. m. at the regular site. Please visit the web site for more details, or check into the Sunday ARES net on 146.655 MHz at 8:00 p. m., and make your inquiry.

Webmaster's Report

The club's web site has enjoyed 100% availability for the month of April.

Old Business

Thanks go out to Brett Wellman (KG4KLR) for organizing the K4TLH special club/event station for the grand opening of the Challenger Learning Center on March 22, 2003, in downtown Tallahassee. Brett worked very hard with some other individuals to pull off the special event. The event was registered with the ARRL, and Brian Dunworth (KG4OJA) designed and printed some

very nice QSL cards for the 188 lucky stations that worked the K4TLH special even station during this operation. Many thanks to Brett, Brian, and all the other hams who helped make the special event a success. To view a log of the stations worked, and the QSL card, point your browser to <http://www.k4tlh.net/clcopening.htm>.

New Business

TOSRV is right around the corner. Volunteers are needed to operate during the event. Also requested are licensees with APRS capability. To volunteer, please contact Steve Welsh (AD4E) at ad4e@arrrl.net.

The May meeting will be the annual Spring Cook-out. It will start at 6:00 p. m., and be held at the main pavilion at Tom Brown Park in Tallahassee. Everyone is invited, and you need not be a ham/club member to attend.

Field Day 2003 is quickly approaching. Shaun Hancock (AF4OO) is this year's Field Day Chairperson. The location of this year's

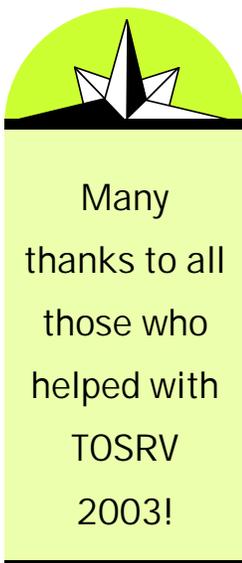
Field Day site is still to be determined. If you would like to volunteer for station captain, the food committee, power generation, or any other Field Day activity, please contact Shaun on one of the local repeaters, or via e-mail at shaun@tfn.net.

Program

The TARS annual auction was the program. Randy Pierce was the auctioneer.

New Members

Please check the TARS web site for up-to-date information on new and renewing members. Follow the Member Roster link after clicking the About Us link off the Home Page.



President's QSO

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Joe (KR4IR) and their family.

TARS Elections in June

Please be prepared to nominate and vote on your club's Officers. At the very least, there will be a change in the office of the President and Secretary. I will be stepping down as President, since my wife and I are expecting a new child May 8. Our Secretary, David Heupel (WE4RA) is also stepping down as he has recently taken on a new job with Williams Communications, Inc., and is frequently away from Tallahassee working at radio tower sites all over Florida. Tough job, eh!?

If you're interested in volunteering for any office with TARS, please contact Kimo (K4IMO), Kent (KC4TOC), or myself. Certainly, any member may nominate someone at the meeting in June—it's not mandatory that you make contact with anyone prior to the election.

Club Inventory

One of the benefits of TARS membership is having access to the Club's assets. In this context, "access" means "use of". TARS has a lot of "stuff" that's spread out over several locations, and we've recently acquired several

items, including 800 MHz radios, a crank-up tower, and at the April club auction, a Greenly hole-punch kit. One knowledgeable member estimated TARS assets conservatively at over \$50,000!

I'm requesting that those with club equipment document what they have and report back to me so it can be compiled in one place. This inventory will include ALL of the club's assets: the TARS Communications Van and its contents; all K4TLH repeater equipment; Field Day equipment; and finally, miscellaneous equipment such as laptops, radios and so on. Quite frankly, we simply don't know what (all) we have or, where it is. Carl Wells (AG4UT), is assisting me in this effort. Carl and I plan to have this inventory done by the June meeting.

After we get a handle on our assets we can then discuss how to make them available. I believe it's reasonable to have this list of assets available on the club's web site; however, only the "equipment custodian" would know their location.

Field Day

Now that he's graduated with his degree in Electrical Engineering (congratulations!!) and has a bit more time to play radio, Shaun Hancock

(AF400) is coordinating Field Day this year. I'll be heading up the GOTA station, while Ted Zateslo (W1XO) is heading up an HF station. Volunteers are still needed for food, logging, a VHF station and more. Please contact Shaun directly on one of the local VHF repeaters or via land-line at 878-2659.

Webmaster Report

We all know the importance of our web site, www.k4tlh.net maintained by David (WE4RA) – thanks David! It was agreed last month that a brief status report on our web site be given at every regular club meeting. The status report would typically be as simple as: 1. Has our web site been available (up and running)? 2. What recent additions or deletions (hardware or software) have been made that are note-worthy? 3. How many "hits" were received in the last month?

TARS Meetings Announcements in the Democrat

I will be sending e-mail to the appropriate contact person with the Tallahassee Democrat to see that our monthly meetings are announced in the "Limelight". I'm interested in seeing our club, and the hobby grow at the same time.

