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Tallahassee Field Day 2001

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Another Field Day event is behind us, and the next major event (other than hurricane season) won't be until October, the Spaghetti 100 bike ride. Field Day operations were interesting this year to say the least. The HF CW station turned in the best



John Decoteau, KG4GXT, works the HF phone station in the TARS van.

QSO total in the 3 years I've been attending Field Day events. Complete Field Day data will be published in next month's newsletter. This year's Field Day

event included an HF CW station, an HF phone station, a VHF/UHF phone/CW station, and a Satellite station. We, unfortunately, did not have a Novice/ Technician (+) HF phone/CW station this year, as there was not a Novice/ Technician (+) operator willing to be a Station Captain, and get the station set up. Perhaps next

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Special points of interest:

- HF CW Station logs over 800 QSOs at TARS Field Day event.
- Field Day gets best press coverage in years.
- Gasoline fleet card for communications van in the works.
- Spaghetti 100 cycling event coming up in October.

President's QSO

I must start out my column with a compliment to our new vice-president, Brett Wellman, KG4KLR, for distributing the Field Day press re-

lease I prepared. He did an excellent job, and the timing was impeccable, as all major local media outlets contacted me. We had excel-

lent media coverage for this year's Field Day event, with no less than 4 short stories on WTXL, Channel 27 News,

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VP's Corner

To begin, let me say that I appreciate the opportunity to serve as vice-president of TARS. Being fairly new to the group and having not met many of the members, I look forward to creating new friendships and constantly learning from the experiences of others. My first exposure to amateur radio was from a club my sister joined in junior high school. The one thing that was most interesting to me was how the other operators, most of whom she never

met, were so gracious and willing to assist her in erecting a tower and setting up her first base station. With all of the talk on the Internet of "where did all the Elmers go," it's nice to know so many reside in our area.

I have many goals for the coming year, both as the VP of the club and personally as an operator. Currently I am enrolled in the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course from the ARRL. I do the class

via the Internet, at my own pace, and it has opened my eyes to aspects of the hobby I never knew existed. I strongly encourage everyone to take this course. With hurricane season upon us, there's no better time than the present to become more familiar with the proper procedures and protocol that are enacted during a disaster.

Finally, as an officer of this club, I am simply a representative of

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Meeting Minutes—June 2001

Call to order at 1931 EDT

Introduction of guests: Paul Diaguila, W4GOT; Dale Sewell, N4SGQ; Bill Harmon, AF4WP; Shaun Hancock, AF4OO, and his mother Suzanne; Jason Grindle, KC4MNK; and Bob introduced his family.

No program tonight due to elections...

Kent is absent tonight (no update on van maintenance)

Motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded, and passed

Committee reports...

Repeater... All 2-Meter repeaters are up and running. 51.8 is on the back burner until the .91 receiver is up and running. A letter has been sent to the city about the spare tower at the water treatment plant for .91 (Levin

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 McGruder). No response has been received yet.

Testing... (Alan, N4KGT)... Next testing session will be at Field Day at 4:00 PM. The next regularly scheduled testing session is the first Tuesday of next month, July 7th, at 7:00 PM at the ISS training room. Please note there are no copy facilities at Field Day, so you need to bring a copy of your license with you for an upgrade.

Old Business...

1. Gas card for the van... Tosco (Unocal) has been contacted and are willing to give us a fleet card. Kent has the form to do this. Motion to create a trip log and generator log (separate), for maintenance reasons. Motion seconded and passes.

2. Appreciation for Thomasville and Valdosta clubs... Discussion about TOS-ROV doing this and not us. (Cash donation, new mobile rig?). Definitive lines need

to be drawn and specific areas of the route need to be assigned to each club to eliminate excess travel during this event. This will cut down on the price of gas as well as hotel rooms.

3. Field Day... V/UHF station captain needed. Novice/Tech station captain needed. Jackie volunteered for V/UHF station if she can get a helper to finding equipment. Sign-up sheets for operating slots were passed around. Carl men-

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 year, someone with a Novice or Technician (+) license will volunteer to be Station Captain.

Operators on site Saturday evening enjoyed a dinner of fried chicken, baked beans, and their choice of a

couple different styles of potato salad. Everyone there was talking about how good the food was. Sunday morning brought doughnuts and fresh coffee, and orange juice, to help revitalize the hard-core over-nighters, and welcome a few early arrivals.

