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TARC DECEMBER SITREP

By Paul Fee ~ N6PDF

I want to thank all of our membership for a very productive, informative and fun monthly meeting last Tuesday. It was very enjoyable to see everyone, meet some of our new members, and be able to get together for an enjoyable evening.

It was especially rewarding to fill up not only the parking lot, but pretty much every chair in the meeting room! That's really impressive to have so many show up in person to share in this amateur radio hobby. Thank you all so very much for your ongoing participation and support of our radio hobby.

The ARRL Winter Field Day

event was a big success and we had a really good time in the process. The participation level was pretty good, and we're thankful for those who came out to set up, operate, socialize and secure from the activity ~ but we can always use more people. Even if you can come and participate for a few hours, you don't need to spend the night (But we could use a few night owls to sign up!) I promise you it will be a rewarding experience and you'll appreciate our hobby and our organization more by being a part of these events. Try it, you'll like it!

We are still compiling the contest logs, but we had a good representation of contacts across

the country. All four corners of our great country were contacted, and I know that I worked Brazil on 10 meters (non-contest) with a 5-9 report given. That was a surprise!

We also had some challenges, with some repairs occurring to both the radio equipment and our trailer, but we stepped up and met those challenges.

More events are upcoming, so let's get the planning in place for even more contacts, more radio adventures, and more fun in the coming months!

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N6PDF ~ TARC President

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We asked for ideas, and ideas have been given!

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During the last months of '24, we reached out and asked for some suggestions, ideas, recommendations, and input from our members. We received some good feedback, and I'd like to share some of that feedback with you now so you can consider them.

1. Plan field trips to ham radio club events in neighboring counties. (See list on Page 2)
2. Set up information tables at local events for publicity and new members.
3. Let's brainstorm on some Special Event stations, or non-

contest activities like fox hunts and other tech challenges (moonbounce, antenna building, repeater upgrades [Echolink, remote receiver sites]). We need to "advertise" meetings and events, too.

4. Update our club logo and graphics to a more modern look (Example submitted on Page 2)
5. Set up some long-term goals, and start setting aside funds to make those goals a reality.
6. Setting up Echo-Link with our repeaters.
7. Enable Zoom for our monthly meetings for participation by folks who can't attend in person.

8. Increase participation. (An ongoing goal!)

9. Form a Membership Drive committee. (Great idea! Who would like to chair that committee?)

10. Continue to work towards the 501c3 tax exempt certification.

11. Disposition the "Go-Boxes" and decide what is the end state of that equipment? Do we keep it, sell it, or what works best?

12. Obtain and activate an antenna rotator on the club antenna trailer. (Done! This was operational for WFD '25)

13. Facilities review. Let's go over the repeaters, the trailers, any critical repair/maintenance issues that need addressing or any ideas or suggestions for future projects or improvements. (We have kicked off this effort, starting with a full inventory of TARC assets)

These were just some of the inputs given, and these are all just terrific inputs. Thank you all that submitted.

Now, let's prioritize the best of these and move boldly forward!

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Regional Amateur Radio Clubs in Central FL

Orlando ARC <https://oarc.org/> first wed at 7:30

Platinum Coast ARS <https://pcars.org/wp/> second mon at 7:00

KSC ARC <https://www.n1ksc.org/> no offsite meetings currently listed

Space Coast ARS <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1591387345042263> third weds at 7:00

Daytona Beach ARA <http://dbara.org/> third mon at 7:00

Palm Bay ARC <http://palmbayarc.org/> first mon at 6:00

Indian River ARC <http://irarc.ham-radio-op.net/> third thurs at 7:15



(Idea submitted for new TARC Logo)

Titusville Amateur Radio Club
January 28, 2025 Meeting Minutes
Location: 19 N. Washington Ave., Titusville, FL 32796

Our Meeting was Called-to-Order: 7:00PM, by: President Paul Fee, N6PDF; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag., led by Vice President, Keith DeSoto, KN4AQJ. Members and attendees introduced themselves; and it was established that we had a Quorum.

