

January 2004



General News

Upcoming TARS Meeting:

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January Meeting: This meeting will take place on the SECOND Thursday of the month (January 8th) at 7:00pm at the Publix on Ocala Rd. in the upstairs meeting room. Future meetings will take place at this same location on the first Thursday of the month.

General Announcements

Straight Key Night: New Year's Eve, (from AD4E) Don't forget, Straight Key Night (SKN), is the 24-hour period beginning New Year's Eve, 7 p.m. to 7 p.m. New Year's Day. SKN is one of my favorite operating events. Its always a pleasure to energize the vintage tube, crystal-controlled novice station (Drake 2-C/2-NT), old straight-key, & make some casual QSO's on 40 meter CW.

Special Points of Interest:

- Your articles wanted for the newsletter.
- Note the changes to the meeting times this month in "General News."

Meeting Minutes – December, 2003

The last meeting was our annual Christmas meeting. No minutes were made.



**Don't forget to
attend our
club meetings!
Your
involvement is
important!**

HAMVENTION SIGNS CONTRACT FOR 2004

<http://www.hamvention.org> will be at Hara Arena near Dayton, Ohio, at least for another year. General Chairman Gary Des Combes, N8EMO, announced the one-show contract recently. The last Hamvention contract with Hara Arena was for five years. Des Combes also expressed confidence that behind-the-scenes management changes he's instituted since taking over July 1 will translate into success for "the world's largest Amateur Radio gath-

ering and trade show."

"Overall, I think things are going very well," Des Combes said of progress toward pulling together Hamvention's 53rd show, which will take place May 14-16. "I'm confident we're going to be successful." The always popular annual gathering attracted slightly more than 22,100 visitors in 2003.

That figure was down by more than 10 percent from the 2002 crowd, and it marked

the third year in a row of declining Hamvention attendance.



**Please submit
your articles and
announcements to
the newsletter
editor by the 15th
of the month...info
on back.**

Membership Renewal Call

Thank-you for being a member of your local ham radio club. Although we often hear about declining hamfest attendance and radio club membership, you can reverse this trend by renewing your membership or starting your membership with us. As TARS grows, so too will our diversity, depth, resourcefulness, and reputation in the community.

Our Membership Chairperson, David Huepel (WE4RA), will log-in members so that our club roster can be maintained, including member's address, telephone # and e-mail information. Please make your check payable to "TARS" and mail it to TARS, P.O. Box 37127, Tallahassee, FL 32315.

Dues are just \$15 annually (per household) and \$7.50 semi-annually. Students are FREE! So just drop us a line or an e-mail and we will include you, too!



Thanks To All
Who Have
Submitted
Articles!

Antenna Tower For Sale

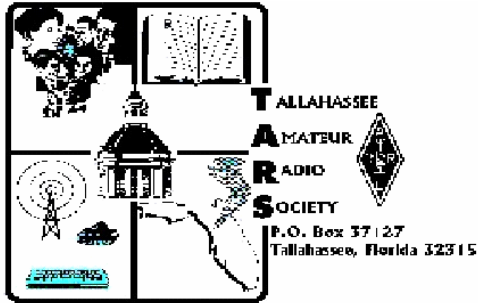
I have for sale a used (by me) Aluma aluminum telescoping 50 foot antenna tower. It functions excellently but doesn't shine as brightly as new aluminum does. Comes with a specialized mast, and a baseplate for mounting on a concrete pad.

It is strong enough for any amateur antenna. The price is \$1200, about half of what a new one would cost. My phone number is (850) 385-5924 and my location is in Waverly Hills, on the north side of Tallahassee. If you need more information or know of someone who would be interested, please have them call or email me.

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Upcoming Events

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. Eastern.

North Florida Phone

Net: Every evening, on 3950 KHz at 2330 UTC.

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