

TARC Membership Meeting Agenda

11/21/2022



President – Glenn WA4NMW - Welcome

Vice President – Steve KO4AFL – not present

Treasurer – Jim KW4PW – The club purchased an Yaesu FTdx10 radio for \$1660 for use at Winter Field Day. The bank balance is \$4400; with yearly dues still being taken in.

Secretary – Steve K4OPZ – Sign-up sheets for the December Pot Luck and Winter Field Day are being sent around.

Membership – Ron K4TCP – The roster has 96 members and about 60 per cent have paid annual dues. The grace period for dues payment ends in December, payment can be made on-line or in person.

Testing – Ron K4TCP/Dave AE4ZR – Last week there were three examinees and two passed (one Technician and one Extra). The next test session will be 21 December at the Goose Creek library.

Programs – Van N4VGE/Jim KO4PGH – November program, 'Power Grid' by Tom WD4NXW. No program in December.

QSL manager – Jim KO4MNB – not present

Repeaters – Bryce K4LXF – not present

Fund Raising – Jim KW4PW – Tickets for the Icom 7300 are still on sale; total sales are now stand at \$640. Tonight's raffle will be a Baofeng UV-5R pro with high-capacity battery.

Properties – Alicia KN4UPG (Chair) Jim KO4PGH (assistant) – No report.

Call to order: 1903

OLD BUSINESS:

H. L. Hunley special event station and POTA at Fort Moultrie. Tom W4ID, has submitted the permit request to NPS to hold this event on Saturday, February 18, 2023, from 9 AM to 2 PM. The park gates will open at 9 AM for access to the parking lot and setup location. We will operate two HF stations using the N4HLH call sign from the approved location. Notice of the special event has been sent to ARRL for publication. The National Park Service has approved the application and Ron K4TCP has obtained an insurance certificate for the event.

The Board is planning to hold TECH and GENERAL upgrade classes in early 2023. The TECH class will begin in January, with six class sessions over a three week period and exam on the final evening. The ARRL study guide will be the only purchase students need for the class. The dates and locations have not been determined.

The Palmetto Scholars Academy: The two students who located the radio equipment and were leading the effort to re-start the club have decided to put activities on hold until a future date. Steve K4OPZ will be contacting the teacher sponsor after Thanksgiving break.

Constitution and Bylaws Review committee report. Ron K4TCP, and John KK4JS on the committee. The constitution and by-laws have been converted to an MS Word document and comments are still incorporated. Editing is still progressing and removing typos. A complete document will be presented at the next board meeting.

The December meeting will be Saturday, December 10, from 10 AM to 2 PM at Givhan's Ferry State Park, Dave AE4ZR, has secured a shelter for the day. This will be a pot luck dinner, with Steve KO4AFL cooking turkeys supplied by club and Glenn WA4NMW will provide a ham. Signup sheet and on-line signup to indicated side dish or dessert. Please bring your own drinks. If you take pictures of the event, please send them to Ron K4TCP for inclusion on the website.

On 26 October, TARC attended the Citadel's Cyber Village Day, we set up three operation stations and a display table at the Swain Boat Center on campus. On the day of the event, Glenn and Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL, manned the table with an IC-705 radio, tri-fold brochures and QSL cards to answer questions and invite visitors to go outside to the patio to operate a ham radio under our supervision. Steve Behr, K4OPZ, set up an IC-7300 working FT-8 with a 66' EFHW antenna. Tom Valencia, W4ID, set up an Elecraft KX-2 QRP station working 20m CW with a small whip antenna for Col. Zimmerman, Dean and Traubert Chair Swain Family School of Science and Mathematics, and others to learn how to send and receive Morse code. Jim Wasson, KO4MNB, set up another IC-7300 for 20m SSB using a 17-foot vertical on a tripod, allowed several students to get on the air. Pictures from the event are post in the latest news section of our website.

NEW BUSINESS:

The November meeting will be at the Goose Creek library at 325 Old Moncks Corner Rd. Future meeting locations that being investigated: Golden Coral, Jim and Nicks (both on Center Pointe Dr), Peace Presbyterian Church in Goose Creek. The club has written to the Red Cross about resuming the use of their training room. We are still looking for a place to meet in January.

Winter Field Day will be 28 and 29 January. Set-Up will begin on Saturday at 11:00 AM and operation will be Saturday 2 PM until Sunday 2 PM. Take down will begin about 2 PM on Sunday. Location will be 255 E Highland DR, Summerville, SC 29483 (Large field just beyond Glenn Stephens' home). Visit the TARC website for a link to 'signupgenius' for setup, operating, logging, and take down. We are accepting donation to fund a porta potty. Expect cold weather during the day and overnight. Simplex 146.52 will be monitored during the day.

The club has purchased a Yaesu FTDX10 HF/50MHz radio for use at Winter Field Day as the first replacement from the sale of two FT-897s; there is one FT-897 still available for purchase. The club still has for sale IC-746 Pro used at the Little David event; priced at \$650 to club members or \$750 on-line.

The club tri-fold pamphlet is in need of revision before a new batch is printed. Bob KJ4UGE will be working on the revised tri-fold, with updated photos. Ron K4TCP to locate the file with the current pamphlet.

TARC 50th anniversary celebration, April 17, 2023. Planned program beyond the drawing a winner for the ICOM IC-7300, includes invitations to original (Tom W4DAX) and early members of the club, a presentation about the history of the club, and cake. Location to be determined.

Greg KW1AWM is seeking a contest operator for the SC QSO party February 25.

Raffle: The Baofeng UV-5R pro was won by Joseph K4LTF.

Adjourned: 1949

Program: Power grid, by Tom WD4NXW.