



Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society

April 3, 2008



The Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society meets at 7:00 p. m. on the first Thursday of every month. Our primary meeting location is the conference room on the upper floor of the Publix on Ocala Road in Tallahassee. Talk-in on the AE4S repeater 146.655 (down .600, tone 94.8), or 146.520 simplex if you require entry into the building

**The Scheduled Program for the meeting
will be "Tower Safety", conducted by
Randy Ag4uu....etal**

Wow, March roared in like a lion and kept on roaring right to the end of the month. I really appreciate all the hams that participated in the five events this month. I am very proud of the Ham turnout as well as the strong efforts all of them exerted on the events.

Looking forward, we need to gear up for the hurricane exercise, followed by the AIRFEST, we need to put a nominating committee for the election of Officers in June as well as field day.

Thankyou all for your efforts on behalf of TARS and ARES.

**Minutes of the March 8 2008 TARS Auction and Picnic
Of the Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society
Saturday, March 8, 2008**

A brief business meeting of the membership at the TARS Auction and Picnic was conducted. Dan ki4hgo conveyed the gratitude of the membership to John wd4ffx for his generosity at the TARS Holliday Party.

A motion was made and seconded to postpone all other business to the next regular meeting on April 3, 2008.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the business meeting and commence the TARS Auction at 9am.

TARS Treasurer's Report

April 2008

Beginning balance, March 1, 2008

Checking Account:	\$913.90
Savings Account:	<u>\$3189.55</u>
Total	\$4103.45

Receipts deposited in checking account: \$303.00

Receipts deposited in savings account: 0.00

Receipts derived from the following:

\$ 95.00	Dues
208.00	TARS Auction
0.00	Donations
0.00	50/50
<u>0.00</u>	Bank Account Interest
\$303.00	Total

Expenditures:

\$500.00	To Baker Communications, Inc. for repair of antennas on Blairstone Tower.
<u>\$ 5.00</u>	For .655 Repeater Fund, Mike Thomas
\$505.00	Total

Outstanding Expenses:

None

Ending Balance, March 31, 2008

Checking Account:	\$711.90
Savings Account:	<u>\$3189.55</u>
Total	\$3901.45

Results of March 8, 2008 TARS auction:

Sale of member equipment	\$275.00	10% to TARS:	\$28.00
Sale of estate and other equipment donated to club:			<u>\$180.00</u>
Total deposited to TARS account			\$208.00

5 members renewed or joined since last report: 4 individuals, 1 family member.

Annual Dues for 2008 are due: \$15.00 for individual membership as well as family.

Membership fee for new members joining in April is \$11.25.

MARCH MADNESS IS OVER!!!

Auction and Picnic March 8 2008:

March came in roaring like a lion, just ask the 20 +_ brave Amateur souls that attended the TARS Auction and Picnic. The temperatures were bitter cold with winds gusting 15 to 20mph, but that didn't spoil the festive of the Auction. The picnic portion of the event was cancelled, instead as noon approached everyone agreed to meet a nearby restaurant for brunch, it took a couple of hours to thaw out.



Airport disaster exercise, March 13, 2008

Every three years the Tallahassee Regional Airport is required to conduct a full scale disaster exercise at the airport. This year the AI REX 2008 Full Scale Emergency Exercise was conducted on March 13, 2008. Hundred of volunteers participated from Homeland Security, FBI, local Fire and Rescue, Law enforcement, the local American Red Cross, the city, state, county and of course the local Ham community was among the players.

On behalf of Dave WA4WES, Alan W1ABT and I we commend the following Hams who participate in a very professional manner.

W1ABT, Alan - KJ4G, Paul - KJ4AZV, Tom - KI4JOO, Mary - KI4HGO, Dan - W4DSW, Don

K4YFW, SAL - KG4LFT, Bill - AI4GF, Dave - W4SKG, David - K4GKJ, Doug

KI4EWB, John - KI4PZS, Maurice - KG4YZE, Arthur - KD4QKI, Bobby - WQ4M, Donna

KI4LHI, Sheri - KG4YZI, David - KI4AGD - Mike

HAMS to man radios at the two Tallahassee Hospitals

Ten Ham operators are needed to man the state of the art Amateur Radios in each of the Tallahassee Hospitals in the event of a disaster. These ten Hams could if needed provide around the clock shifts.

