



Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society January 2006



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

Guest Speaker for the January Meeting
Jerry Kessler N4JL will present the program for the January meeting. The topic is the FCC proposing to Regulate Amateur Sub-bands by Bandwidth.

Amateur Radio License Class

Red Cross License Class Update

de Phil N4IPH

Congratulations to the new amateurs from our recent Amateur Radio License Class sponsored by the Red Cross. By the time you read this...the following new amateurs would have received their "ticket". Julia Dunn KI4MWK (Tech), William Dunn KI4MWJ (Tech w/HF), Terry Hoxworth KI4MWI (Tech), Robert Maiden KI4MWU (General), Raymond Marsh KI4MWN (Tech), Julie Oster KI4MWL (Tech w/HF) and Mary Saunders KI4JOO from the previous class upgraded to General. I know these new hams will be looking for some equipment...if you have a rig you're not using and want to make it available...give them a call. If you have some equipment for sale...let us know about it at the next TARS meeting. We had a number of people that attended the class but were unable to make it to the VE Testing Session...hopefully we will see them at the session in February 2006.

In addition to the Red Cross Class, Jim Pinson KI4KPY upgraded to EXTRA

I want to thank Chris Floyd at the Red Cross for again sponsoring the class and purchasing the course text. Also thanks to John Reynolds AD4DO for running the CW portion of the class and Dan Moniz KI4HGO for providing encouragement to the group each week. We will probably start the next class sometime in the spring of 2006..watch the news letter for starting date.

Tallahassee Testing Information:

The ARRL/VEC administered FCC Amateur Radio License Examinations are provided in Tallahassee the first Tuesday of EVEN numbered months (February, April, June, etc.) in the conference room located at 2631 Municipal Way at 7:00 p. m.

Thomasville Testing Update:

The Thomasville ARC VE team held a test session on Saturday December 17th with three new applicants attending. The results were very good with all three going home with a new license. The new operators are Beth Hunt (KI4NBV), a new Tech, Jordan Hunt (KI4NBW), a new Tech who is also newly 12 years old, and Chantal Blanton (KI4NBU) who is a new Tech with code. Chantal missed perfect copy on her code test by only 2 characters and also missed getting a General class license by 4 questions.

MICHAEL BROWN
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Silent Keys

From ARRL Headquarters, January 2006

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of these amateurs:

W1RFE Chartier, Joseph R., Ocala, FL
WB4AQV Rabjohns, Harold A., Sarasota, FL
N4GM Mitchell, Grant, Sunrise, FL
W4PAQ Ewers, Daniel E., Boca Raton, FL

Congratulations to Local Hams Receiving Awards at Holiday Dinner

Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society "TARS and Feathers Award"

It is with great pleasure that I am presenting on behalf of the Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society the TARS and Feathers award to honor a member of our group and recognize their outstanding service to amateur radio.

Since the mid 70's, TARS has been presenting this award on a more or less annual basis -- recognizing superior accomplishment, which includes doing good deeds not only for TARS itself, but going beyond typical club functions and helping others advance in amateur radio.

Examples include:

- Inducting new operators into the Amateur Radio Service.
- Mentoring those individuals to pique their interest and maintain their proficiency.
- Work having significant impact on served agencies.
- Support of health, welfare, and emergency management communications.

The *TARS and Feathers* award goes beyond self-serving individual activities and seeks those persons that both advance the state of our radio art and embody "The Amateur's Code".

Tonight, I am proud to present the *TARS and Feathers* award to Ted Zateslo.

Besides being one of the nicest guys I've ever met, Ted—W1XO is:

- An Extra Class amateur radio operator.
- Our ARRL State Government Liaison, which serves to keep a watchful eye over state & federal regulatory issues which may affect the us. Ted also coordinates operators to man the State EOC's ham station.
- The Net Manager for the Capital District ARES Net, serving to keep everyone apprised of local events.
- Long-standing Field-day CW station captain.
Many years ago at Field Day, the wrong end of a soldering iron found Ted's hand. He continued work on the project until it was completed... however his CW sending that weekend was not his usual!
- He's coordinated & supported both TOSRV & the Spaghetti 100 over the years, & has assisted with dozens of other public-service events over the years.
- He maintains the club's "portable repeater" which is used at various public-service events.
- Assists with keeping an eye on the City's BPL activities.
- Avid 160 meter & CW operator.
- Member of the "A-1 Operator Club".

