



# Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society

## August 2005



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

### President's QSO

Well, August is upon us and we have already weathered one storm. Hopefully, all Hams in the area were able to avoid any serious damage from the storm. I'd like to personally thank everyone who volunteered their time to help the American Red Cross, the National Weather Service, the State EOC and other organizations that we typically support. I know that it can be difficult to leave your house and your family for volunteer work elsewhere, but when you can, you really do make a difference.

During our last meeting we had a terrific program put on by Dave Davis, WA4WES. The topic of emergency preparedness was timely, and well executed. I think it provided a foundation for our newer hams in attendance. For the veterans, it provided several reminders.

For those of you that missed our last meeting, I hope you are able to attend the upcoming meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m. August 4, at the Publix on Ocala Road. The August program is scheduled to feature Paul Duval, KA4RAV of the National Weather Service. At our last meeting I outlined a number of initiatives that were discussed at our officers meeting held at Field Day. One of the main topics that we discussed was membership, and how to increase it and keep more folks involved. We also discussed education and training, both furthering ham license training as well as those areas associated with emergency communication. Having varied programs at each meeting was another topic of discussion. A number of miscellaneous items were discussed as well, including the annual picnic, the annual Christmas Dinner, the web site and the upkeep of TARS equipment including the van and repeaters.

For those that stayed for the business portion of the meeting we collected member input on topic suggestions for programs, as well as topics that they can present for future programs. All suggestions will be forwarded to the Vice President for his use in preparing programs. If you did not get the chance to turn in your suggestion, see me at the August meeting or email me at [KI4EWB@arrl.net](mailto:KI4EWB@arrl.net). I look forward to serving as your president during the upcoming year.

73 KI4EWB John Swindel

# TARS Meeting

## July 7, 2005

The July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005 TARS meeting called to order by John (KI4EWB) at 7:30pm at the Publix Ocala Road, Tallahassee.

Dave Davis (WA4WES) Emergency Coordinator for the Capital District presented a program on emergency preparedness. Dave stressed the importance of being self sufficient by maintaining an adequately supplied jump kit as well as a reliable source of back up power. His side presentation covered everything you need to respond to an affected area.

You can find the information on the W4TLH website, click on the ARES page.

John (KI4EWB), gave the membership a glimpse of his priorities for the upcoming year including a membership push, increased emphasis on emergency communications, education, radios to loan program, EMCOM and MIMS training, as well as stepped up maintenance for the club's van.

David Heupel (WE4RA) made a motion to allow his payment of the Club's Internet Domain in lieu of dues payment. Motion passed.

Submitted:

Dan KI4HO on behalf of John NZ4QT

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### SILENT KEYS

From ARRL Headquarters, August 2005

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

W1CTM, Francis I. Sutor, Brandon, FL

N2CTQ, Louis A. Gencorelli, Titusville, FL

\*N4BU, Joe Prine, Lakeland, FL

\*KK4DM, Richard D. Pollett, Leesburg, FL

K4JCA, Walter E. Reitz, Palm Beach Gardens, FL

N4XVR, Raymond Powell, Navarre, FL

## TARS Treasurer's Report

June 2005

As of 06/01/05:

Checking Account Balance: \$560.22

Savings Account Balance: \$4949.38

Receipts deposited in checking account: \$285.00

Receipts deposited in savings account: \$500.00

Receipts derived from the following:

\$135.00 Dues

0.00 TARS Auction

650.00 Donations

0.00 50/50

0.00 Savings Interest

\$785.00 Total

11 members renewed or joined last month.

9 individuals

2 family members

0 students

Expenses:\*\*

\$58.00- Reimbursement to James Montague for TARS van gas.

Outstanding expenses:

\$104.65 + \$29.90 = \$134.55\* - Reimbursement to Carlton Wells, AG4UT for ARC mag. mount purchase.

\*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)

Note:

- State of Florida surplus ready for pick-up from the State Technology Office (video/data equipment) and distributed to TARS members or donated to Goodwill.

# TARS Treasurer's Report

July 2005

As of 07/06/05:

Checking Account Balance: \$448.17

Savings Account Balance: \$4997.88

Receipts deposited in checking account: \$22.50

Receipts deposited in savings account: \$48.50

Receipts derived from the following:

\$55.00	Dues
0.00	TARS Auction
0.00	Donations
16.00	50/50
<u>0.00</u>	Savings Interest
\$71.00	Total

5 members renewed or joined last month.

