



Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society

January 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

Guest Speaker for the January Meeting
Paul Duval NWS Presentation will center on the new technology tools being used by the NWS.



HAPPY NEW YEAR de Dan ki4hgo

TARS Meeting

Minutes of the November 2007 TARS Membership Meeting TARS - Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society Thursday, November 1, 2007

The TARS November Meeting was held at Publix on Ocala Rd. on Thursday, November 1, 2007.

CALL to ORDER at 7:05 p.m.

President Dan Moniz KI4HGO gave a warm welcome to the 37 members and guests who signed in.

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

INTRODUCTION of GUESTS and VISITORS

Several guests appeared during the evening. Stan Zawrotny was about to take his Technician test in Valdosta, and all wished him luck; Micah Witt, another aspiring Technician, was looking for advice on radios and training; and Ronald KI4PRW dropped by for a quick visit.

PROGRAM

Dan KI4HGO announced that *he was* the program for the evening. He said these are busy months:

Spaghetti 100 - Saturday November 3 is the Spaghetti 100, and about 24-25 hams are needed for the event. The Lawrenceville Hamfest may provide stiff competition, but all hams who will be in town are encouraged to participate. The van will not be used; instead, K4TLH will use the Mobile Repeater on 146.715 with a push-up pole. Dan said he and race organizer Mark Koch haven't spoken much yet, mobile assignments will include a Medic, Sag wagon(s), and Coordinator, but no Mechanic. Alan W1ABT is working on assignments.

JOTA - Dan and James KG4YZM were the only hams who participated in the Scouts' Jamboree on the Air (JOTA). In 2006 there were few Scouts and bad propagation. This year 12 Scouts participated and more hams were needed. The wife of Scott Prentice K3UM is a den mother and came to the event. Using 20m and 40m on a dipole the hams helped Scouts make contacts in AL, FL, GA, NC, TX, and elsewhere. Dan reminded everyone that it's said "kids are the future"; but to give them a good experience with the radio hobby we will need to invest more effort and have a better plan for next year's JOTA. Discussion focused on a better location, perhaps Wallwood Scout Camp or Tom Brown Park. One form of incentive for Scouts is the merit badge they earn by taking the ham class.

Severe WX project - John KI4EWB, Dave AI4GF, Alan W1ABT and Jerry N4JL worked on the roof at the Weather Service several weeks ago. They made measurements and are deciding on antennas for that location to improve the amateur radio setup there. Paul Duval KA7RAV is very supportive of TARS and thinks he can work with FSU staff to resolve any issues that may arise.

Christmas party - Arrangements are confirmed for Dec. 6th at 7 p.m. at Marie Livingston's, with doors

open by 6:30 p.m. Dan worked out a more flexible menu with Betty and there will be greater variety this year. Dan encouraged everyone to attend and to RSVP by mid November, as there will be good gifts, good food, and good times.

Dues - Dan said there are about 90 hams paid up and 50 that have not paid dues for 2007. Some suggested that names of hams who have moved away from the area should be removed from the roster, unless they continue to pay dues. Dan said that, while dues are important, he wants to be inclusive and would like everybody to come to meetings and participate in the events. He does not want dues to stand in the way of anyone attending. Discussion ensued about the roster online, with the majority preferring that dues status not be shown. Students are exempt from paying dues.

Formal traffic - Dan had traffic for Farley AE4KJ and Sal K4YFW. Dan also reported that he used his radio to talk to Florida every day while celebrating his 30th Anniversary with Sally in Atlanta. The wise old elmers gallery opined that such behavior might affect his chances of surviving to his 31st Anniversary!

The members voted to vary the ordinary order of the meeting.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was printed in the Newsletter, and Larry KI4MAJ expressed everyone's gratitude to Baker's Communication, Inc. of Lake City for the generous donation of \$3500 in materials and labor for the Blairstone repeater which Randy AG4UU announced at the last TARS meeting. Larry thanked Randy for his efforts on behalf of TARS. 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 Terrell N4KGT announced that the next test session will be the first Tuesday, December 4, 2007, and details and a map are on the TARS website. He said TARC will probably not have a test session in November due to the very busy schedule they've had recently.

