



Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society

May, 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

Ron Fisher will deliver the program for this month's meeting. Ron is the FAA Manager for Tallahassee Airport Tower operations. He will touch on the events of 911 as well as other points of interests.

Second Annual Radio Reunion in Tallahassee sponsored by TARS & SPARC

Thanks to all who attended the Annual Radio Reunion this year, it was a very successful event. We had over 92 Hams and families (not everyone signed the roster). The facilities were perfect, a commercial kitchen and a large meeting hall colorfully decorated. The food was scrumptious, great homemade covered side dishes and desserts, John, AD4DO cooked a huge pot of Louisiana Gumbo, it was the talk of the afternoon; not to mention the BBQ chicken by our own renowned chef Bobby KD4QKI. We had attendees from Valdosta to the Alabama line encompassing North Florida and South Georgia. Also, thanks to the cleanup team!!!

The most important aspect was the bonding of the group, it was good to put a callsign with a face, after all in a disaster we all will be in the same boat together.

Minutes of the April TARS Membership Meeting

TARS - Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society

Thursday, April 2, 2009

The TARS April Meeting was held at Publix on Ocala Rd., Thursday, April 2, 2009.

CALL to ORDER at 7:00 p.m.

President Dan Moniz KI4HGO welcomed the members and guests who signed in. He noted turnout was better than expected on such a blustery night, as tornado sirens had sounded nearby in Tallahassee just before the meeting.

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

INTRODUCTION of GUESTS

Dan introduced Gary Stollman and new Technician Rick Jimmerson KJ4JZQ, and encouraged all new hams and anyone interested in amateur radio communications to attend TARS' monthly meetings.

A motion was approved to vary the normal order of the meeting, because the evening's speaker Paul KJ4G was delayed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARES - Dave WA4WES reminded all attendees that Hurricane Season begins in 2 months. He recommended everyone check their generators, antennas, and all radio equipment before the tropical storm season begins. He announced:

- § Saturday, May 9 from 9 a.m. to noon, a challenging pre-hurricane exercise will be held. This will involve a mass casualty exercise, jump teams, multiple modes of radio communications, and as many hams as can participate.
- § The phone calling system Dave has been using for emergencies is no longer available. He needs another way to make mass calls free of charge. Various ideas were shared, including Twitter text messages.
- § The American Red Cross has a damage assessment form that they want to send by radio, but transmit time was slow the last time this was attempted. Various ideas were raised, and Dave will look into the options.
- § There was a tornado warning in Northwest Gadsden County this evening. Those who served at the National Weather Service and observers who checked in were thanked.

TARS Auction - Dan KI4HGO said the TARS Auction was a great success, and congratulated auctioneer Randy AG4UU for doing a great job. Rather than a cookout, lunch was served with carry-out subs and sandwiches, at a total cost of \$118 for about 40 people. TARS did not have to pay for the pavilion - - Dan staked out the large pavilion from dawn until a military recruiter showed up who, with a group of about 200, needed the large space. So TARS used a smaller pavilion nearby.

Nominating Committee - Chantal KI4NBU had been asked by Dan to find members for a Nominating
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Committee. She announced these members had accepted: Dave AI4GF, Nick W4EAF, Chuck AI4KA, and Sal K4YFW. They will solicit nominations from the membership and present a slate of candidates at the May membership meeting, as required by the Bylaws.

ORS - Official Relay Stations - Dan KI4HGO said 3 Official Relay Stations, Dan KI4HGO, Vern KI4PRX, and Mary KI4JOO, were activated during recent storms. This is the third time they were activated, relaying information from as far north as Albany, Georgia. The team is working on a quick fix for the HF radio at the National Weather Service office.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT and MINUTES

A motion was approved to accept the Treasurer's report and Minutes as printed in the Newsletter.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Repeater - The Bethel Tower repeater is up and operating.