If you are interested in helping out with emergency communications, please send an e-mail to Alan at W1ABT@hotmail.com

5K Shamrock Scurry, March 15, 2008:

The event was a big success a record number of runners participate. Thank to the following Hams for efforts to help make this a success:

Ai4cw, **Kerry** - ai4gf, **Dave** - ai4ka, **Chuck** - k4icy, **Mike** - kd4kw, **Dave** - ki4ewb, **John** - ki4maj, **Larry** - Ki4oee, **Ben** - k4yfw, **Sal** - wb3hnd, **Jim** - ki4hgo, **Dan**.

Radio Reunion in Thomasville, March 29, 2008

The Thomasville Amateur Radio Club, hosted by Mike, ke4fgf the first "Annual Radio Reunion" involving TARC, TARS, SPARC, Madison County, Valdosta Radio Club and others. The Food was incredible, especially the home made desserts!!!!!! More than 100 Hams and their guest attended the event. In addition to local Hams quite a few ARRL officials attended from both Georgia and Florida. Thanks for all the hard work Mike and his crew did.



More Pictures from Radio Reunion



Springtime Blue Line 100, March 30, 2008:

Seventeen Hams participate in the Blue Line 100. This was the second Blue Line 100 for the Tallahassee Police and our first participation providing communication support. Officer David Northway declared the event a great success and was extremely appreciative of the Hams effort to keep the race director informed regarding the progress and help make the ride as safe as possible for the participants. A big **THANKYOU** to [KE4URL Nirmal](#) for offering the use of his repeater.

AG4UT	Carlton
AI 4CW	Kerry
AI 4GF	David
AI 4KA	Chuck
KD4QKI	Bobby
KG4YZI	David
KI 4CLG	Roberta
KI 4EWB	John
KI 4KWC	Michael
KI 4LHI	Sheri
KI 4MAJ	Larry
KI 4NBU	Chantal
KI 4YFW	Sal
N1HJ	Jim
N4KGT	Alan
W1ABT	Alan
KE4URL	Nirmal
KI 4HGO	Dan



Here are a couple of great websites recommended by area Hams, I want to thank Carlton, ag4ut and Alan, w1abt for their contribution. If you would like to share some of you favorite sites, please e-mail the urls' to ki4hgo@arri.net.

<http://www.ba-marc.org/index.html>

<http://www.radioresourcemag.com/>

The Radio Amateur is...

CONSIDERATE...never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

LOYAL...offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs, and the American Radio Relay League, through which Amateur Radio in the United States is represented nationally and internationally.

PROGRESSIVE...with knowledge abreast of science, a well-built and efficient station and operation above reproach.

FRIENDLY...slow and patient operating when requested; friendly advice and counsel to the beginner; kindly assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the hallmarks of the amateur spirit.

BALANCED...radio is an avocation, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

PATRIOTIC...station and skill always ready for service to country and community.

--The original Amateur's Code was written by Paul M. Segal, W9EEA, in 1928.

DEC Notes

Hurricane Season 2008

The 2008 hurricane season is bearing down on us, and the Capital District of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service is making slow, steady progress to meet, as much as one can, whatever Mother Nature has in store for us. Dr. Gray at Colorado State University has planned a busy, above average season for us with about 13 named storms and 7 hurricanes predicted for the year. There is a 60% chance one or more storms will hit somewhere on the United States coast, though, thank goodness, it is about half that for the gulf coast. Nonetheless, if "hope for the best and plan for the worst" is the motto of the emergency preparedness community, we have done a lot over the past several months to become prepared.

Yet, now is the time to become better prepared for the upcoming season. Check the ARES page on the K4TLH.net web site for detailed information on what you can do to get ready. In particular, make sure your family is ready and that you have life in order, as much as that is possible. Then if you can help, make sure your generator is working, your batteries are charged, and your radios are operational. Also have a spare antenna or two on hand in case yours gets blown down in a storm. Read the manuals for your radios and re-familiarize yourself with all those buttons and knobs. Program it with all the local repeaters and see if you can hit them, including the ones in Georgia.

On May 10, the Capital District will participate in the annual Hurricane preparedness exercise. I have already alerted your county ECs, the jump teams, the digital Assistant DEC, and the NWS leader about it. It will last from 0800 to 1200 hours and will thoroughly test our capabilities. Included in the exercise will be storm spotting on the coast, establishing stations at shelters that will send voice and digital traffic, emergency power scenarios, and sending damage assessment reports. Every county in the Capital District will be involved. It should be a good, final rehearsal before the start of the season.