73, Steve – AD4E



Bylaws of the Society

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.01. Membership. All persons, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, and national or ethnic origin, shall be eligible for membership. Members shall be admitted upon both payment of dues, as applicable, for a period covered by the dues and upon approval by a majority of the members present at a regular meeting, except as indicated below.

Section 1.02. Honorary Membership. The Civil Defense Director of Leon County and the Executive Director of the Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross shall automatically be honorary members of the society. From time to time, as provided by the membership on each occasion, distinguished persons may be presented with honorary membership with an automatic waiver of dues. Honorary membership shall carry all the rights and privileges except voting.

Section 1.03. Voting. Each member shall be entitled to one vote. However, no member shall be entitled to vote if that member has not paid, up to date, the dues of his membership.

ARTICLE II - MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 2.01. Place of Meetings. Meetings of the members of the Society shall be held at such place as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2.02. Annual Meetings. The first annual meeting of members shall be held on the first Thursday in the month of June, 1991, at the hour of 7:30 p.m. Subsequent annual meetings of members shall be held each year thereafter in the month of June immediately before the regular monthly meeting scheduled for that month.

Section 2.03. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings shall normally be held on the first Thursday of each month. The meeting may be held on another day if set by a majority vote at a prior regular meeting.

Section 2.04. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members may be called by the President, Board of Directors, or by the Secretary upon his receiving a petition signed by no less than 15% of all members qualified to vote as provided for in Section 1.03 of these By-laws. Such a petition shall name the time and the place of the proposed meeting. Upon the receipt of the petition, and upon his verification that the signatures thereon are those of current members whose dues are paid up, the Secretary shall notify all members eligible to vote of the proposed time and place of the meeting, which must be no less than two weeks subsequent to his receipt of the petition and no less than four working days subsequent to the date of mailing the notice.

Section 2.05. Notice. A notice of each meeting of the members shall be provided to each member having the right and entitled to vote at such meeting at his address as it appears on the records of the society, not less than four nor more than ten working days before the date set for the meeting. The notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and the time and place it is to be held. Such notice shall be sufficient for that meeting and any adjournment thereof.

ARTICLE III - CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

Section 3.01. Rules of Order. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of meetings to the extent applicable except as otherwise provided herein.

Section 3.02. Regular Meeting. The order of business at a regular meeting shall be:

- (a) Call to order.
- (b) Introduction of guests.
- (c) Program, not to exceed 45 minutes in length unless waived by a majority vote.
- (d) Treasurer's report and approval of minutes.



- (e) Committee reports.
- (f) Break.
- (g) Open discussion not to exceed 15 minutes in length unless waived by a majority vote.
- (h) Unfinished business.
- (i) New business.
- (j) Adjournment.

The order of business, may be changed at a meeting by a majority vote.

Section 3.03. Limitation of Discussions. During open discussion members can speak on any topic, but for no longer than five minutes per member. Motions are out of order during open discussion and minutes will not be kept of the discussion.

Section 3.04. Debate on Motions. Debate on motions is limited as follows: The member who makes a motion may first speak for five minutes in support of the motion. Other members speaking in support or in opposition to the motion may speak once for two minutes until every member has had one opportunity to speak. The maker of the motion may then speak for three minutes in rebuttal to any opponents. Thereafter subsequent rounds of debate may be allowed with each member again being allowed to speak once for two minutes until all wanting to speak have been heard. Debate on any motion may be stopped by the Presiding Officer subject to his immediately appointing a committee to meet and report back at the next regular meeting with a recommendation on the motion in issue. The Presiding Officer may not thereafter stop debate on the same motion at that next meeting.

Section 3.05. Special Meeting. The order of business at a special meeting shall be set by the President.

ARTICLE IV - DUES

Section 4.01. Annual Dues. Each member shall pay annual dues in January each year. The deadline for paying dues for renewing membership is February 20, after which all privileges of membership will be terminated.

Section 4.02. Dues Schedule. There will be three categories of annual membership dues: Adult, Junior, and Family
Only one newsletter will be sent to each family membership.

Section 4.03. Proration of Dues. Dues will be pro-rated as follows: For renewal members, dues are pro-rated on a semiannual basis. From January 1 to June 30, full dues are payable. From July 1 to December 31, dues are payable at half the rate. For new members dues are pro-rated on a monthly basis.

ARTICLE V - NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

Section 5.01. Nomination Committee. At the April meeting the President shall appoint a committee to make nominations for society officers. The committee shall report an initial slate of candidates at the May regular meeting.

Section 5.02. Nominations from Floor. Any member may make nominations from the floor at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI - THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 6.01. Number and Qualifications. The business and affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Board of not less than four (4) Directors. The number of Directors may be changed, from time to time, by amendment of this section but may not be less than four (4).

Section 6.02. Persons Elected. The Persons elected to serve as the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute the board of directors and manage the affairs of the corporation.