Education -

Phil N4IPH said the next Technician class will begin January 9, 2008, and classes are planned for the 9th, 16th, 30th, and possibly the 31st. Phil is preparing handouts and updating powerpoints. He hopes to hold a General Class in the Spring of 2008. Interested persons should call to register with Charlene at the Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Website -

Dan reported that the website was down for part of a week. Webmaster David WE4RA had electrical outages but got the site up as soon as he returned. The roster is not up.

Newsletter -

Dan KI4HGO said the November Newsletter was sent out to all members.

If anyone did not receive an electronic copy, please email Dan at ki4hgo@arrl.net

BREAK

Dan thanked everyone for their hard work for TARS during the year, reiterated the club's thanks to Randy for his efforts coordinating the Baker's Communications donation, and everyone was invited to enjoy cake and punch to celebrate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dave AI4GF has taken over the responsibility of managing equipment at the National Weather Service. Dave also reported that Mike Brown KE4FGF, President of the Thomasville Amateur Radio Club (TARC) in Georgia, asked to have a weather briefing on the 3rd Thursday of each month, using the 170 repeater. TARS will man the Weather station for these reports. Anyone interested in assisting is asked to contact Dave.

Dave, KG4YZI reported:

Airfest 2008 is already in planning meetings.

Halloween Howl - The Tallahassee Museum of Natural History expressed thanks to the hams for their help, and the event took in over \$20,000 to support the museum's activities. A request was made for a debriefing of hams' work at the event.

New Chapter House - A search has begun for a new architect and things have slowed down for now. The Communications Room will be on an outer wall to permit short runs for coax to antennas. Dave will continue to lobby for various other improvements suggested by hams.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Rules from the IRS on 501.c3 organizations have changed, and this year the club needs to file a Tax Return. Kent KC4TOC agreed to help Larry KI4MAJ to complete the report.
2. A letter is being delivered to Publix to thank them for the use of the facility and inform them that TARS will not meet here in December.
3. Dave W4SKG plans for an Emergency Communications class in January.
4. Bill KI4JOG reported on a D-Star test where written messages were relayed from Boston, GA to Tallahassee, using a push-up pole at Monticello to help pass traffic. This was during TARC's Simulated Emergency Test when they ran into various problems - - the windows were sealed at the 911 center and they had to put up a Hershey's kiss dualbander to operate. It was good teamwork that got the messages through.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Randy AG4UU said he still has radios available. They go to whoever gets in touch with him first.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting closed at 8:30 p.m. Respectfully submitted,
Chantal Blanton, KI4NBU

December 6, 2007 TARS Meeting

(Holiday Dinner, No Minutes)

Announcing the New Technician Class

The next Technician Class will start on January 9th at the Red Cross Headquarters on Plaza Drive...We will meet for 3 Wednesday night sessions...Jan 9th, 16th, 30th and one Thursday night Jan 31st. The classes will run from 6-9 PM. Please call the Red Cross or register for the class on line (www.tallytown.com/redcross/) so we will know how many will attend.

For more information contact Phil N4IPH at 893-2410



TARS Treasurer's Report

December 2006

(No meeting, TARS Dinner)

TARS Treasurer's Report

January 2008

As of 01/01/08:

Checking Account Balance:\$398.90

Savings Account Balance:\$3127.57

Receipts deposited in checking account:\$63.25

Receipts deposited in savings account:\$250.00

Receipts derived from the following:

\$63.75 Dues

0.00 TARS Auction

250.00 Donations

0.00 50/50

0.00 Savings Interest

\$313.75 Total

5 members renewed or joined since last report.

3 individual

2 family member

0 student

Expenses:

\$334.00 Marsh Affinity Group, Liability Insurance

\$ 45.00 Young Ham Award

\$ 48.00 TARS and Feathers Award

Outstanding expenses:

None.

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

Congratulations to Local Hams Receiving Awards at Holiday Dinner

Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society "TARS and Feathers Award" 2007

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".

At this year's TARS holiday dinner, the 24th annual "TARS and Feathers" Award was presented to Dan Moniz, KI4HGO. Although his "tenure" in the hobby is relatively recent, he's certainly shown what it means to be an Ambassador for our hobby by working to bring all three area clubs (TARS, SPARC & Thomasville ARC) together. He has consistently attended the meetings of all three clubs since becoming licensed. His work in this regard is very apparent--relations between all clubs is open, relaxed & very cooperative. Additionally Dan has: presided over TARS for two years running; served as TARS Vice-President; coordinated & assisted with several public service events; serves as NCS on many nets--both HF & VHF; has single-handedly produced & distributed the Society's newsletter for more than two years; serves as the ARRL AEC for Leon County; serves as an VE; assisted with RFI complaints, & more things I'm sure I've missed. It should be noted that Dan's warm, friendly demeanor has certainly fostered a friendly atmosphere at TARS' meetings & functions. Dan, your hard work (you make it look easy) has not gone unnoticed & we appreciate you! Thanks for being here for us. We all applaud Dan's contributions to TARS and the local amateur community.