Perhaps we can never be fully prepared for what Mother Nature has in store, but we can be ready, and with the knowledge that we have done all we can do, we have no reason to be afraid. We will continue to train, test, and improve. With your help, I know we will be able to meet whatever blows our way.

Dave
WA4WES
Capital District Emergency Coordinator

A Message from Paul KJ4G

I am one of three ARRL members running for the Northern Florida Section Manager's position and the purpose of this email is to tell you about myself and why I would appreciate your vote.

Our current SM, Rudy Hubbard, WA4PUP is retiring after 18 years of service. The section has come a long way from 18 years ago when served agencies wouldn't talk to hams about help. I wish Rudy a great retirement and the very best. Rudy, thanks for all you've done.

With almost 50 years in public safety service, emergency management and administration, I feel I can offer experience, training, education and common sense to the Section. Because of my fire service experience, I am thoroughly familiar with the Incident Command System and I am currently involved in completing all the courses required. I have finished ICS100, 200, and I'm enrolled in 300 and 700. I have completed EMComm I, II, and just finished III. I have acted as NCS for the morning NFAREC net and soon will be training for the 19:30 NFPN evening net. In years past I have done NCS duties for several nets.

Whoever is elected will immediately have several major responsibilities. First, because all existing Section appointments will become vacant at midnight the last day of June, the seeking of qualified and capable candidates for vacated positions will become my top priority. Appointments to staff positions will assure that the Section continues to operate and to provide the services to amateur radio is a must.

Also, as soon as possible, a workable NFL Section Emergency Communications Plan should be issued, recognizing the new DHS, FEMA, FDEM and ARRL training issues and the ever-increasing demands placed on amateur radio operators.

Our goal as amateur radio operators should be COMMUNICATIONS, not ham radio communications. To meet the responsibilities and obligations we have to the public, we should be prepared to and capable of providing any communications needed, under any conditions, from voice to data to video, and by any means available. However, we do not want to lose or forego the hobby aspect of amateur radio. There should be a position or function for any operator with any interest in the hobby/public service.

There is a tremendous pool of talent and ability in the ham radio membership of the Section and these talents can be put to use in a variety of ways to serve the public. We can provide services and purposes, especially during emergency conditions that will earn the respect and gratitude of the served agencies, the government and the general public.

Remember that the general public, members of most served agencies, the press and many others do not know the difference between ham radios, GMRS, CB, police radios, satellite phones, etc. In reality, all of these systems could and would be used in an emergency. When the final report comes out, what the public needs to hear is that ham radio operators were communicators helping the cause. As with hams, served agencies will talk amongst themselves. An agency that has a good relationship

with the hams will brag to the other agencies. There will be no bragging if an agency has a bad experience with hams. For all the good press releases about ham radio, one bad release will always be remembered the most and do the most damage.

Being from Tallahassee, I have an excellent working relationship with the Florida Division of Emergency Management at the EOC and with other State and Federal agencies. This relationship will be of great benefit to the section. In an emergency, I would be able to respond to the State EOC to perform the duties of section management as well as provide communications assistance of all types.

While a good portion was spent talking about EMComm, there are many other issues in the section that aren't in the public eye. The OO program, ARRL clubs, PI O's, nets and recruitment of new hams, especially youngsters, to mention a few, all are in need of attention. The location of the State EOC, in the Northern Florida Section, places additional responsibilities on section leadership because a lot of what happens during emergency conditions will affect the rest of the state and parts of surrounding states.

There are a number of untapped resources that can be applied to amateur radio if there is a dedicated, active section leadership organization. State and Federal grants is just one of the areas I intend, if elected, to actively pursue.

If elected, I will set up a decentralized 'span of control' management plan. This will give more operators the opportunity to participate in the operation of the section and to develop relationships and build teamwork in their local areas, becoming a closer, more cohesive group. PI O folks will be asked to work with served agencies to help build good two way relationships between them and the ham radio Community. Issues that affect every amateur operator in the section and every aspect of the hobby will be evaluated and promoted.

