

Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society February 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

Just a reminder, this Thursday's TARS meeting will be held at the State EOC in the South Wood Complex.

All hams are invited

Date Thursday February 5, 2009

Time: 7pm

Location:

**Florida Division of Emergency Management
2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100
850-413-9969**

Minutes of the January 2009 TARS Membership Meeting

TARS - Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society

Thursday, January 8, 2009

The TARS January Meeting was held at Publix on Ocala Rd., Thursday, January 9, 2009.

CALL to ORDER at 7:00 p.m.

President Dan Moniz KI4HGO welcomed the 40 members and guests who signed in. He introduced the evening's speaker, Art VE2AHH/W4 and his wife Suzan Horovitch. The order of business was altered to allow time to set up the projector for the program, with kind assistance from Randy AG4UU.

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

INTRODUCTION of GUESTS

Dan commented on how good it was to see such a great turnout, including familiar faces we had been missing for some time. Visitors included Ron Morrell KI4VYA of Tallahassee who was introduced to the hobby by a friend; Mike Parrish AG4SC of Lakeland, Florida as the guest of Nick W4EAF; young Steven who came with his dad Herman KI4MAI; and Brian Kopp KC5LPA of Fernandina Beach.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Nick W4EAF reported that he has been researching sources and pricing for various wardrobe items bearing the TARS insignia. He described a windbreaker with mesh or fleece lining, shirts in twill or denim, and a polo shirt to include the ham's call and name, all at reasonable prices. There was some jovial discussion on who would model the various items, and Nick gathered members' suggestions on how to proceed with the project.
2. Dan KI4HGO was congratulated on being named new Net Manager of the Northern Florida Phone Net (NFPN), replacing Bill KA4OBP whom Dan complimented for his dedicated service. Dan also mentioned Bob WR4FSU and Helen Straughn WC4FSU of Daytona Beach Amateur Radio Association who are active in the Florida Phone Traffic Net.
3. Dan, Richard W1AAO, and North Florida Section Manager Paul KJ4G commented on the FCC's request for amateur radio clubs to assist with the nation's conversion to digital television by distributing technical information and FCC materials. Paul emphasized that the FCC does not want amateurs to make house calls nor installations. The topic was covered in the January 2009 TARS Newsletter and details are on the ARRL website [<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/12/10/10499/?nc>]
4. Art KG4YZE brought lemons from his tree and invited members to take some at the end of the meeting.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

Larry KI4MAJ reported that the major expenditures in the previous period were \$100 for the awards presented at the annual holiday party and \$280 to Talquin for the electrical installation at the new tower. The Treasurer's Report was approved as printed in the January Newsletter.

Larry reminded everyone that it's time to pay annual membership Dues.

* A copy of the Treasurer's Report is made a part of these Minutes.

MINUTES

There were no Minutes for December, due to the annual party in lieu of a regular meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Testing -

Alan Terrell N4KGT announced the next test session will be Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at the Channel 49

studios in Midway, and the details are on the K4TLH website.

Education -

Phil N4IPH said the next training session at TMH will be on hold until March, due to the staff's schedule at TMH.

Repeater / Website

No report.

Website -

No report.

Newsletter -

Dan KI4HGO said the January Newsletter was sent out to all members and names on his list.

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

PROGRAM

Art VE2AHH shared nearly fifty years of insights and exploits in his enjoyable presentation "My Half Century in Ham Radio - - A Shocking Tale. He explained that he and his wife Suzan are currently volunteering at Wakulla State Park and helping find new homes for items of the estate of KG4OJI. He recounted how his interest began with remote-controlled airplanes, then he built a transistor radio, and was hooked. Still in high school, he started a small home business fixing peoples' radios, and at summer camp met a lifelong friend, Fred, who was just beginning to study ham radio. Art vividly described the evolution of amateur radios as he, and the hobby, advanced through time. He concluded by saying he has tried most of the available radio modes through the years, and now has adopted Echolink and other digital modes to talk to friends in far-flung places. He thanked local hams for the welcome they have extended to him and to Suzan during their stay in the area.

ADJOURNMENT

Following a brief discussion, the meeting closed at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chantal Blanton, KI4NBU

Red Cross Technician License Class

Starts at 5:30 PM at the Red Cross Chapter in Tallahassee.

**Tuesday February 17th - Thursday February 19th - Tuesday February 24th
Thursday February 26th**

Phil
N4IPH

TARS Treasurer's Report

February 2009

Beginning balance January 1, 2009

Checking Account:	\$47.84
Savings Account:	<u>\$2593.42</u>
Total	\$2641.26

Receipts deposited in checking account: \$ 382.00

Receipts deposited in savings account: \$ 0.90

Receipts derived from the following:

\$375.00	Dues
0.90	Interest on Savings Account
<u>7.00</u>	50/50
\$382.90	

Expenditures:

None

Outstanding Expenses:

None

Ending Balance, December 31, 2008

Checking Account:	\$ 429.84
Savings Account:	<u>\$2594.32</u>
Total	\$3024.16

26 members renewed or joined since last report.

18 individuals
7 family members
1 students

Dues for 2009 are due. Dues for renewing individual, as well as family members are \$15.00.
Membership fee for new members joining in February is \$13.75.



Devon & Jones. D500. Long-Sleeve Titan Twill. 100% cotton with "peached" finish.
 Colors: White, Black, Butter, Crimson, Dutch Blue, French Blue, Khaki, Navy, New Olive, Smoke
 Sizes: S-XL (\$18.65) 2XL (\$22.15) 3XL (\$23.60) 4XL (\$25.05)

Harvard Square: HS150. 7.0 oz. with pocket.
 Sizes: S-XL (\$15.85) 2XL (\$18.50) 3XL (\$20.65)

OuterBanks. OB11. Pique, no pocket, 100% Cotton, 3 button.
 Colors: White, Black, Bimini Blue, Bright Red, Bright Royal, Emerald Green, Hunter Green, Light Blue, Midnight Navy, Navy, Oxford Gray, Pure Gold, Putty, Sports Gray, Vintage Purple, Wine.

TARS Shirts Order Blank

Name: _____

<u>Qty</u>	<u>Shirt Type</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Total</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$_____	\$_____
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Your call and/or name can be added.
 The cost is \$5.00 additional for each.

Name: _____ Call: _____ \$5.00 \$ _____
 Total: \$ _____

Please remit total to TARS treasurer. Shirts will be delivered at the next meeting after order is placed.

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 Torledskey - W1ABT

Secretary: Chantal Blanton - KI4NBU

Treasurer: LarryPushor 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 Welsh AD4E

Education: Phil Ashler N4IPH

Special Events: Carliane Johnson KG4CJT

Webmaster: David A. Heupel WE4RA

