



Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society

October 2010



Next Meeting

October 7, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
Publix on Ocala Road

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 Officers

President: Dan Moniz - KI4HGO
Vice President: Alan Torledsky - W1ABT
Secretary: Zulma Flynn – KJ4PVD
Treasurer: Larry Pushor - KI4MAJ

TARS Committees:

Repeater Trustee #1: Randy Pierce AG4UU
Repeater Trustee #2: Vacant
Newsletter Editor: Stan Zawrotny K4SBZ
Historian: Vacant
Equipment Manager: Steve Welsh AD4E
Education: Phil Ashler N4IPH
Testing Coordinator: Alan Terrell N4KGT
Special Events: Vacant
Webmaster: David A. Heupel WE4RA
Public Information Officer: Stan Zawrotny K4SBZ

From the President

The 2010 ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET) is just around the corner (October 2) and WA4WES is planning an event that will actively involve members of the Capital District ARES to prepare for and respond to a simulated emergency. You, too, are invited to be a part of this annual tune-up for emergency response.

The SET is a training opportunity to try out something new under simulated emergency conditions. You can try or practice skills in a variety of areas, such as testing a communication mode that you may have not been too involved with yet and have an interest in. This experience could prove worthy so that you would be ready to operate if a real activation were to take place. You can also spruce up your traffic handling and net operation skills. Old-hands can use this time to help a newcomer in these facets of Amateur Radio.

Don't be standing on the sidelines during this important exercise. Check out the article in the ARES section of the newsletter to find out what role you can play.

Club News

Technician Training Conducted

Fourteen (14) students attended an Amateur Radio Technician License class sponsored by TARS on Saturday, September 25, 2010. The class ran from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at St. Francis Episcopal Church. There was no charge for the class.



The course covered the necessary FCC rules & regulations, electronic theory, and operating practice for the FCC Technician Class Amateur Radio License. The class was taught primarily by Phil Ashler, N4IPH, with several other hams assisting.

License Testing

The ARRL/VEC administered FCC Amateur Radio License Examinations for all levels (Technician, General, Extra Class) will be provided at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 2, 2010 at the St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church, 3413 Old Bainbridge Road, Tallahassee, Florida, 32303.

There is a \$15 non-refundable examination fee that is payable to the

ARRL for the administration of the test. Please bring your checkbook to the testing session, along with two forms of identification, with at least one being a photo ID.

ARES News



Simulated Emergency Test (SET)

The Capital District ARES will participate in the national Simulated Emergency Test (SET) on October 2, 2010. The test is intended to test our capabilities to respond as a district and as counties should an emergency hit the Big Bend area.

This year, the North Florida Section, working with the Alabama and Georgia sections will experience a major hurricane hitting the Florida panhandle. Working with the Tallahassee National Weather Service (NWS), the exercise will begin the week before the test starts with realistic bulletins announcing the storm and then tracking it as it moves into the Gulf of Mexico and ashore.

The Capital District will respond to activation calls by deploying its Jump Team under the leadership of Chuck, AI4KA, to the coast on Saturday October 2, to make tide, wind, and wave observations, which will then forward their report to the WX4TAE, the NWS amateur radio station. At the same time Dan Moniz, KI4HGO, the Capital District Emergency

Coordinator, acting according to the North Florida Section's plan, will activate the Capital District. VHF and HF nets will be opened at 9 a.m. on the 146.655 MHz repeater and on 3.960 MHz. In addition, teams will be deployed to the two local hospitals, the Red Cross Headquarters station and shelter stations will be activated. Communications will also be established with the State Emergency Operations Center, County EOCs, and the Alabama and Georgia EOCs. Besides these voice nets, the Capital District will pass traffic using D-STAR, WinLink, PSK-31, Packet, and APRS. In particular, we will see if we can use the FEMA message form, ICS 213, to send traffic over amateur radio.

This will be an extensive test of our capabilities, and we can use as many amateurs as are able to help. The exercise will nominally last from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., and if you can help for an hour or longer your participation would be greatly appreciated. If you can help, please contact your county emergency coordinator or send Dave, WA4WES, an email (davedavis1@embarqmail.com) indicating you can help. If past experience is any indicator, this will be an interesting and fun time. I hope to hear from you.