5 individuals

0 family members

0 students

Expenses:\*\*

\$134.55\* - Reimbursement to Carlton Wells, AG4UT for ARC mag. mount purchase.

Outstanding expenses:

Kent Hutchinson (KC4TOC) for TARS van gas, TARS battery, and TARS Dept. of Revenue fee.

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# CAPITAL DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS RESPOND TO HURRICANE DENNIS

De Dave Davis (WA4WES)



The July 4th weekend had barely ended when all eyes looked to the Caribbean Sea. Tropical Storm Dennis, the fourth named storm of a very unusual hurricane season, was roaring out of the south and heading north towards Florida's panhandle. By Friday, July 8th it had been upgraded to a hurricane, and bore down on the western part of the state. The Capital District ARES net met at 8 p.m. on the 146.655 repeater, and the hams in the area were put on alert that they might need to man shelters, EOCs, and the national weather service station. Indeed, by the next day the Red Cross opened shelters at Chiles, Gadsden, and

Wakulla High Schools, and other places. Hams were activated and set up stations there. On Sunday, we opened a Skywarn spotter net and manned the radios at the National Weather Service Office.

Radio operators throughout the Big Bend and panhandle areas were warned of the possibilities of tornadoes and an unusual storm surge that might hit. The City of Tallahassee asked for an operator to run the radio station at their EOC. We also put one at the State EOC as well as other county EOCs throughout the Capital District. We opened the radio station at the Red Cross headquarters in Tallahassee, and the hams there were busy most of Sunday handling shelter traffic.



The storm came ashore in the Pensacola area, sparing, or it seemed, the Capital District. But Dennis was an unusual storm because its tropical storm force winds extended to the east much farther than expected. And while we in the Big Bend area missed the fury that hit west, an unusually large storm surge roared up the coast and inundated the Appalachian Bay coast. Thus, on Monday while most of us in the Capital District breathed a sigh of relief, the Red Cross put out a call for hams to help assess the damage that was becoming apparent as the sun rose in the east that morning. For most of that day and Tuesday, we rode through storm soaked areas of Franklin and Wakulla counties radioing in reports that made it increasingly clear that Dennis, though making landfall 150 miles to the west, had flooded a large part of the southern area of Franklin and Wakulla counties.



This has been an unusual year. As Paul Duval, the Chief Meteorologist at the Tallahassee Office of the National Weather Service said, Dennis occurred at a time of the season that we do not expect hurricanes. It originated at a place where hurricanes normally do not begin, and it developed in a manner we normally do not expect. He continued by noting that when we have storms like Dennis we can expect an unusually active hurricane season. Indeed, as I write this, Hurricane Emily is blowing itself out in Mexico, and Tropical Storm Franklin is developing off the east coast of Florida. And we

have not even gotten to the active part of the season-mid August through September. Stand by, and get ready.

I want to thank all those who answered the call to serve, particularly the County Emergency Coordinators and their assistants. When the trumpet blew, they mobilized and, rising to the occasion, performed with distinction. Below is my list of who participated. I may have inadvertently missed some operators, and if so, please let me know.

## Madison County

WD4ODB, KD4EKS, KI4IFC, W6VQD, KI4IFH, W2GFM, KC4VPJ, KB4CXP, WD4NQG

## Jefferson County

KI4AGD, KI4JOO,

## Gadsden County

KD4LFT, KA4IQZ(State EOC)

## Wakulla County

KG4KLR, W4GJM

## Leon County

W1ABT, KI4HGO, KG4YZI, KJ4G, KI4EWB, N4TML, AI4KK,

**KA4IQZ** Wayne worked as a Red Cross Volunteer working with other volunteers doing damage assessment in Lanark and in the state EOC as well as a standby for the ARC communications center.

**KJ4G** Paul, gave an outstanding effort in working with the Red Cross Communications Center as well as providing standby with his motor coach and assisting **K4mvl** (Theo) with resurrection of 655 at 3:45 AM in time for communications the next day working long hours.

**KG4LFT** Bill did Damage Assessment on St. George Island and was on standby at his QTH to assist relaying messages for the Red Cross Communications.