All in all, Field Day was again, a great success, and all had fun. I'm sure we're all looking forward to next year's Field Day already.



"We had excellent media coverage for this year's Field Day event..."

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tions that his should be for fun and we should not be out there to win. Please check with station captains to help them find equipment.

4. Commercial AM radio tower... Owner is in Illinois. He is doing research on the tax break and will be back in touch with us. Carl Hayes has volunteered to help store it. Members want to know what we will use it for. Motion for negotiations to continue, seconded, passed.

Break from 8:07 -

8:25 PM

8:25 PM call to order

Drawing... \$25 pot. His kid pulls the winning ticket, guess who won...BOB!

Last call for old business...

1. New Equipment Manager is needed. Randy Bishop is moving to Fort Wayne, Indiana. Ted Zateslo, W1XO, has already taken back the portable repeater. (NOTE: the Bristol repeater is on the same frequency pair as the portable repeater).

The repeater was donated to the club by Midland. Inventory of the club's belongings needs to be generated. The treasurer is also the equipment manager according to the bylaws. We may have to revert to this if no one volunteers. David Heupel's father volunteered, however, Doug Ferrell, KD4MOJ, will assume responsibility until Kent can be contacted. A motion was filed to approve Doug acquiring the club's property, seconded, passed.

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Negotiations to acquire commercial radio tower continue.

President's QSO

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no less than 3 very excellent spots on the WCTV, Channel 6 News broadcasts on Sunday evening and Monday morning, a pre-event blurb in the Tallahassee Democrat, and a most excellent article, with photos, in

Monday's paper following the event.

My hope is that due to the excellent publicity, the public's interest in the hobby was piqued, and we'll see more people in testing sessions this year. The hobby is so di-

verse with all its operating modes; it really does offer something for everyone.

Until next month, 73!

VP's Corner (con't)

the members. Please feel free to contact me, at any time, about your wants and wishes. Some of my goals are to bring more public awareness to the operators in our area, become more involved with amateur radio groups outside our direct vicinity at times besides TOSRV, and spread an

interest in the hobby to a younger generation by becoming involved with amateur radio clubs in local schools. This is our



Photo-KG4GXU
Kent's (KC4TOC) trailer served well as the HF CW station—note the tower in the background!

club collectively, and together we determine what direction it moves and how successful it will become.

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2. July 4th celebration... David (KG4DVW) will contact Mitch Miller at the Police Department and OK our presence for this year. Shaun, AF4OO will back David up.

3. Don, WA4DSW... Note that in the last newsletter Kent was mentioned as treasurer for life, please note that is not true and was just a joke.

4. Elections...
Carliane Johnson,

KG4CJT, Secretary
Kent Hutchinson,
KC4TOC, Treasurer
Brett Wellman,
KG4KLR, Vice-President
David Heupel,
KG4ACF, President

Written in were...
Donald Bartnik,
WA4DSW, for Treasurer
David Pienta,
KG4DVW, for Vice-President

5. Brett, KG4KLR... Hurricane awareness day at the mall was a big hit... Over 800

children were in attendance.

6. David Pienta, KG4DVW, announced he is staying in Tallahassee after finally finding a job.

Open Mic...

Motion to close open mic at 9:05, seconded, and passed.

Motion filed to Adjourn at 2106, seconded, and passed.



Former TARS vice-president lands job in Tallahassee, remains SKYWARN coordinator for Tallahassee NWS office.



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Upcoming Events

Testing Session:

7:00 p. m. EDT on July 3, 2001, at the regular testing session location on Dupree St in Tallahassee. For more information, a map and directions, visit <http://www.k4tlh.org/testing.html>.

TARS Meetings: Every first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p. m. EDT. Picnics in April and October—Tom Brown Park at 6:00.

Friday Lunch: Every Friday, 11:30 a. m. EDT at Golden Corral on North Monroe St.

Saturday Breakfasts:

Every Saturday, 8:00 a. m. EDT at Golden Corral on Monroe St—every Saturday.

Capital District ARES

Net: Every Sunday, 8:00 p. m. EDT on the AE4S repeater (146.655).

North Florida ARES

Net: Every morning, except Sunday on 3950 KHz at 9:30 a. m.

North Florida Phone

Net: Every evening, except Sunday on 3950 KHz at 7:30 p. m.

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