

LINEAR LINES

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SHACK:

Ron Davis, K4TCP

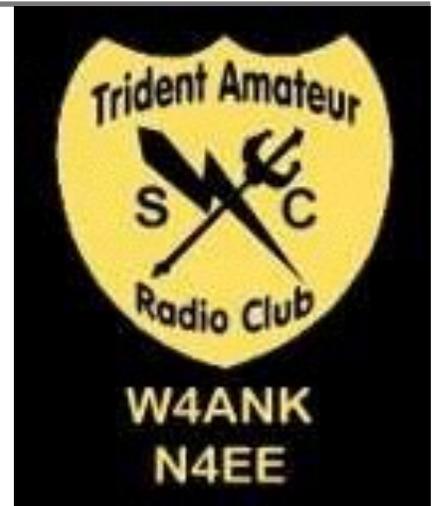


So why did you get into HAM radio? I was about 8 or 9 years old and happened to be in a store with my mother. I noticed an interesting gadget on the counter. It was a “spy” pen crystal radio. No batteries, it had an ear piece, a ground lead, an antenna lead and a variable tuning coil with a ferrite rod that was adjustable by moving the pen’s ball point in and out. I had to have this spy pen and

my mother was kind enough to get it for me. From that day on I was hooked on electronics. I proceeded to disassemble my mother’s new transistor radio to see how it worked. Of course getting it back together proved more difficult. I had been interested in electronics and engineering since then and I vowed to get my ham license. Back in the late 70’s my high school buddy got his novice license and then a Heathkit HW-101 for Christmas. The universe as I knew it had changed. But by then life was already pulling me in different directions, school, work, family so the HAM license took a back seat until 1992. It was an amazing world just listening in with a scanner I heard local repeater conversations and phone patches going on. I got my Technician license and a Radio Shack HTX-202 and finally got on the air. I didn’t join TARC until much later which could be a story for another edition of LL. I hope that everyone can find the inspiration that I did to make their dreams come true, it’s never too late. I look forward to hearing your story of why you got into ham radio or why you want to get into the hobby. It is a fascinating thing to pursue and has brought me many gratifying moments in my life. Let’s all get radio active! I’ll see you on the radio!

73’S

Ron – K4TCP



VP News from Ken Curtis,



hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday. It was really nice to celebrate Christmas on such a beautiful Sunday. It was almost like being back in Hawaii. I'm looking forward to a very prosperous and active New Year for the Trident Amateur Radio Club.

Don't forget, our next meeting is January 16th. Even though it's a federal holiday, I hope everyone will be able to attend.

Another thing to remember is our Operating Day/Winter Field Day is in January. It will be at the Hanahan Recreation Field.

I would like to wish everyone a very safe and prosperous New Year.

Ken Curtis, W4KBN

OUR SECRETARY SAYS:

I am very new to the world of Amateur Radio.

While camping this past June, I saw a station set up in a start park on what I did not know then was National Field Day.

I left the campground early to get home and on the computer to see what was going on. A 30+ year old interest was re-ignited!

I researched what licensing requirements were and have been hooked ever since that day.

I had my General license upgrade about three months after Field Day.

Still working on the Extra.

I am positively thrilled to be able to participate in this great club as Secretary. I would also like to focus on finding new members to share this hobby with. I look forward to meeting more club members in the future.

Linda Wilson, KM4WBN



The Palmetto Scholars Academy (K4P-SA) was chosen to be one of the schools in the US to launch a balloon for next August 17th total eclipse. The students have been working hard to make sure they get some great pictures of the eclipse. Their mentor for this event is Kellye Voigt (KM4MSP) who is on PSA's staff and a member of TARC. The students will have to launch 12 times before the big day next August. The club has agreed to assist them any way possible. The above pictures are from our previous launch in June of 2014.



MORE CLUB FUN!!!!!!!

Beverly Boyd (WB3BRB) AND Tommy Billings (AA4TB) making things work at TARC's Operating Day on September 24th at Harleyville Park. The OP Day coincided with the town's Fire-fighter Festival.



QRP and Digital modes was the plan AND of course enjoying good food and fun at the festival.

All good Hams know when to change from Radio to talk to their next favorite topic, FOOD! As you can see, the Club enjoyed their outing to Carrabas October 27th. What can we say, Good Food,



FROM YOUR LOW COUNTRY VE TEAM

During the fourth quarter of 2016, the TARC sponsored Low Country VE Team had the privilege of testing 11 candidates for either an upgrade or a new license. The candidates took a total of 19 elements resulting in 12 passes and seven failing grades. The great news was that each candidate accomplished their original goal (an upgrade or new license).

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING

Marc Blazer Technician
KM4YKQ

Nathan Camp Technician
KM4ZVT

Robert Colantuoni Tech-
nician KM4ZVS

Lawrence Gatton Sr. Ex-
tra KM4RDX

Riley Hart Extra
WD4DKV

John Hughes Techni-
cian KM4YZZ

Michael Merriken General
KG4FHL

Colby Neal Techni-
cian KM4ZVQ

Frank Rkuopoli General
KK4NMG

Anthony Thompson Techni-
cian KM4YKP

Benjamin Yenicek General
KM4ZVR

Did you hear about the amateur who signed off with his callsign/mt for MOBILE TRAIN while riding from New York to Boston?

He took the HAMTRAK

CHECK IT OUT!

Lloyd Milligan (WA4EFS) built a magnetic loop antenna. You can read his story about at this link:

<http://lloydml.net/Antennas/index.html>

