

Trident Amateur Radio Club  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
21 Sept, 2015

President Steve (KE4THX) - Open Meeting at 7:30 pm

VP Joe (KJ4BNC) - Out of town.

Treasurer Barb KM4FRD transition from Bob NG4R awaiting the audit on Sat. 9/26/15

- Bank Balance \$2,200.13

Secretary David - Will go over picnic details later in the meeting.

Sunshine Committee Thelma - Was asked by Steve to send a get well card to Shelly for her mom.

Repeaters - Bryce (K4LXF), Received a call from John Crocket that the WA repeater was malfunctioning, but nothing was found. The Summer Med Center was only linking in one direction. Bryce will check on it again tomorrow. Georgetown is also on the brink and Bryce will work on that soon.

Media & Memberships - Ron (K4TCP), Dues are due today. Ray (KM4FRG) has signed up as a new member.

August Operating Day - Big success, participated in the Nebraska QSO Party, unintentionally.

JOTA - Oct 16 -18, 2015

- Made decision to not support JOTA at Moultrie due to a lack of response from BSA organizers.
- Rally some assistance for Oscar to help with JOTA. Mac, the area has a twelve acre pond stocked with bass. There are telephone poles set for antennas and radio in an Oscars Shack. We need operators to work with scouts that come out. For the last two years there were four to ten troops. Mac has been doing it there for the last thirteen years or so. Set up is on Friday night, operate some Friday, and then all day Saturday. Tear down is on Sunday.

SC QSO Party AKA, The Big Event – Held on 19<sup>th</sup> Sept through 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 2015, included Ron (K4TCP), Tom (W4DAX) and Chef David (AA4ZR). Tom - Went out Friday night started early Saturday morning. They were able to get Jasper County included. It was hot! There was great food cooked on the grill. Beverly operated, and David and Ron logged. They worked for about 5-6 hrs. Ron sent photos to Michelle for Linear Lines. David said Allen set the hook for getting a bunch from the club contesting. Allen mentioned that Andrew had a good time. Robert went to Kershaw County at his Mom's house, after looking at the map. Robert set up a 40m Dipole

and operated from her Dining Room and got 150 logs in. Allen said it was overall a successful event. The bonus station had issue with cw/phone intermod interference.

Builders Group – Will be held on Wednesday at Tom's house. They will be building antennas and cooking Hotdogs. They will start around 6 pm and it will be totally informal. Tre Morgan, new ham called it, but all wishing to are invited to attend.

H.L. Hunley Event Anniversary – Will be Feb 17, 2016. There was a great turnout last year. This even will be in place of the Winter Field Day which was Jan 2016.

ARES - Moving to the third of Oct for Sangaree Community Day. Talk to Joe or Linda if you have any questions.

Future Balloon launches update - Ron (K4TCP). No date yet. They need local trackers and home trackers to relay information to the road crew.

Radio Giveaway - Choice of radio or set of books. Debbie drew #48, but Ginny Myers did not enter, second draw #57, but Mel did not enter. There are no winners this month.

#### Social Events

- Christmas Party 12/12 or 12/13 TBD planning on Brecks or St James place. Thinking about the 13th. If anyone has any other suggestions email them to Steve.
- Dinner at the Graze in Summerville Thurs 9/24, at 6:30 pm. Ron (K4TCP) is the POC.
- TARC Picnic at Short Stay, David (KK4TLR) is the POC. There are about ten RSVPs so far.
- Bojangles on Mon, Wed and Fri, at 9 am, Ashley Phosphate near I-26.
- Old South Diner Sat, at 6 am, Main St. Summerville. Bryce said this has moved to Alex in Summerville across street from Graze

#### Around the Room

- Steve - Send him stuff by Sat to get on Meeting agenda.
- Michelle - Linear Line will be out this week.
- David - Test session had some snafus but VE team thanks Chris Mantooth for getting the program up and running. Eight tested, six new hams, and two upgrades. After the session the VE team got together to eat and before the end of the meal the results came back from FCC which was very fast. David thanks the VE team.
- Tom - Palmetto Scholars Academy school's Ham Club had 53 kids join. A Lot of excitement. They just had dinner with the school's principal. They have two licensed teachers at the school. Dave's son Griffin is the clubs President. The club's call sign is K4PSA.
- Dave Eslinger - PSA is a public school that is aimed at bright kids. Looking to break up the kids into smaller groups of ten or so. Have access to the group 1-½ hrs, every two weeks as a class during school day and one day a week after school for the club. Looking for Hams to help out work with the kids on projects. Talk to Tom David or Ron if you are interested in helping out.

Close Meeting - Mel moved, Joe second, and Steve closed at 8:15 pm.

September Presentation - Terry Fox (SDR/VLF).