

# TARC Membership Meeting Minutes

10/17/2022



**President** – Glenn WA4NMW - Welcome

**Vice President** – Steve KO4AFL – No report

**Treasurer** – Jim KW4PW – Unable to attend, checking balance is \$4525 as dues payments accumulate.

**Secretary** – Steve K4OPZ – No report

**Membership** – Ron K4TCP – Membership stands at 92.

**Testing** – Ron K4TCP/Dave AE4ZR – VE session on 19 October has no one signed up. Chip WB4ZVR thanked the VE team for the work they do.

**Programs** – Van N4VGE/Jim KO4PGH – November program 'Power Grid' by Tom WD4NXW. December no program. January will be a BridgeCom systems DMR demonstration. February working to get a school robotics team demonstration.

**QSL manager** – Jim KO4MNB – W4D special event station: KK4JS provided the ADIF file for uploading; waiting for QSL request to arrive in the mail.

**Repeaters** – Bryce K4LXF – No change in repeater status.

**Fund Raising** – Mike KJ4TAC: The October raffle will be a Baofeng UV-5R radio with accessories. Tickets for the Icom IC-7300 are still on sale with a total of 250 tickets to be sold before the drawing in April 2023.

**Properties** – Alicia KN4UPG (Chair) Jim KO4PGH (assistant)

**Members at Large** – David AE4ZR, TW KF4CQH

Mark KN4MJB has been selected as the ARRL Public Information Officer for this area of South Carolina.

Call to order: 1901

## OLD BUSINESS:

Fox hunt and POTA on 24 September. The fox was sneaky. Mark KN4MJB was the winner and will be presented with a cross needle signal meter. POTA activation at Charles Towne Landing SHS was completed on 15 meters and 12 meters (one FT8 QSO on 12 meters). There was minimum participation in the park activation.

On 21 October 2009, TARC lost four members when their plane crashed shortly after takeoff from the Summerville airport as they headed to the Bahamas on a DXpedition.

The Little David event this year was Saturday, 8 October from 0900 to 1400 hrs. The Little David Call sign (W4D) has been reserved. QST published the event information in the October issue.

H. L. Hunley special event station and POTA at Fort Moultrie. Tom W4ID, has submitted the permit request to National Park Service (NPS) to hold this event on Saturday, February 18, 2023. Access to the area will not be available until 9 AM when the gates are opened. We will operate two HF stations using the N4HLH call sign. NPS approved using the space between the parking lot and the cove. This area provides shade trees and picnic tables. Notice of the special event has been sent to ARRL for publication.

The Board is planning to hold TECH and GENERAL upgrade classes in early 2023. The TECH class will be first and the General class will follow a few weeks later. The dates and locations have not been determined.

The Palmetto Scholars Academy: Steve K4OPZ, met with four students after school to discuss meeting days and delivered the new VHF radio power supply. The students determined they would meet every other Wednesday to begin with. School Club Roundup will be 17 to 21 October. The plan is to set up portable stations on Wednesday, 19 October, we will be operating on 20 meters, if band conditions allow.

Jim KO4MNB submitted our club grant application on 22 SEP to ARRL, grant awards will be announced in January 2023.

The Tom Lufkin TARC Scholarship Fund status: waiting for response from Tom W4DAX.

A new Fund Raiser Chair is needed. Mike KJ4TAC has stepped in to temporarily fill this task. See Glenn WA4NMW to become the new Fund Raiser chairperson.

The club is selling two of the clubs three FT-897s to fund the purchase of a newer radio for club operations. One Yaesu FT-897 radio has sold and a second FT-897 with a paired LDG tuner and case, is still available. Which leaves one FT-897 remaining in inventory.

Dues are due now, see Jim KW4PW or Ron K4TCP to pay dues before December.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

December meeting will be Saturday, December 10, 10 AM to 2 PM at Givhans Ferry State Park if we can still get a reservation. This will be a pot luck dinner with Steve KO4AFL cooking turkeys supplied by club.

Winter Field Day is coming up on Saturday and Sunday, January 28-29. Location is to be determined and will be run by three co-chairs: TW KF4CQH, John KK4JS and Ron K4TCP. There will be a sign up sheet at the next meeting for this event.

Glenn WA4NMW has picked up a substantial amount of equipment from SK including AM receivers, transmitters, boat anchors, bazooka antennas, books, and an Icom 746 Pro which is being sold on Ebay for about \$730. The price to a club member is \$650 and \$800 for non-club members. The IC-746 Pro was tested at the Little David SES and worked great on SSB. Also, for sale or donation, several antennas and other parts.

We will lose our current meeting place as CACI reduces its local office. We need your input for a new monthly meeting location.

There is interest in starting an amateur radio club at Trident Tech. The Dean of Engineering will be contacted by Ron K4TCP. Tradd KN4IXC is a student there.

The Citadel's Department of Cyber and Computer Sciences is hosting a cyber village on campus as a part of their Cybersecurity Awareness Month. They want students to have exposure to Amateur/Ham Radio. This event will be Wednesday, 26 October from 11 AM to 2 PM.

Tonight's raffle was won by Tom WD4NXW. He won a Baofeng UV-5R that included many accessories.

Adjourned: 1959. Program: Maritime Mobile by Chris Stinson, KC8YTK an avid sailor.