- Member of the Adventure Radio Society.
- Was active at the Brown University club station, K1AD.
- Has been contesting for a long time, at least as far back as 1976 when he & WA1PNX operated the very first IARU RadioSport Contest in 1976, taking first place in RI in the CW multi-op category.
- Enjoys building state-of-the-art radios & restoring older, tube-type radios.
- Has worked with the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory & FSU's Geology Department as a senior engineer for over 20 years.
- Is well-rounded with several other hobbies besides ham radio, including: membership in Tallahassee's Symphony Orchestra as a tuba player; enjoys hiking, bicycling, astronomy—including SETI; scouting; & geology.
- **AND...** he's a husband & father to one boy.

We applaud Ted's contributions to TARS and the local amateur community. Ted, I hereby present to you the 22nd TARS and Feathers award.

Presented by Steve AD4E on December 1, 2005

The AE4S Repeater Group "New Ham of the Year Award"

It is with great pleasure that I am presenting on behalf of the AE4S Repeater Group the Second Annual 'New Ham of the Year' Award to honor a member of our group who distinguished himself during the first year as a Ham. The 2005 recipient is Dan Moniz KI4HGO

Dan earned his Technician (with Code) ticket in October of 2004 after attending the Red Cross License Class taught by Phi Ashler N4IPH and John Reynolds AD4DO.

Dan immediately joined TARS and the ARRL and volunteered for his first event Spaghetti 100 in November 2004 under the tutelage of Alan W1ABT. Since then he has participated in nearly every exercise, event and emergency since.

In February 2005, Dan volunteered to resurrect the TARS newsletter; the last published newsletter was in January 2004.

In June, Dan was appointed Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Ares in Leon County, once again pairing up with Alan W1ABT Emergency Coordinator for Ares in Leon County.

In July, Dan was elected Vice President of TARS. In this role he has organized many fine programs for the TARS meeting.

The 2005 hurricane season proved to be catastrophic for the Gulf Coast States. Dan was one of several critical players during the Tulane Hospital Evacuations. Dan was instrumental in coordinating the Tallahassee effort while Alan was out of town. Dan was in close communications with Alan to carry out a successful mission.

Dan has assisted new Hams in a variety of ways:

Helping them set up their equipment

Helping them find the most appropriate equipment for their operation

Boosting their confidence in getting on the air

Dan is a regular at each of the Red Cross License Classes, helping Phil and John set up and break down the equipment, encourages the class to be active in the Amateur Radio Clubs, and distributes newsletters.

Not only is Dan a member of TARS, he is also a member of SPARC and TARC, attending their meeting an events and reporting them in the TARS newsletter.

Thank you Dan for your dedication and service to the Ham Community.

Presented by Jerry Kessler N4JL on December 1, 2005

On behalf of Dave, Alan and myself we want to express our gratitude to all the Hams that responded to the Red Cross call for volunteers from the Amateur Community in the support of the Wakulla County tornado event on December 5th:

KJ4G	Paul
KG4KLR	Brett
W4GJM	Greg
AI4KK	Gene
KI4JTA	Stefan
KG4YZI	David
KI4JOO	Mary
KG4YMC	Terry
KG4DVW	David
KI4CLK	Shawn
W1AAO	Richard

And I especially want to commend W1ABT, when I arrived at RC chapter house I found Alan huddled with Chris Floyd. Chris was teaching the 3hr damage assessment class in 15min to Alan. Alan in turn, instructed those volunteers at the Wakulla County EOC some of who hadn't taken the class previously.

TARS Meeting

(No Report Available for December)

TARS Treasurer's Report

December 2005

As of 11/29/05:

Checking Account Balance: \$106.85

Savings Account Balance: \$4000.28

Receipts deposited in checking account: \$557.00

Receipts deposited in savings account: \$0.00

Receipts derived from the following:

\$50.00	Dues
0.00	TARS Auction
0.00	Donations
7.00	50/50
<u>500.00</u>	Savings to Checking Transfer
\$557.00	Total

3 members renewed or joined last month.

3 individuals (2005 and/or 2006)

0 family members

0 students

Expenses:**

\$369.57 - Reimbursement to John Swindel, KI4EWB for TARS van gas (\$35.34), Home Depot in support of '03 facility (\$270.67), and TARS van radio batteries (\$63.56).

\$215.25 - Reimbursement to Kent Hutchinson, KC4TOC for TARS van gas, TARS battery, and TARS Dept. of Revenue fee.

Outstanding expenses:

Donations:

None.

ARC (~\$202.00, less \$134.55) 2004 TARS Auction proceeds.

*Reimbursement request for hurricane-related expenses submitted to State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management (Ivan Tracker #1819 and Charlie Tracker #4757). John Fleming, FDEM is looking into to the status of request.

