



Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society

April 2, 2009



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

KJ4G North Florida Section Manager will be the program presenter. There are lots of changes being made in the Section and some may have an impact on the Capital District. Don't miss this informative program.

Annual TARS Auction and Cookout

This year's annual TARS Auction and Cookout will be held on March 7, 2009 at **Tom Brown Park**. We were unable to secure the large Pavilion; the Army recruiters booked the pavilion expecting several hundred enlistees and their families. We were able to secure two of the smaller pavilions. The weather was perfect, there were lots of good bargains and approximately 35-40 attended the event. We were not able to find volunteers to cook, so we purchased Publix's sandwiches, drinks and chips. See the pictures and minutes. Thanks to all who attended and special thanks to Randy AG4UU for making it a fun filled event as well as a profitable one.

My apologies for abbreviated news letter, it has been a VERY busy Ham Radio month, hope to see you at the meeting.

**Minutes of the March TARS Membership Meeting at the Auction / Picnic
TARS - Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society
Saturday, March 7, 2009**

The TARS March Membership Meeting was held during the TARS Auction/Picnic at Tom Brown Park in Tallahassee on Saturday, March 7, 2009.

CALL to ORDER at 10:15 a.m.

President Dan Moniz KI4HGO welcomed the approximately 40 members and guests who attended the TARS auction. The consensus was that the beautiful sunshine, warm spring temperatures (*hooray!*), and a plethora of new hams added to the attendance and the excitement.

** An attendance sheet was not kept - - it was like herding cats !*

A motion was approved to vary the normal order of the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mo KI4PZS said new ham Mary KJ4JZN suffered a stroke, and he asked everyone to make an effort to chat with her and welcome her, and all the new hams, when they get on the radio.

Dan asked if anyone had other urgent Business. There was none.

OFFICERS' REPORTS: TREASURER'S REPORT and MINUTES

A motion was approved to accept the Treasurer's Report and February Minutes as printed in the Newsletter.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was approved to suspend the meeting and proceed with the Auction. The meeting closed at 10:20 a.m.

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NOTE - - The Auction that followed was lively, in large part due to auctioneer and master of ceremonies Randy AG4UU who regaled the crowd with useful historical tidbits on the various items. Thanks Randy!!! TARS also thanks the many hams who donated or brought equipment to the auction.

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Respectfully submitted,
Chantal Blanton, KI4NBU

TARS Treasurer's Report

April 2009

Beginning balance March 1, 2009

Checking Account:	\$705.85
Savings Account:	<u>\$2594.32</u>
Total	\$3300.17

Receipts deposited in checking account: \$667.00

Receipts deposited in savings account: 41.37

Receipts derived from the following:

\$115.00 Dues

25.00 Member Donations

557.00 March 7, 2009 Auction

11.37 Received from SPARC for Bethel Road Tower, 2/6/09 billing
\$708.37

Expenditures:

\$24.06 February bill from Talquin Electric for Bethel Road Tower

Outstanding Expenses:

None

Ending Balance, March 31, 2009

Checking Account:	\$1348.79
Savings Account:	<u>\$2635.69</u>
Total	\$3984.48

9 members renewed or joined since last report.

8 individuals

1 family member

0 students

Dues for renewing individuals, as well as family members are \$15.00.

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

TARS Auction and Picnic 09



A rare DX sighting of N4JL



The Amateur Radio Code

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.

New Membership or Renewal Form



2009 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: Individ. _____ 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: Steve AD4E
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 20th 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