Dave WA4WES, Assistant DEC
(Operations)

A copy of the Northern Florida ARES./NIMS Compliant ICS Form 213 that will be used to pass messages is attached at the end of this newsletter. Participants should print off several copies prior to SET.

The Lunch Bunch

Many members of TARS get together



for lunch every Friday noon at the Golden Corral on Monroe Street. Everyone is welcome.



Upcoming Events

October 2	Simulated Emergency Test (SET)
October 5	Testing – All Amateur Classes
October 7	TARS Meeting
October 16-17	JOTA
October 29-30	Halloween Howl
October 30	Spaghetti 100

E-mail Addresses

Please forward any additions, changes or deletions of e-mail addresses for delivery of the Newsletter to K4SBZ@arrl.net. Also notify me if you do not wish to continue to receive the newsletter.

Please note that this is my first month as the newsletter editor. If you receive more than one issue of the newsletter, please let me know. – K4SBZ



SE Division ARRL Directors to be Elected

Attn: ARRL Members

There are 15 directors in the league and these positions steer the league in the direction it travels by the way they vote. Every year there are five (5) elections somewhere in the ARRL directorship and this fall the SE Division is one that is up for the vote.

The Division directors are the only voting members of the board. The Director is your link to the board and is a very important part of the organization.

This position requires being in touch with the membership, posting information from the ARRL to the membership and your input along with others is to be considered in any voting. Most agenda items with 8 or more votes will pass that item being considered.

The Vice Director is a non voting member and attends the board meetings as a team member who if necessary would step up and become the voting member.

This position requires being in touch with the membership, staying current on issues and assisting the Director in the operation of the division.

While these are basic descriptions of these positions, please check the ARRL web pages for detailed information concerning these and other positions.

Ballots will be sent out to all ARRL members October 1st, 2010 and must be returned to league head quarters in mid November.

To be eligible to vote, you must be a current ARRL member.

There is approximately 60 days until the deadline for ballots to be into the league. With this in mind, visit the candidate web sites, call them, email them and/or challenge them to find out how they will represent you if they are elected to the positions they seek.

There are three (3) hamfest before the final votes have to be in and if possible visit a hamfest and talk to these people in person. While each candidate will use a variety of mediums and media to get your vote, nothing will beat a direct contact to inform you which way to vote.

Listed are the candidates websites for you to visit. They are provided to help you get started in obtaining information to cast your vote.

SE Director Greg Sarratt, W4OZK, incumbent

www.w4ozk.com

Sherri Brower, W4STB, challenger

www.freewebs.com/W4STB

Doug Rehman Sr., K4AC, challenger

www.k4ac.com

SE Vice Director Jeff Beals, WA4AW,
incumbent
www.wa4aw.com

Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM, challenger
www.southeasterndivision.org

Respectfully submitted,

Paul L. Eakin, KJ4G@arrl.org
NFL SM
850-591-0442

Our Neighbors

[Thomasville Amateur Radio Club \(TARC\)](#)

Meetings: The first Saturday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Plaza Restaurant in downtown Thomasville.

Net: Thursday night at 8:00 pm on 145.17MHZ Duplex

[Sportsman's Paradise Amateur Radio Club \(SPARC\)](#)

Meetings: Third Thursday of each month at the Wakulla County Emergency Management Facility at 7:30 pm

Net: Monday Night at 8:00 pm on 145.450 MHz, pl 94.8

[Jefferson County](#)

Net: Monday evening at 8:00pm on the Monticello, WX4JEF, 145.43 repeater.

Please note..... The repeater is off line and a temporary, on loan repeater is on the air at the present time.

This present repeater has a CW only id'er. When you are using the machine please id the machine as the wx4jef repeater. This only temporary until the new machine is ready. It will be worth our effort.

The repeater is PL'd and a tone of 94.8 is required for access.

Topics of Interest

Members are encouraged to submit items for publication. Items should be brief and may be edited for spelling, grammar, punctuation, etc. The deadline for publication is the 15th of the month.

Minutes of the May Meeting

Minutes of the July TARS Membership Meeting
TARS - Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society
Thursday, September 2, 2010

The TARS August Meeting was held at the Publix on Ocala Rd. on Thursday, September 2, 2010.

Note: Due to being sick during the last meeting, the notes may not be complete.

CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 p.m.

President Dan Moniz KI4HGO welcomed the members and guests who signed in.

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Dan Moniz KI4HGO welcomed John Elzie a new visitor.

Dan introduced Tallahassee's Chief of Police Dennis Jones. Chief Dennis M. Jones became the 14th Chief of Police in 2007. The Department is composed of 350-355 members responsible for policing a geographic area over 100 square miles, and a population of 190,000 people in daily basis or 250-350,000 people in special event days. Chief mentioned a police car can cost \$24,000, because the equipment they carry in for identification. The police department has implement new technologies (e.g. nixle-text messaging) and programs (neighborhood watch) to increase the safety of the individuals and communities in their surrounding areas. According to Chief Dennis, crime decreased 7% last year by traffic enforcement, red light cameras and tactics.

He also mentioned the new communication system; it is digital, encrypted and has electronic sound. Chief Jones mentioned several times how the hams are always helpful when all the communication systems go down, he personally appreciate this help.

BREAK

We had the 50-50 during the break; Jerry N4JL was the lucky one.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education:

Phil N4IPH, announced a tech class on September 25th from 9am to 4 pm at St Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church in Tallahassee, FL.

Stan K4SBZ mentioned hurricane Earl, the National Preparedness Month and also his article published on the QST Magazine in the Public Service Section for the month of September.

David WA4WES announced the practice of DStar on Sunday Sep 5th, simplex capability on Gasden County – Leon County on Sunday Sep 12th.

ADJOURNMENT

Following a brief discussion, the meeting closed at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Zulma Jiménez, KJ4PVD

Not Getting Your Newsletters?

Submit your e-mail address changes to Stan Zawrotny, K4SBZ@arrl.net.

Do not wish to receive the Newsletter, let me know that too.

Please note that this is my first month as the newsletter editor. If you receive more than one issue of the newsletter, please let me know. – K4SBZ

TARS Treasurer's Report

October 2010

Beginning balance September 1, 2010

Checking Account:	\$ 317.20
Savings Account:	<u>2628.52</u>
-	\$2945.72

Receipts deposited in checking account:	\$ 6.00
Receipts deposited in savings account:	.00
Expenditures for the month:	\$152.30

Receipts derived from the following:

<u>\$6.00</u>	50/50
\$6.00	Total

Expenditures:

\$77.10	Talquin Electric, Bethel Road Tower, 9-8-2010 bill
<u>75.20</u>	Funeral Basket for family of Richard Reecey
\$152.30	

Outstanding Expenses:

None

Ending Balance: September 30, 2010

Checking Account:	\$ 170.90
Savings Account:	<u>2628.52</u>
Total	\$2799.42

0 Members renewed or joined since last report.

- 0 individuals
- 0 family members
- 0 students

Dues of renewing individuals, as well as family members are \$7.50.
Membership fee for new members joining in October is \$3.75.

New Membership or Renewal Form

2010 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: _____ Call Sign: _____

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.

Northern Florida ARES/NIMS Compliant ICS 213

Number	Precedence (Circle one)	From Station (Callsign)	Check	Place of Origin	Time filed	Date Filed mm/dd/yy
	EMERGENCY Priority H/W Routine				:	/ /

TO:		POSITION:		PH: () ___ - ___
FROM:		POSITION:		PH: () ___ - ___
SUBJECT:				

MESSAGE TEXT: Put one word in each of the following blocks. Maximum of 45 words.

					5
					10
					15
					20
					25
					30
					35
					40
					45

This line is for the person who handed the operator/logger the message:

Received From: <i>Print Name</i>		Initials:		Position:		PH: () ___ - ___
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This line is filled in by the transmitting and receiving operators:

Received by:	(Callsign)	Received Time:	:	Received Date:	mm/dd/yy	/ /
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REPLY

Reply to Message Number (Message number above)	From Station (Callsign)	Check	Place of Origin	Time Filed	Date Filed mm/dd/yy
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Put one word in each of the following blocks. Maximum of 35 words.

					5
					10
					15
					20
					25
					30
					35

This line is for the person who handed the operator/logger the message:

Received From: <i>Print Name</i>		Initials:		Position:		PH: () ___ - ___
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This line is filled in by the transmitting and receiving operators:

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