



# Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society

## July 10, 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

## TARS Field Day





**Minutes of the May TARS Membership Meeting**  
**TARS - Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society**  
**Thursday, May 1, 2008**

**Minutes of the TARS Annual Meeting**  
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**Thursday, June 5, 2008**

The TARS Annual Meeting was held at Publix on Ocala Rd. on Thursday, June 5, 2008.

CALL to ORDER at 7:00 p.m.

President Dan Moniz KI4HGO welcomed the 30 members who signed in. All TARS officers (Moniz, Torledsky, Pushor, Blanton) were present.

\* The sheet listing those in attendance is made a part of these minutes.

**PROGRAM**

The planned program was changed to a discussion of Field Day, June 28-29, 2008. Larry KI4MAJ said a pavilion is reserved at the same location as 2007, J. Lee Vause Park off Old Bainbridge Rd. just north of US Hwy. 27. Vehicles: David WE4RA has arranged to have the Williams Communications trailer; and the TARS van will be there for VHF. The Red Cross is not lending a vehicle this year. Sal K4YFW offered use of a small trailer. The Decoteau family plans to demonstrate SSTV and PSK 31 from their van before 2 p.m., to avoid interference with other modes.

Food: Bobby KD4QKI volunteered to lead; a \$300 budget was approved unanimously and enthusiastically. Generators: Vern KI4PRX and Mike KI4KWC have offered theirs; others will be needed. Testing: Will be offered (see below.) Educational program on antenna building: Phil N4IPH will lead and is bringing materials. GOTA (Get On The Air station): Mo Wright will lead, with help from James KG4YZM and Phil N4IPH. CW: Ted Zateslo will lead, using the Williams Communications trailer. Larry asked for a lead on HF/voice: Dave WE4RA and Mike K4ICY volunteered to co-lead. We still need a lead on VHF in the TARS van.

Each radio team will consist of one operator and one logger; Larry passed a sign-up sheet for the various time slots. John KI4EWB will procure 3 laptops for the logging process; Dave WE4RA will reprogram and set up the wireless system so they network with each other. Kent KC4TOC will contact the media.

**INTRODUCTION of GUESTS**

Patti Lester KJ4BVY was congratulated as a new Technician and welcomed to the club. Richard Rodriguez has a new callsign, K4DMZ. And Paul KJ4G was congratulated and applauded on his election as new North Florida Section Manager.

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Larry KI4MAJ reported an unexpected expenditure of \$73.13 for brake repair on the van, for which Alan W1ABT can provide a hair-raising back-story. Kent Hutchinson was reimbursed for the club's 2007 corporate fee. The May 31 balance was \$ 3930.48. The Treasurer's Report was approved.  
\* A copy of the Treasurer's Report is made a part of these Minutes.

## MINUTES

The Minutes were printed in the Newsletter, and approved.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Testing -

Alan N4KGT was proud of the 3 people who took tests Tuesday, June 3: 1 new Technician and 2 new Generals. Another test session will be offered on Saturday morning, June 28 at the Field Day site, and Dave W4SKG announced there will be a test session for EMCOMM 1, 2, and 3, following that. Watch the K4TLH website for details.

### Education -

Phil N4IPH reported that Red Cross will take a back seat on Ham Radio training, for now. He may run a class again in early September. Dan KI4HGO recommended TARS write a grant for the books for interested students. Several members said they will look into sources for grants. TARS will do classes for the hospitals that now have equipment. Dan KI4HGO and Alan W1ABT each had ideas about new locations for classes.

Repeater - No report.

### Website -

Webmaster David Heupel WE4RA reported on the hard drive failure that caused the Mother's Day TARS website crash. He is still working on restoring accounts and features, and said he will work to remedy calendar problems reported by Sal K4YFW.

### Newsletter -

Dan KI4HGO said the June Newsletter was sent out to all members. A few did not receive it. To receive an electronic copy, please email Dan at [ki4hgo@arrl.net](mailto:ki4hgo@arrl.net).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (in part)

1. Dan KI4HGO reported that Farley AE4K is now home recuperating, and Jim KS4JW had been in the hospital room next door. Please keep these fellow hams in your thoughts and prayers.
2. Phil N4IPH commented on recent arrests of people with scanners and flashing lights in their cars. He suggests hams keep in the glove box a copy of the ham's FCC license and a copy of the portion of Florida Statutes that state amateur radio operators are authorized to have scanners and emergency equipment. [Secretary's note: Florida Statutes (1995) - Title 46, Crimes; Ch. 843, Obstructing Justice; § 843.16. Available online at <http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes>]

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### Alternate Location for Meetings and Classes

Dan said he went to see the outstanding meeting and event facilities at St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church which Mike KI4KWC had recommended. Dan suggested TARS plan a trial meeting there, to see if the location would work for the membership. Another suggestion was to try it for an event, such as antenna building. Some were concerned about its distance from the center of town. One advantage mentioned was that the site "has plenty of trees, enough to stop the van if the brakes fail again." It was approved to have a trial meeting or event at the Church. (See July Meeting Announcement, below.)