I am very passionate about ham radio. I'm retired and have the ability to travel throughout the section to assist where necessary. The furthest location is 4 hours travel time. If we can agree that we may disagree, I'm sure we can talk things through. I will listen, as your thought counts and is important to me. I believe in the team concept of getting things done, and will ask for assistance. With everyone's help, the goals and objectives of the Northern Florida Section will be accomplished. I believe information should flow in both directions.

I would appreciate your vote and confidence for the Northern Florida SM position.

Please feel free to e-mail me (KJ4G@comcast.net) if you have any questions or suggestion.

73

Paul KJ4G

Local Net News:

Sportsman's Paradise Amateur Radio Club meetings are every 3rd Thursday of each month at the Wakulla County Emergency Management Facility (Sheriff's Department) at 7:30pm. **Wednesday Night Net Meeting 2000 Hours 146.550 MHz Simplex. Repeater:145.45 tone:94.8**

Thomasville Amateur Radio Club: This net meets every **THURSDAY** night at **8:00pm** on **145.17MHZ** Duplex. Club meetings on the first Saturday of each month at the Plaza Restaurant at 7:30pm. **Temporarily now using 145.17MHZ Duplex - tone 141.3**

Capital District ARES Net: Every Sunday, 8:00 p. m. Eastern on the AE4S repeater 146.655 (tone 94.8)

The Big Bend Hamster Net: This net meets on Tuesday nights at 7:30pm Eastern on the AE4S repeater 146.655 (tone 94.8). Call 574-7965 for more detail information.

Morse Code Practice Net: This net meets Monday through Friday on 28.180 (cw) at approximately 8pm or at the conclusion of the North Florida Phone Traffic Net.

The "Winlink Conference": This net is held every Wednesday evening starting around 8PM. This is moderated by AI, W3YVQ, out of Baltimore, Md. Hams can connect direct to "Fred's happy serve" on node #129799, or tune into 443.400 UHF repeater to participate. This is a loosely directed net and pertains solely about digital communications. Regulars check in from around the USA and discuss all issues of Em Comms using digital equipment. It's mostly a technical group. A large amount of the success of the TLH DIGITAL GROUP comes from the elmering from this group. This net can be lengthy in time, sometimes lasting up to 3 hours.

Other nets are listed on the K4TLH website. All the new ham radio operators are welcomed to use the repeaters and join in on the nets.

New Membership or Renewal Form



2007 has arrived and so has TARS membership renewal. Make the form easy on yourself. If you have not changed any information from last year, merely make payment to TARS. Complete the form with your name and indicate your member type and ARRL membership status. For Family status, complete a form for each member.

Name: _____ Callsign: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ ZIP: _____-_____

Member type: Indiv. ____ Family ____ Student ____ (check one)

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

Cell Phone () _____-_____

E-Mail Address: _____

ARRL member (y/n) ____ TARS Van trained (y/n) ____

Membership dues for the Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society run \$15 annually per individual or family. **Students** (with valid ID) can **join for free!** You need not be a licensed amateur radio operator to join the Society. An interest in radio communications is all that is required. New members pay pro-rata based on the number of months remaining in the calendar year (\$1.25 per month). Renewing members pay \$15 dues; except after July, dues become \$7.50.

Please make your dues check payable to the Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society (or TARS). Bring your check with the additional information to the next monthly meeting of the Society and give it to the Treasurer, or mail your check and information to the Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society, C/O Treasurer, P. O. Box 37127, Tallahassee, FL, 32315.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), their dues are \$39 annually. TARS is an ARRL sanctioned organization. Go to <http://www.arrl.org/join.html> for more membership information.

TARS Officers

President: Dan Moniz - KI 4HGO
Vice President: Alan B. Torledsky - W1ABT
Secretary: Chantal Blanton - KI 4NBU
Treasurer: Larry Pushor - KI 4MAJ

TARS Committees:

Repeater Trustee #1: Randy Pierce AG4UU
Repeater Trustee #2: Vacant
Newsletter Editor: Dan Moniz KI 4HGO
Historian: Shawn Wilson AG4VE
Equipment Manager: Carlton Wells AG4UT
Education: Phil Ashler N4IPH
Special Events: Carliane Johnson KG4CJT
Webmaster: David A. Heupel WE4RA

Upcoming Events:

TARS Meetings: Every first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. EDT at Publix at Ocala Rd.
Friday Lunch 11:30 a. m. EDT at Golden Coral on No. 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

EDITORIAL POLICY

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