Presented by John Reynolds AD4DO.

The AE4S/R Group "New Ham of the Year Award" 2007

This is the fourth year the AE4S Repeater Group is presenting the award *New Ham of the Year*. It is intended to recognize the accomplishments of a newly licensed radio operator who demonstrates a true love for the hobby and the amateur service, makes a contribution to the local ham community and has the potential for continued growth.

Two years ago, Bill Jordan (AE4S) and Jerry Kessler were so encouraged by the talent of many of our new hams they decided to create this award. But as with the past two years, the quality of the individuals makes it difficult to decide among the likely candidates. However, in the end, they feel that one individual has not only progressed but has offered of herself to the local amateur community and must be recognized.

Chantal started her adventure in Ham Radio by boldly going off to Katrina; before she had her Ham Ticket. Here she was standing on in parking garage of the HCA building surrounded by Hams. What was a girl to do? Well, since she couldn't use a radio she decided to take charge of transcribing a few hundred Priority Messages over a three day assignment. We are proud to say that she really hung in there with the **BIG GUYS**.

Talk about being unconventional, Chantal took the code test before taking the written Tech test. Men always say she has a good signal.

Talk about volunteerism, Chantal hasn't missed many TARS events, in addition she participated in several of the TARC events.

One might get the idea that Chantal is with out a few quirky flaws. Remember the near fall she took at a recent TARS meeting, not to worry she scored a perfect 10!!!

Let's not forget Chantal's talent as a party host at several events. She was great at bringing the cake, but not the plates and forks.

Seriously, Chantal has always been an enthusiastic cheer leader for Ham Radio.

Finally, Chantal came into her own by accepting post of Secretary of TARS.

Congratulations on a great job!

Presented by Dave Minor December 6, 2007

TARS
"Young Ham of the Year Award"
2007

This year, I am presenting a new award that is sponsored by TARS. The TARS Young Ham of the Year Award.

It is intended to recognize the accomplishments of a young newly licensed radio operator who demonstrates a true love for the hobby and the amateur service.

Jerry Kessler N4JL, Steve Welch AD4E have been so encouraged by the talent of many of our young new hams, we decided to act. But at the same token, the quality of the individuals made it difficult to decide. However, in the end, we feel that one individual has not only progressed but has offered of himself to the local amateur community and must be recognized.

Kaylnn Matthews, KI4OVG earned her amateur radio license in April, 21, 2006 while studying in the Jefferson County School District as a high school student.

Kaylnn Matthews is a Red Cross volunteer and as well as volunteering in the EOC.

She has participated in several major Amateur Events, such as TOSROV, AIRFEST, FIELD DAY, SPAGHETTI 100

Kalynn was a driving force in establishing the Hamster Net (for young hams) and became a Net Control Station for that net.

Participates in the Capital District ARES Net and participates in ARES events with her father Mike, ki4agd EC for Jefferson County.

Kalynn is active on the Sunday Traffic Practice net.

To her credit, Kaylnn determine to become a Amateur Radio Operator. She took the test 14 times before she was successful, and like Abe Lincoln, she never gave up.

*Kaylynn, on behalf of TARS, I am pleased to present you this award of a 2008 ARRL Handbook to challenge you to continue your growth and service to the hobby and the local amateur community.

Presented on behalf of TARS by Dan KI4HGO

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.

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.

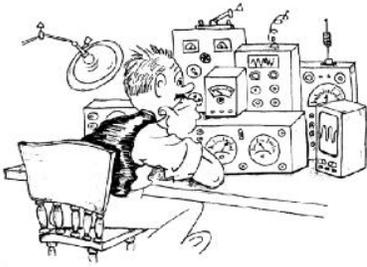
FRIENDLY...slow and patient operating when requested; friendly advice and counsel to the beginner; kindly assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the hallmarks of the amateur spirit.

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



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 - 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 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