Section 6.03. Election. Members of the initial Board of Directors shall hold office until the first annual meeting of the members and until their successors have been elected and qualified. At the first annual meeting of the members, and at each annual meeting thereafter, the members shall elect Directors to hold office until the next succeeding annual meeting. Each Director shall hold office for the term for which he is elected (unless disqualified under the requirements of Section 4.01) and until his successor shall be elected and qualified.

Section 6.04. Meetings. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall take place immediately following the annual meeting of the members. Thereafter the Board of Directors shall meet no less frequently than once every four months. The time and place of such subsequent meetings shall be as determined by the Board, but such meetings shall not be outside of Leon County. Notice of Board of Directors meetings may be communicated by telephone. Additional meetings of the Board of Directors shall be upon the call of the President.

Section 6.05. Quorum. Three (3) Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 6.06. Loans. The Board of Directors shall not have the power to borrow funds.

ARTICLE VII - THE OFFICERS

Section 7.01. Officers. The officers of this Society shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 7.02. Term of Office. The officers of this Society shall be elected from the membership for a term of one year at the annual meeting. Their term of office shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30 of the following year. Election shall be by a majority of members present and voting.

Section 7.03. Vacancies. Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the vacancy. If the membership of an officer lapses his office becomes vacant.

Section 7.04. Removal of Officers. Officers may be removed for cause by a three-fifths vote of the members present at a regular meeting.

Section 7.05. The President. The President shall preside at all meetings of this society and shall conduct the meetings according to the rules adopted. He shall enforce due observance of these articles and the bylaws, decide all questions of order, sign all official documents that are adopted by the society, and perform all customary duties pertaining to the office of president.

Section 7.06. The Vice-President. The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in the absence of the latter. The Vice-President is responsible for the program at regular meetings.

Section 7.07. The Secretary. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceeding of all meetings, submit applications for membership, carry on all the correspondence, and mail written notices to each member.

Section 7.08. The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended. He shall pay no bills without proper authorization as provided in Article VIII. At the end of each fiscal year, he shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts to the general membership. He shall be responsible for all society property and at the expiration of his term of office shall turn over all items belonging to the society to his successor. The Treasurer shall maintain a current roll of all members.

ARTICLE VIII - AUTHORIZATION TO INCUR EXPENSES

Section 8.01. By Membership. The society by a majority vote at a meeting may authorize expenditures from its funds.

Section 8.02. By Officers. The President or Vice President, or in their absence, the Treasurer and the Secretary, may authorize an expenditure of up to \$50.00 for immediate needs which must, in his or their discretion, be acted on prior to the next regular meeting. The approving officers shall report on

the expenditure and the circumstances justifying its authorization at the next regular meeting.

Section 8.03. Repeater Fund. The Treasurer will, with each authorization of the repeater trustee, reimburse for expenditures incurred in repair of the club society's repeater and related equipment, to the limit of the repeater reserve fund, the amount of which shall be determined by a vote of the membership.

ARTICLE IX - REMUNERATION

Section 9.01. No member, Director or officer shall be entitled to any remuneration by ways of wages, salary or fees for his service. However, any member, Director, or officer may submit a request to the membership for repayment of actual expenses incurred by him on behalf of the Society, as provided in Article VIII. Before making any request, the member, Director, or Officer shall provide reasonable documentation or other proof of the expenditure and such proof shall be made a part of the Minutes of the Society.

ARTICLE X - BOOK AND RECORDS: INSPECTION

Section 10.01. The books, records, and papers of the Society shall be subject to inspection by any member during ordinary business hours. The articles of incorporation, and by-laws of the Society shall be available for inspection by any member at the principal office of the Society.

ARTICLE XI - PRINTING OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BYLAWS

Section 11.01. There shall be printed in the society newsletter for the month prior to the annual meeting a copy of the society's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

ARTICLE X11 – AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

Section 12.01. Bylaws. These By-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the members by a majority vote of those present, provided written notice of the amendment is given to the membership in the newsletter distributed prior to such meeting at which the amendment is to be considered.

President
ATTEST:

Secretary

Original signatures on file

NOTE: These bylaws, including the entire Articles of Incorporation, are available for download at the club web site (<http://www.k4tlh.net/bylaws.htm>).



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Upcoming Events/Nets

Testing Sessions: 7:00 p. m. on the first Tuesday of odd numbered months, at 2631 Municipal Way in Tallahassee. For more information, visit <http://www.k4tlh.net/testing.htm>.

TARS Meetings: Every first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p. m., 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. 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.

North Florida Phone Net: Every evening, except Sunday on 3950 KHz at 2330 UTC.

Field Day 2003
June 28 & 29
Location to be determined

Editorial Policy

Submitted material received by the editor from dues-paying members in good standing, on or before the 15th of the month will appear in the following month's newsletter as space permits. Articles published in *The Printed Circuit* are not representative of the views or opinions of the whole organization, and such views and opinions are of the individual author(s). Currently, the editor is David A. Heupel, WE4RA.