



Linear Lines

Trident Amateur Radio Club (TARC) Newsletter
November 2013

TARC Net:

Every Tuesday, 147.27 MHz PL 123.0

- 7:30 PM CW practice
- 8:00 PM Net

Upcoming Events:

Nov 18	Club Meeting
Nov 20	VE Testing
Nov 24	Fox Hunt! Contact: Tom W4DAX
Dec 2	Board Meeting (all welcome)
Dec 14	Christmas Party! Contact: Joe KJ4BNC
Dec 18	VE Testing
Jan 18	Charleston Marathon Contact: Charles KC5FOX
Jan 25	Winter Field Day Contact: Steve KE4THX
Feb 1	Charleston Ham Fest



NASA's Richard Mastracchio, KC5ZTE, Russia's Mikhail Tyurin, RZ3FT, and Japan's Koichi Wakata, KC5ZTA, arrived at the International Space Station November 7, expanding the ISS crew complement to nine members. The new crewmembers carried the torch that will be used to light the Olympic flame in Sochi, Russia, for the 2014 Winter Games.

From the President

Well, the temperature is dropping and the daylight is less but the activities are still going strong. We had a fantastic Picnic on October 12th that was well attended. I know everyone enjoyed themselves. We are still trying to determine the winners of the Corn-hole Toss competition. The judges are still compiling the results. The food, especially the cuisine from Angel WW4ALC, was really good. **The next picnic will be in April** at the same location.

Then on Saturday the 19th we had a great time at Oscar's AI4SS home participating in JOTA. Vince, K4AOC held merit badge classes and several other hams demonstrated ham radio to the scouts. The weather and food was great. David AE4ZR operated from Lake Moultrie. It was also Oscar's birthday.

The next weekend we participated in a test of hospital communications for the Tenent East Cooper Medical Center. We took the club trailer and set up a low band station on 40 Mtrs AND 20 Mtrs. The test was OK but even better was that we formed a relationship with Larry KI4VPS and the local hams may end up with another repeater on their hospital in Mt Pleasant. *(continued)*

*Our next Fox Hunt: will be held on Sunday
November 24th 2013*

It will begin at 1:00 PM.

**The starting place will be the former JK
Harris parking lot**

**208 Saint James Ave (Hwy 176) next to
the Publix in Goose Creek.**

There will be no charge to enter, everyone is welcome. A trophy will be given to the individual or team who arrives with the lowest odometer mileage from the starting point.

*Once again, hot dogs and drinks will be served at
the finish!*

(continued from p.1) Then we participated at the Ham booth at the Fair. Lots of visitors were interested in amateur radio.

Several of us attended the Myrtle Beach Hamfest on Saturday the 9th. While the hamfest was small, it was a good opportunity to visit with all the hams and look at the used gear available. It was Larry KI4VPS first hamfest and he came back loaded down with goodies.

I have had several antenna-building sessions at my house. There are quite a few new J-Pole antennas up in the area. We also had an attenuator building session for the participants to use in the Fox Hunt on the 24th.

Some activities coming up in the near future are the **Fox Hunt** on the 24th of November (Tom W4DAX), Then the **Christmas Party** on Saturday December 14th at Gilligan's. (Please let Joe KJ4BNC know how many guests you are bringing.) We will then start getting ready for **Winter Field Day** on Saturday January the 25th (Steve KE4THX) Also mark your calendar for the **Charleston Hamfest** on Feb 1st. (Jenny WA4NGV). Oh and we are also putting together a team to work with the Ham Club K4DMS at DuBose Middle School to put a balloon in near space. So there are lots of activities to to get involved in during the next several months.

Of course all these upcoming activities will be discussed at the November Club Meeting on Monday the 18th at the Red Cross Building. Hope to see you there. Remember we will have the radio drawing for members in attendance again. If you have not paid your dues for this year see Craig KK4RNF or Bob NG4R.

73

Tom Lufkin, W4DAX

November Birthdays!

Happy birthday to...

- Carl Dingo WD4CXW
- Jenny Myers WA4NGV
- Mel Seyle W4MEL

From the VP

Mark your calendars for **Winter Field Day**, January 25, 2014 @ 12 noon through January 26, 2014 @ 12 noon. Preparations for Winter Field Day are in work, the sign-up sheet for operator time slots will be available at the club meeting and will be emailed to the membership to get all time slots filled. The setup committee from ARRL Field Day will be contacted about their involvement for this event and a short dinner or coffee break meeting will be arranged. Any other volunteers needed will be solicited.

Contact Steve KE4THX, at 336-740-4382 Cell or email steven_lamendola@yahoo.com

Thanks, Steve
73 KE4THX

From the Treasurer

Thanks to all who have paid their dues this new year. Thanks to you, the club is solvent for this and the coming year!

Our HT radio drawing has been very successful. We have been able to provide two radios so far, which I am sure will find their way to a new ham who needs one. The radios come programmed with the Charleston area repeaters, so all one has to do is listen first and they find someone to talk to over a repeater. Thanks to all members who participate in this worthwhile event. If you have not been to a meeting for a while and wonder how the program works, it goes like this.

- You need to have paid your dues this year,
- You pay a two dollar entry fee for the drawing,
- You must be present at the meeting.

All paid members have a number assigned to them and are in the pot to draw from. The number drawn wins the radio if present and have paid their two dollars.

I am looking forward to the remaining activities for the year, the foxhunt coming up on the 25th of November and of course our Christmas party on the 12th of December. My personal thanks to all who have supported the club this year and I look forward to having even more fun in 2014.
73 Bob NG4R

Christmas Party Info

We've got a great location and great menu lined up. All we need now are the great people – and that means **you!**

The party will be at Gilligan's on Dec 14, officially starting at 1800. (Begin arriving at 1730, or you might miss some of the fun.)

Menu items include:

Fried Combo (Choice of two: Shrimp, flounder, scallops or oysters)

Grilled Chicken Breasts (Two Chicken breasts grilled to perfection, basted in Gilligan's sauce)

Ribeye (12oz, seasoned & grilled to your liking)

Lowcountry Stir fry (Grilled Shrimp, cabbage, & sausage over a bed of red rice with Cajun Seasoning)

(see the TridentHams site for additional details)

Please RSVP to jhchapman3@gmail.com with "2013 Christmas party" in the subject line, so we'll know how many to plan for. Also, please bring a gift to the party to participate in the gift exchange (see the TridentHams site for details).
v/r Joe kj4bnc 73

Words of Wisdom

"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do *everything*, but still I can do *something*; and just because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I *can* do."

"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved."

– *Helen Keller*



Wildcats in Near-Space (WINS)

The Trident Amateur Radio Club, in cooperation with the Dubose Middle School Amateur Radio Club K4DMS, is developing a project to launch and recover a **high altitude balloon** that will visit Near Space. It is proposed that the balloon will have a camera on board to take photos during the ascent and decent. It will also have an APRS transmitter on board to track the trajectory of the flight and to assist in the recovery of the package.

Additional information is available at
<http://Tridenthams.org/balloon%20project.htm>

Let Tom W4DAX know if you are interested in participating in this fun project.

Want to see something in Linear Lines?

If there's something you want to see in Linear Lines, please send it to Robert KV4LV <kv4lv@arrl.net> by the second Monday of the month.