TARS Holiday Dinner





SPARC Holiday Dinner



TARC Holiday Dinner



2006 HAMFEST CALENDAR, SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION

Prepared by Frank Butler, W4RH

January 15	San Juan, PR (PRARL)
January 21	Fort Myers, FL
January 28	Arcadia, FL
January 28	Greenville, AL
February 4-5	Miami, FL
February 10-12	Orlando, FL
February 18	Sebring, FL
February 18	Brooksville, FL
February 25	Dalton, GA
March 11	Port Charlotte, FL
March 18	Marietta, GA (Kennehoochee)
March 18	Fort Walton Beach, FL
March 18	Stuart, FL
March 25	New Port Richey, FL
March 25	Jacksonville, FL
March 25	Plantation, FL
April 8	Pace, FL (Floridatown)
April 15	Defuniak Springs, FL
April 22-23	Mobile, AL
April 22-23	Gainesville, FL
April 22	Calhoun, GA
May 6-7	Birmingham, AL
May 6	St. Petersburg, FL (SPARC)
May 14	Moulton, AL
May 19-21	Dayton, OH
June 3	Atlanta, GA
June 3	Fort McCoy, FL
June 10	Fort Payne, AL
July 8	Gainesville, GA (Lanierland)
July 14-15	Milton, FL
August 12	Ellijay, GA
August 12	Fort Pierce, FL
August 19-20	Huntsville, AL
September 16	Dallas, GA
September 23	New Port Richey, FL
October 7	Jacksonville, FL
October 7	Plantation, FL
October 14-15	Melbourne, FL
October 14	Augusta, GA
October 14	Starke, FL

October 14	Rome, GA
November 4-5	Lawrenceville, GA
November 11	Montgomery, AL
November 25	Okeechobee, FL
December 2-3	Palmetto, FL (Tampa)
December 9	Ocala, FL

NOTE: Some of these dates are estimates, based on previous years' dates. Please send corrections to: w4rh@arrl.org

Frank Butler, W4RH
ARRL Director, SE Division

News from our neighbors

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.
Paul Duval from NOAA will be guest speaker at the SPARC January meeting

Wednesday Night Net Meeting 2000 Hours 146.550 MHz Simplex

Thomasville Amateur Radio Club net every Tuesday night at 8:00pm on 147.195MHZ Duplex.
Club meetings on the first Saturday of each month at the Plaza Restaurant at 7:30pm.

2005 TARS Membership Roster

By Carlton Wells

The 2005 TARS Membership Roster has been posted the TARS web site, 3H<http://www.K4TLH.net>. Please check the roster for proper spelling of your name and callsign. Email the Treasurer, ag4ut@arrl.net with any comments or questions.

If your name is missing from the roster, it indicates your dues payment has not been received. If you are a student and your name is missing from the roster, it indicates your renewal form has not been received (dues for students are free). Use the form in this newsletter for mailing your renewal to the Treasurer or see him at the next TARS meeting.

Currently, there are **92 TARS members**.

Net News:

Don't forget these popular nets in the Tallahassee area:

2 METERS

The **Seven Hills Two Meter Side Band Net** meets every Sunday night at 8:45pm.

The frequency is: 144.208 USB Everyone is welcomed.

73's John KG4GXT

6 METERS (revised)

The **Big Bend Six Meter Net** meets **Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m.** Eastern Time. The Net meets on 50.150 MHz upper sideband. Use whatever antenna you have, but try to get around to using a horizontally polarized antenna.

73's IVAN (K4SRB)

New UHF Net:

Friday Night Informal Net at 8pm on the KJ4G repeater: 443.40 wt offset: 448.40 and tone: 131.8. Everyone is invited to participate,

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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

Want to become a dues paying member of TARS? Complete the form below. Annual dues are \$15 for Individual or Family membership. For Family status, complete a form for each member. Students join for free.

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) _____

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: John Swindle - KI4EWB
Vice President: Dan Moniz KI4HGO
Secretary: John Love - NZ4QJ
Treasurer: Carlton W. Wells - AG4UT

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 starting 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.
The Seven hills two meter side band net meets every Sunday night at 8:45pm. on 144.208 USB
The Big Bend Six Meter Net meets Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. on 50.150 MHz upper sideband.

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EDITORIAL POLICY

Submitted material received by the editor from dues paying members in good standing, 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). Currently, the editor is Dan Moniz KI4HGO. Submissions for The Printed Circuit may be emailed to: KI4HGO@arrl.net