### NEW BUSINESS

Dave AI4GF said the Publix trainer asked the club to assure the room was clean and orderly at the end of meetings.

Paul KJ4G, new North Florida Section Manager, said he appreciates everyone's support. He spent this week at the State of Florida EOC during the Hurricane drill. The EOC has undergone significant renovation, with new furnishing and consoles and a new location for the ham-shack. He said hams in the field will have no direct communications, rather, there will be relay stations outside the EOC to pass information inside. All standard analog modes are in use, along with SEDAN, Winlink, D-Star, and other digital modes. Paul suggested the club request a tour of the new facilities, recommending members view the EOC-cam online, for now. He said very few of the people at the EOC seemed to be aware of ham radio, probably because its role will be limited to the first few hours after a storm or disaster. He said it is important for hams to know the ESF system and make an effort to present a professional image. Because the EOC is a served agency, hams should be ready to go immediately when called upon and be willing to pitch in with other duties when asked, as long as it does not significantly interfere with their primary role as communicators. Paul said he will reshape some of the Section's skills to match EOC needs, e.g. using GPS systems and APRS. He also said an increasing number of agencies are establishing MOUs with amateur radio operators, e.g. Volunteers for America mobile kitchens, church groups, and others. He said Joe Bushel W2DWR will continue as Section Emergency Coordinator for now, but will be retiring due to health issues.

### BREAK

### ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

3. Dan asked members to decide whether to meet on the first Thursday in July, one day before Independence Day. Members voted unanimously to move the meeting to July 10, 2008, at St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church, 3413 S. Old Bainbridge Rd. Dan will notify the membership by email.

4. Paul KJ4G announced that Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, Daniel Barnes KJ4ZI in Perry has asked for a team of balloon spotters. The plan is to meet near Madison, starting at 6 a.m., and the frequency will probably be 144.39. Some could also track the balloon from home, because it will send elevation and location data each second. If interested, please contact [kj4g@arrl.net](mailto:kj4g@arrl.net).

5. David KG4YZI said the Red Cross now has a permanent CEO who was formerly at the National HQ and is experienced in chapter building; he has a favorable attitude toward amateur radio. His major

task now is looking for a Chapter Disaster Services leader. Plans are still being discussed for the location of the communications shack as part of Leon County EOC.

## ELECTIONS

President Dan Moniz asked the Nominating Committee to present the slate of nominees for election. Dave AI4GF said he and fellow committee members Chuck AI4KA and Nick W4EAF were fortunate because current officers were willing to serve again. Dan Moniz asked for nominations from the floor, and there being none, it was moved that the slate be accepted and nominations closed. The motion and continuing slate of officers were approved unanimously, and the following will serve TARS for the coming year:

President: Dan Moniz KI4HGO

Vice President: Alan Torledsky W1ABT

Treasurer: Larry Pushor KI4MAJ

Secretary: Chantal Blanton KI4NBU

Dan thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, participating in the activities, and helping to make TARS a great organization. He said he looked forward to working with everyone in the year ahead, and he received a warm round of applause.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting closed at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chantal Blanton, KI4NBU

# TARS Treasurer's Report

July 2008

Beginning balance: June 1, 2008

Checking Account:	\$739.46
Savings Account:	<u>\$3191.02</u>
Total	\$3930.48

Receipts deposited in checking account:	\$51.25
Receipts deposited in savings account:	\$ 0.00

Receipts derived from the following:

\$41.25	Dues
0.00	TARS Auction
0.00	Donations
10.00	50/50
<u>0.00</u>	Bank Account Interest
\$51.25	Total

Expenditures:

None

Outstanding Expenses:

Field Day 2008 Expenses

Ending Balance, June 30, 2008

Checking Account:	\$790.71
Savings Account:	<u>\$3191.02</u>
Total	\$3981.73

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4 members renewed or joined since last report.

4	individuals
0	family members
0	students

As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, Annual Dues for renewing members are: \$7.50 for individual membership as well as family. Membership fee for new members joining in July is \$7.50.

Field Day SPARC



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## 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.

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## 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 Message Handling Practice Net & Net Control Operations Practice Net**  
Every Sunday, 7:30 p. m. Eastern on the AE4S repeater 146.655 (tone 94.8)

**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



2008 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 - KI4HGO  
Vice President: Alan B. Torledsky - W1ABT  
Secretary: Chantal Blanton - KI4NBU  
Treasurer: Larry Pushor - KI4MAJ

### TARS Committees:

Repeater Trustee #1: Randy Pierce AG4UU  
Repeater Trustee #2: Vacant  
Newsletter Editor: Dan Moniz KI4HGO  
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

Submitted material received by the editor on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month will appear in the following month's newsletter as space permits. Comments and/or suggestions to improve the newsletter are welcomed. The Printed Circuit is not representative of the views or opinions of the whole organization, and such views and opinions are of the individual author(s). The editor is Dan Moniz KI4HGO. Submissions for The Printed Circuit may be emailed to: [KI4HGO@arrl.net](mailto:KI4HGO@arrl.net)