**KG4YZI** David: As we all know, YZI was **EVERYWHERE!!** He did a great job as the Red Cross liaison to ARES. Special thanks for all you do for the community.

**KI4JOL** Bonnie (a new ham) did a yeoman's job working both as a Red Cross volunteer serving long hours on one of the first damage assessment teams dispatched to East Point and Apalachicola after the disaster, as well as manning a 7hr shift at ARC Communications.

**KI4JTA** Stefan (one of the youngest hams at 18 yrs old) helped out at Second food harvest, logistics, and setting up radio equipment.

**AI4KK** Gene, as usual, was an excellent communicator during the disaster. He took a CAP response team to Pensacola the day after the Storm, and then returned to Tallahassee to work with ARES and ARC. **We extend a special thanks to the entire Floyd family for their participation during the disaster.**

**KI4JOG** Bill, another new ham stepped up to the plate and hit a homerun. Bill did a fantastic job working long hours and a late night shift at Red Cross Communications.

**KI4JOO** Mary, another new ham did an excellent job volunteering with the Damage Assessment teams. KJ4g advised us that she provided valuable communications back to the ARC.



**KI4HGO** Dan, help set up radios at shelters and worked long hours at Red Cross Communications and the National Weather Service.

**K4WRW** Bill: We thank Bill for providing assistance with the Damage Assessment Teams. Bill is a Tallahassee native who was an emergency coordinator out West and brings valuable experience to our local ARES organization.

**AG4UU** Randy: We really appreciate Randy's efforts providing on going expert technical assistance to the ARC and ARES.

**N1CWL** Charles: With 15min notice, Charles should up at the ARC to repair the 2m radio. Thanks for your great effort.

**KD4MOJ** Doug: There were numerous obstacles Doug had to overcome to provide first hand damage assessment at Alligator Point during the storm. Some of the obstacles included flooded and sometimes washed out roads. Great job!!

**WA4WES** Dave: The Backbone of the operation. We all thank Dave for providing excellent leadership and coordination from Section Headquarters.

**W1ABT** Alan: The task master of the Leon County operation. Alan worked hard every day and night during the disaster. His tireless efforts included participation in damage assessment teams as well as coordinating teams, looking after overall communications, staffing teams and communication points, ensuring all went well during the operation.

**KI4EWB** John: Our hats off to John, another important assignment serving this time at the City of Tallahassee Emergency Center.

**AI4GF** David: Thanks for all your efforts at the National Weather Service and enduring the long hours served.



**A special thanks to Brian (AI4AI), Kimo (K4IMO) and John Fleming (WD4FFX) at State EOC along with CARLTON (AG4UT) AND Steve (AD4E).**

Our apologies if there is anyone we inadvertently missed. WE extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to all of you.



## **New Leon County Emergency Coordinator**

**Congratulations are in order to our own Alan Torledsky (W1ABT). Alan was appointed Leon County Emergency Coordinator by Dave Davis (WA4WES) in July 2005. Alan has been a Tallahassee resident for 30yrs. His vast experience in the private development sector has given Alan a lot of experience in dealing with governmental officials in the community earning the respect of everyone he deals with. Alan**

**earned his ticket in December of 2003. Since then he has earned the respect of the Ham Community. He was awarded New Ham of the year in 2004. He never meets a stranger on the repeater and has always been a top ham volunteer. He certainly is a major asset to the community and especially to ARES.**

## From the Shack of W1ABT, Alan, Leon County Emergency Coordinator



I look forward in taking on the responsibilities and duties of Leon County Emergency Coordinator and providing our expertise to the Red Cross and the great community of Leon and the surrounding counties.

On July 7<sup>th</sup>, Dave (WA4WES) approached me with the question as to whether I would take on the EC position for the county. We had Dennis making the approach and I knew what we were up against from last years learned experience...regardless of where he made landfall. I knew it was going to be a challenge but I wanted to take it on with the support of the rest of the ARES community, so I said yes.

I must confess now, I was a pleasantly surprised on Sunday July the 10<sup>th</sup>, when we had a record-breaking check in on the Ares net. I had not heard that many in quite sometime. I was a little nervous, I was mobile at the time and I knew WA4 WES was going to turn the net over to me and I was afraid that I would not be able to copy all the call signs that were going to be coming forth. Anyway if you can recall we had only three volunteers check in; as you can imagine I felt my heart drop to the floor.

