

**Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.**  
**Membership Meeting Minutes FINAL**



1/20/2025

**President** - Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL – Welcome  
**Vice President** - TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH –  
**Treasurer** - Jim Self, KW4PW – see Treasurer’s Report  
**Secretary** - Renata Sierzega, KQ4ASH –  
**Board Member at Large** - Chris Benoit, KC4NW –  
**Board Member at Large** - Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW –  
**Membership** – Ron Davis, K4TCP -  
**Testing** – Ron Davis, K4TCP / Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL –  
**Programs** – Greg Mitchell KB1AWM -  
**QSL manager** –Chris Benoit KC4NW-  
**Repeaters** – Bryce Myers, K4LXF –  
**Fund Raising** –Jim Self, KW4PW –  
**Properties** – TW Kirkpatrick, KF4CQH –  
**Education and Scholarship**- Jim Wasson KO4MNB, Stephen Behr K4OPZ  
**Field Day**- Ron K4TCP, TW KF4CQH, John Satterfield KK4JS, Steve KO4AFL

**Call to order:** 7 pm

Adjourn: 7:35 pm

**Location:** Am Red Cross 2424-A City Hall Lane North Charleston, SC 29406

**SILENT KEY:** John Hill AC4WP has become a silent key. The only word we have is that he passed a couple of weeks ago. Please refer all other communications directly to the family.

**Upcoming Events:** Note: All participation for events must be approved by the Board prior to any members signing up the Club to participate.

**“ANNUAL EVENTS”:** **Mark your calendars!**

**Winter Field Day:** **25-26 January 2025**

**Hunley Special Event:** **15 February 2025 Fort Moultrie**

**Hunley Museum Ships:** **7-8 Jun 2025**

**Summer Field Day:** **28-29 June 2025**

**EVENTS:**

**Technician Class:** The class will span six sessions over three weeks, held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7-9 pm at the Dorchester EOC, 212 Deming Way, Summerville, SC on the following dates:

- **January 14, 16, 23**
- **February 4, 6, additional day to due snow**

ARRL slide set will be used. Additional instructors are needed.  
The last class the Technician Exam will be given. 4 people are attending.

### **Winter Field Day: 25 Jan 11 am to 26 Jan 2025 5 pm**

St John's Church, 3673 Maybank Hwy, John's Island, SC.

Setup starts at 9 am. Please come early to assist. 2 radios will be utilized. 2M SC is the exchange. sent via email by Ron K4TC. A driver is needed for the trailer. Radio active Sat until 9 pm and reopen Sunday 8:30 AM until 1 PM. Renata KQ4ASH will bring a 7300 with the manual to learn on. Steve KO4AFL will bring an antenna.

A dinner potluck is planned Saturday evening. The club will be providing pulled pork. There is a sign up for all the side dishes.

### **HamCation 2025 February 7-9, 2025 (2<sup>nd</sup> weekend)**

Located at the Central Florida Fairgrounds and Expo Park in Orlando

It is one of the world's largest hamfests, featuring over 150 commercial booths, 200+ swap tables, and a massive tailgate area. HamCation is a major event for amateur (ham) radio operators. Craig, Steve and Van plan to attend.

### **Citadel Events: 8 Feb 25 POC: Jim KO4MNB**

Dr. Jennifer Albert, Director of the STEM Center invited TARC to set up and operate for the "Storm the Citadel" event on 8 February 2025. Details are pending. No update as of 6 Jan 25. Due to lack of communication, TARC will probably not participate.

### **Hunley Special Event: 15 February 2025 Fort Moultrie POC David AE4ZR**

Gate opens at 9 am. Radio active at 10 AM. Come chat on and off the radio! Special Use Permit paid \$50.00. Need insurance certificate. There will be no RV's.

**General Class: 15-16 Mar 25** Ralph H Johnson VA POC Ron K4TCP Class Sat 8-4 and Sunday 8-12. General Exam Sunday afternoon.

### **Old Business:**

### **Education and Scholarship Committee:** POC KO4MNB and Stephen K4OPZ

St. John Catholic School: POC Jim KO4MNB and Stephen K4OPZ

- TARC taught the students how a transistor can be used as a switch and RC time constants. This included each student building a flashing LED multi-vibrator circuit. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders learned how to solder components on to printed circuit boards (PCB), while the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders used breadboards
- School has requested another project as this was so positive with students. Send ideas for projects (1-2 hours) to POCs.
- Education & Scholarship Committee posted an article with pictures on the TARC website "Latest News" tab about our successful ARISS contact.
- St John Catholic School has graciously offered its location should the club need it for its monthly meetings.

**WINLINK:** WINLINK Tues Net. Prep for hurricane season. Contact Ron if interested. He has additional information on this. Ron K4TCP

**Membership:** POC Ron K4TCP

Current membership: 84 currently paid

Discussion on having the meetings on ZOOM for those that cannot attend in person has been rejected due to the complications of the process.

**QSL:** POC: Chris KC4NW No update.

**Programs:** POC: Greg KB1AWN

The following ideas to be considered for future club programming for members.

- Jan: DX Mission Report, Van N4VGE Well done! Thank you.
  - Other DX info
    - [Rotuma DX-pedition 2024 | PIDXG - 3D2Z](#)
- Feb: Propagation information: solar cycle Greg KB1AWM
- March: Contact Logging Ron K4TCP
- April: View video of ARISS event pending Talent Release approval
- May:
- June: J pole and antennas building info at the meeting. Making the antennas will occur on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> during Saturday of Summer Field Day. \$25 donation needed for materials.
- Radio activities: satellite
- Programing for Extras
- Slim Jim Building: POC Ron K4TCP
- Computer Aided Transceiver (CAT) via YouTube

**TREASURER:** Jim KW4PW

South Carolina Federal Credit Union

- Total balance: \$7209
- Expenses: Approximately \$2,500/year
- Expenses: \$600 paid out. \$200 PO Box, \$42 raffles, \$133 insurance, \$155 Domain
- Earnings:
  - Dues received: To date
- Social media: Website: Dream Host
  - Hosting due **1/20/26**.
  - Domain registration: \$17.99 yearly due **1/16/26**
- Raffle: Radio box

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**TARC Website:** Read article written about the ARISS contact.

**Dorchester EOC:** There was a discussion about meeting with the Dorchester Amateur Radio Team (DART) regarding a location to install our 270 repeater in Summerville located at Glenn WA4MNV property to augment the 610 repeater that Steve KO4AFL has running on his property. Jim KW4PW took the action to contact DART President, Beverly Boyd, to schedule a meeting date. Noted: State looking to spend money on repeaters.

**General Information:**

**Repeaters:** Status will be reported monthly. POC: Bryce K4LXF

- See list on TARC website

**Lending Library:** POC Owen KF5BLK TARC members are encouraged to bring books to the monthly meetings. Books available are listed on the TARC website.

**Testing:** POC: Testing is scheduled at 6:30pm the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of every month at the Hanahan Public Library, 1216 Old Murry Ct., Hanahan, SC 29410. Pre-register for the exam session at <https://hamstudy.org/sessions/glaarg> February testing may be at a different location.

**Club Call Sign Info:**

- N4EE: Maintain N4EE for Special Events and Field Day. David Merritts AE4ZR is the custodian and uploads into QRZ.
- N4HLH: Use for Hunley Events. Ron K4TCP is the custodian and uploads into QRZ.
- W4ANK: Repeater Call Sign for future for club events. Rick N8BKN is custodian.

73

Renata Sierzega KQ4ASH  
Secretary