Testing - Alan Terrell N4KGT announced the next test session is Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the Channel 49 studios near Midway. A map is on the website.

Education -

Alan W1ABT said he asked Donna WQ4M to arrange for hams to have hospital terminology training, which should improve communications between hospital staff and hams.

Website - no report.

Newsletter -

Dan KI4HGO said the April Newsletter was sent out to all members. If anyone did not receive an electronic copy, please email Dan at ki4hgo@arrl.net

OLD BUSINESS

Dan KI4HGO said the Blue Line 100 bike event on March 29th was a great event, with beautiful weather and fine turnout. Kerry AI4CW was in the groove with Net Control; Larry KI4MAJ skillfully directed the hams to their locations; Vern KI4PRX assisted and learned operations from Larry; and all 100 bike riders (and most of the hams) found their way through the 100-mile course without getting lost.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan agreed with Mike Brown KE4FGF to set a date for the "Radio Reunion" in April. Dan described it as a great way to get to know the faces behind the microphones, with attendees from Florida, Georgia, and even some Alabama officials. He said the total cost in 2008 was about \$500, but TARC broke even because donations covered most expenses. Alan N4KGT explained that the idea was to rotate the event among the clubs, with smaller clubs collaborating with a larger club in hosting duties. Carl NN5I moved that TARS hold the event as had been discussed, in association with SPARC, and approval was unanimous.

Carl NN5I moved that the Nominating Committee be renamed "The Press Gang" and his motion was jocularly approved by acclamation.

BREAK

The club thanks Mike KI4KWC for generously donating his share (again!!!) of 50-50 to TARS.

PROGRAM

Paul KJ4G, North Florida Section Manager, presented a very enlightening discussion of his plans for "Hams Helping Hams" in the Section, Florida, and bordering states. He described his major goals:

1. Decentralize the span of control.
2. Build better working relationships with all volunteers.
3. Establish a new PIO (Public Information Officer) program.
4. Establish an EOC/ORS team somewhere near the EOC to operate during major events, so all EOCs have amateur radio backup to communicate with the State EOC.
5. Establish MOUs with served agencies (mostly American Red Cross, National Weather Service, etc.)
6. Restructure the SEC program.
7. Create the NFL Database with detailed information on members.
8. Promote kids in ham radio.
9. Promote digital communications.
10. Promote information up and down the chain of command.

Paul also explained impacts of reorganization on the Capital District:

1. Hamilton County was moved to the Suwannee District.
2. Taylor and Lafayette Counties are moving to the new Suwannee District.
3. Franklin County has very few hams, but strong links with Panama City.
4. Liberty County will be brought into the Capital District.

ADJOURNMENT

Following a brief discussion, the meeting closed at 8:55 p.m. on this very stormy night.

Respectfully submitted,
Chantal Blanton, KI4NBU

TARS Treasurer's Report

May 2009

Beginning balance April 1, 2009

Checking Account:	\$1348.79
Savings Account:	<u>\$2635.69</u>
Total	\$3984.48

Receipts deposited in checking account: \$57.00

Receipts deposited in savings account: 0.00

Receipts derived from the following:

\$45.00	Dues
6.00	Member Donations
6.00	50/50

\$57.00 Total

Expenditures:

\$118.90	Food for 3-7-09 Auction
22.17	Talquin Electric March bill for Bethel Tower
61.25	2009 State Corporation Filing Fee

\$202.32 Total

Outstanding Expenses:

Food for 4-25-09 Area Ham Gathering

Ending Balance, April 30, 2009

Checking Account:	\$1203.47
Savings Account:	<u>\$2635.69</u>
Total	\$3839.16

3 members renewed or joined since last report.

3	individuals
0	family member
0	students

Dues for renewing individuals, as well as family members are \$15.00.

Membership fee for new members joining in May is \$10.00.

Second Radio Reunion Held in Tallahassee





The Amateur Radio Code

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



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 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: Steve AD4E
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