As usual as time progressed along with the need you where there, and I thank all of you profusely. In reflecting, we had great effort by all that participated in person. We also want to thank those that were in the background to help such as W1AAO and his entire family, Mike in Thomasville and the many more out there that I know now would come forward. I also want to thank Kent KC4TOC and Paul, KJ4G for Elmering me during Dennis.



Yes, I want to thank everyone one more time....

73  
W1ABT  
ALAN



## Special Announcement

I am very proud at this time to advise the readership that Dan Moniz KI4HGO has accepted the position of Leon County Assistant Emergency Coordinator. Dan will bring forth a tremendous amount of practical experience in this ARES position. Dan spent over 10 years as a County Manager in Georgia, with "disaster related hands on" experience as a Civil Defense Director. I look forward to Dan being on board, and thank you Dan for all your hard work and long hours.

W1ABT



## Special Recognition

In every event there is always an individual that excels in one aspect or another. I believe in the Hurricane Denis event the Ham Radio Operator that should be sorted out would be W4GJM Greg.

Greg worked some 36+ hours without relief taking excellent care of the clients at the Wakula Shelter. Greg was unselfish with his time and passed flawless communications to Red Cross. He was there for clients from the beginning to end. As assistant EC Wakula County Greg you did a super job.

Thank you so much for your relentless efforts.

anonymous

It's my turn to thank a few folks for all the assistance they have given me since I became the editor of the newsletter: Phil NPI4H, The family of Richard W1AAO (Decoteau), Wayne KA4IQZ, Larry Ki4JOJ, Brett KG4KLR, Steve AD4E

**I really appreciate all of you!!!!!!!!!**

## SPARC Meeting 07/21/05



Ed Miller opened the meeting of the Paradise Sportsman Amateur Radio Club with a warm welcome to a room full of enthusiastic hams. He announced that the instructional video of erecting an antenna tower was nearly completed. Ed then turned the meeting over to the presenters Paul Eakin (KJ4G) and John Decoteaur

(KG4GXT). They presented an impressive demonstration of "PACKET" mode, the "SEDAN" software, "HyperTerminal", and "TNC". The Club is assisting the American Red Cross in implementing SEDAN for emergency communications.



Dave Davis also presented a hurricane Dennis recap and congratulated the group for their efforts and participation during the disaster. He also encouraged more hams to participate in ARES functions.



# TARC

The Thomasville Amateur Radio Club did not meet in the month of July. That didn't mean they took a vacation from Ham Radio.

I couldn't resist this article **"The Field Trip To W4MWW's Crew"** by Thomasville's own Bobby...N4KXL from the August Reflector (If you are a veteran, you'll really appreciate this).

To My Fellow Members,

Here are just a few lines about how I spent July 15th through 17th. This was, for those of you who don't know, Museum Ships Weekend. I have been and am still fascinated by our Armed Forces, especially the U.S.Navy, the history of it and the role it plays in protecting our country. There have been male members of my family in the Navy as far back as the War Between The States. My great-grandfather was in that war and my grandfather, whom I was named after, served in that branch of service during WW I. My father served in the Navy in WW II, along with four of my uncles. My uncle, Jimmy Stokes, was in the Navy during the Korean War.



When Vietnam came along, one of my brothers joined the Navy rather than being drafted into the Army, and another was in the Marine Corps. I wanted to do the same, but was turned down in 1966 due to a pre-existing medical problem. After that I tried the Navy, but was sent home by a naval doctor. My oldest son, Robby, wanted to be in the military after he graduated from high school. I suggested the Navy to him, but he hadn't made up his mind about which branch he wanted to go into and I didn't push. He called me one day and said he was going into the Navy. I sure was proud of him. He served most of his four years aboard the USS Coral Sea, CV-43, an Aircraft Carrier, and was deployed during the first Gulf War.

Now, I said all of this because I realized that Museum Ships Weekend was coming up and I really wanted to work as many ships as I could, especially when I found out that the Indianapolis Amateur Radio Club would be operating a special events station overlooking the memorial for that famous ship, the USS Indianapolis, CA-35.

I looked up the dates and frequencies that they were to be on and got ready. As soon as it started I jumped in and made a few contacts, but conditions were not good because of a number of storms in the area. Some of my favorite contacts and I'll mention just a few, were the Confederate ironclad CSS Jackson, located in Columbus, Ga., which was my first contact. I also worked the USS Lexington, a WW II Aircraft Carrier. Another good one was the USS New Jersey, a WW II Battleship. Heck, I even worked a tugboat out in California. The most fun I had came on that Sunday, the 17th. That afternoon, Joe Carroll and his wife, Edna Earl, Mike Brown and his mother, Nell, Buddy Peeples, and I went down to Metcalf, Ga. to Ken and Carmen Lanter's home. We had planned this trip to help Ken make the contact with W9IND, the Special Event station there at the "Indy" Memorial, Ken being a survivor of the sinking of that ship, exactly sixty years ago, today, as I write this. The ship was hit by 2 Jap torpedoes and went down fast on 30 July 1945. I had been trying to work them all weekend long, but had come up dry. That day, I had my doubts about whether we would be able to work it and time was running out. After a time of cooling off from the heat and a time of fellowship, Ken took a couple of the guys and headed for his radio room/shack. After tuning up and listening on or near 14.260 MHz. we finally heard W9IND. I almost came unglued. There were only about 3 million hams trying to do the same thing as we were. If you have ever been to Field Day, then you know what I'm

talking about. However, with some perseverance, W9IND responded to our call and after making it known that we were in the presence of one of the survivors, WE WERE IN! It gave me and those around me such pleasure for Ken to be able to talk with them, particularly since he was going to be there in a few days for the crews 60th reunion. After a while and a few photos, Ken was gracious enough to let us all talk with them. It was also great to watch Joe, W4EAN, who was a Navy Radioman during that war. Folks, to sit there, watch and listen to these men work the radio, took me back in my minds eye to a time so many years ago when young men such as these two answered their country's call and went down to board the ships and go out to sea, not knowing what the future had in store for them, and my own father was one of them. What thoughts could have been going through their minds in a time like this? I'm thankful for all our service men and women, then and today. It was really something very special for all of us that hot Sunday afternoon. Afterwards, we took some pictures, some of which you will see in our newsletter.

I really want to thank all of our veterans. We should spend more quality time with them as they approach the twilight of they lives and life slows down for them. The stories they can tell! I can just sit and soak it all up because of my interest in the historical part of it. I know for myself and I believe that I can speak for the others, that we went away knowing that not only had we been fortunate to have made the contact, but we were even more fortunate for that precious time that we were able to spend with them; something I'll never forget and one of the best experiences I've had the pleasure of since I became a ham many years ago. So Ken...W4MWW and Joe...W4EAN, Thanks for the memories.

Your friend.....Bobby...N4KXL

30, July 2005

## "Contest Rate Sheet"

from the ARRL's

New sea-surface radars operating in the HF amateur bands are cropping up around the world. A particularly obnoxious intruder is found at the lower end of 40 meters, wiping out ham signals as high as 7.100 MHz around Asia. Brett VR2BG observes, "The 40-meter 'Woodpeckers' look to be a serious threat to the radiosporting and DXing communities in particular, as we're going to have a hard time hearing each other through these things." Anyone that can do so is encouraged to record the signals in support of protests through the IARU and our national radio societies - send a note to VR2BG (vr2bg@harts.org.hk) with the link to your recording, such as N7MAL's at <http://www.ctaz.com/~suzyq/N7mal.htm>. In the US, send reports to Chuck Skolaut KOB0G, the ARRL's IARU monitoring liaison (cskolaut@arrl.org), and in Canada to Don Moman VE6JY (ve6jy@rac.ca). Don recommends using a spectral analysis program such as Spectran to capture the signal. Reporting the signal on the DX spotting networks with "RADAR" in the comments field will also help document where and when the signals are being heard. Despite the systems being operated by governments that should know better, the amateur community has had some success in getting these intruders removed as described by the story at <http://www2.rnw.nl/rnw/en/features/media/features/radar.html>. (Thanks, Brett VR2BG)

Submitted by Steve AD4E

## FCC Proposes to Drop Morse Code Requirement for All License Classes(Jul 20, 2005)

The FCC has proposed dropping the 5 WPM Morse code element as a requirement to obtain an Amateur Radio license of any class. The Commission recommended the change to its Part 97 Amateur Service rules in a *Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM)* in WT Docket 05-235. Any rule changes proposed in the *NPRM* would *not* become final until the FCC gathers additional public comments, formally adopts any changes to its rules and concludes the proceeding by issuing a *Report and Order (R&O)* spelling out the changes and specifying an effective date. That's not likely to happen for several months. The FCC declined in its *NPRM* to go forward with any other suggested changes to Amateur Service licensing rules or operating privileges beyond elimination of the Morse requirement.

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## 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.

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## The K7QO Morse Code Course

de Phil N4IPH

Many of the new hams in Leon, Jefferson and Wakulla counties have gone through the local License Class...currently sponsored by the Red Cross. The first night I hand out a copy of the G4FON Morse Code Course, some practice QSO files and John AD4DO starts sending the first set of characters. This program has been able to help a number of hams in the area to pass the 5 wpm code exam with very little difficulty. If you're still having problems...or can't find the time to get on the PC for one reason or another...I may have found a solution. Chuck Adams, K7QO, has recently developed a new Morse Code course that is distributed through MFJ for a small charge or can be downloaded for FREE from his web site...www.K7QO.net ...Chuck has been using CW for about 50 years and has a CP-60 from ARRL...so he knows code. You'll probably want to use a "high speed" connection since the file is about 180 megs in size. The course starts at the beginning of the alphabet and works it's way through each character. It will probably take about 12.5 hours to go through the course and another 10.5 hours to listen to the sample QSO's that are included. Just like any of the courses..you need to put in the time and effort...there is no short-cut to learning the Morse Code! The downloaded file is in an ISO (disk image) format and can easily be burned to a CD on your PC..the practice files are in MP3 format..so you can listen to them on your PC or load them to a MP3 player and take them anywhere you go. There is an instruction manual in PDF format along with several articles on learning morse code from some experts. If you want to increase your speed beyond the course..Chuck has a large number of MP3 files that run about 30 wpm on his website..that you can download after you complete the course. Then you can join the "KNOW CODE" group and have fun with some CW QSO's. So if you are still trying to get that 5 wpm Morse Code out of the way...why not give Chuck's program a try...The HF bands are waiting for you !!!

## TARS AUGUST 4, MEETING Special Program

Paul Duval (KA7RAV) from the National Weather Service will present a program on the current hurricane season.

### 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.

**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, <http://www.K4TLH.net>. Please check the roster for proper spelling of your name and callsign. Email the Treasurer, [ag4ut@arrl.net](mailto: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 **86 TARS members**.

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### NEED A 6 METERS ANTENNA

Ivan, K4SRB, can help you with building a simple and inexpensive full-wave wire loop antenna for six meters. This loop antenna is made from readily available material. Materials cost should be less than \$15.00. For another \$20.00 (i.e., \$35.00 total) Ivan will build you one of these loop antennas.

**Contact Ivan K4SRB: [ivansusan@comcast.net](mailto:ivansusan@comcast.net)**

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## 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

**Sparc** 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

### 6 METERS

The **Big Bend Six Meter Net** meets Wednesday evenings at 8:30 p.m. Eastern Time or at the conclusion of the Sportsman's Paradise Amateur Radio Club Two Meter Simplex Net - - whichever is later. 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)

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.

## In case of emergency, dial 'ICE'

By Peter Abrahams, IT-Analysis

Published Thursday 14th July 2005 13:52 GMT

In view of the recent events in London, East Anglian Ambulance Service have launched a national "In case of Emergency (ICE)" campaign, with the support of Falklands war hero Simon Weston and in association with Vodafone's annual life savers award.

The idea is that you store the word "ICE" in your mobile phone address book, and against it enter the number of the person you would want to be contacted "In Case of Emergency".

In an emergency situation, ambulance and hospital staff will then be able to quickly find out who your next of kin are and be able to contact them. It's as simple as that, and for more than one contact name you can use ICE1, ICE2, ICE3 etc.

There's more info on the East Anglian Ambulance website

## Membership Renewal

A new year 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 anytime throughout the calendar year.

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.

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### Upcoming Events:

**TARS Meetings:** Every first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. EDT at Puvlix 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.  
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 Wednesday evenings at 8:30 p.m. on 50.150 MHz upper sideband.

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