President Paul Fee, N6PDF, then welcomed everyone and gave a summary of some of our recent and future activities which included the following: Winter Field Day at Tom & Sally's home, which was preceded by a work party on Friday to repair TARC's Comm Trailer tailgate/ramp. He reminded us that the Orlando HamCation is coming up: February 7,8 & 9; and on March 22, at 7:00AM, we will be at Fox Lake Park for the Mosquito Net Anniversary Tailgate. He also mentioned that in April the Florida Contest Group will be sponsoring their annual Florida QSO Party/contest. Lastly, he mentioned the extensive work done on our By-Laws by Board Members Roy, N4RKM, and Steve, NA4SA.

Business:

Our Treasurer's Reports presented by Steve Schindler, NA4SA, were unanimously approved. Our December meeting was a social event, thus no minutes to be approved for December. (Note: after the meeting was adjourned, it was brought to my attention that we haven't yet approved the November meeting minutes.) The November, 2024, Meeting Minutes as published in our Newsletter will be voted-on during our February, 2025, meeting.

Old Business:

1. Club By-Laws Update Status: Paul, N6PDF, had several copies of the Draft By-Laws available for members to review. The Draft By-Laws will be distributed by email to all members for review.
2. Inventory Status: Roy, N4RKM, conducted an inventory of TARC assets during the WFD, and has only the Repeater Sites to visit to complete his work on this project.
3. 501(c)(3) application status: Ongoing - Stephanie, K4MVO, is working on this project, with input from both Steve, NA4SA, and Sally, KN4HPX.
4. Testing for Ham Radio Licenses and W5YI: Stephanie, K4MVO, is coordinating with Sherry, KU4ZO, and the FCC updates are being processed.

New Business:

1. Steve, NA4SA, has been working on our Budget, and explained that we are formalizing our accounting policies as required by 501(c)(3) organizations. and provided the following list for our First Quarter Expenses for approval, and it was Moved, Seconded and Unanimously Approved:
 - a. Annual Florida Corporate Filing - \$70;
 - b. Annual Post Office Box Rental - \$200.00;
 - c. Annual Liability Insurance Premium - \$600.00;
 - d. Deposit for Fox Lake Park Pavilion use for Mosquito Net Tailgate (which is refundable) - \$125.00;
 - e. Materials to repair Comm Trailer Ramp - Not to exceed \$150 (previously approved expenditure, but no \$ amt);
 - f. Bandpass Filters for Comm Trailer - Not to exceed \$1000 (previously approved but no \$ amt).
2. Steve, NA4SA has submitted our annual Florida Not-for-Profit Report;
3. Steve, NA4SA, also requested that we provide receipts for items purchased for the Club, to include donated items (e.g. nuts and bolts for trailer repair,) so that we can get a better idea of what it costs to maintain our equipment.
4. Steve, NA4SA, has Updated our ARRL Affiliated Club Web Page.
5. Steve, NA4SA, announced that he has lots of TARC logo shirts in various colors to sell for \$20.00, each.
6. Keith, KN4AQJ, asked for input and suggestions from members about what they would like to have for future Guest Speakers.
 - a. Paul, N6PDF, suggested a future meeting or Work Party topic: RF Cable Connectors like PL-259 connector installation/crimping. He brought samples – both good and bad - to show and tell.
 - b. Dennis, KN4VKT, on GMRS, and other radio systems.

Guest Speaker: Roy Merritt, N4RKM, was our Guest Speaker and he gave a presentation on his new custom made, German produced, PA500 Amplifier. He described its features, technical and form factor, and performance at the recent 2025 WFD.

Meeting was adjourned: 8:12pm; followed by a lively Social Hour.

Respectfully submitted by TARC Secretary
Stephanie Merritt, K4MVO

NOTICE:
A Draft of the TARC By-Laws will be emailed out to each member for review and comment. These will be finalized and voted upon at our February meeting on Tuesday, Feb 25th

Thank you all for your inputs, suggestions and improvements to make this a better organization!

Weekly On-the-Air Nets

Name	Frequency	Day	Time	Net Control
Skywarn Net	146.970 MHz	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Barry N4NMF
Mosquito Net	28.333 MHz USB	Wednesday	7:00 PM	George WG4ES
Friendship/ Traders Net	146.970 MHz	Thursday	7:00 PM	Keith KN4AQJ

Upcoming TARC Events!

TARC Mosquito Net TAILGATE 2025

Fox Lake Park March 22rd 7 AM – 2:30 PM

Information: www.k4ksc.com/Events

Florida QSO Party 2025

(Location yet to be determined)

April 26th—27th Saturday Noon-10 PM, Sunday 8 AM to 6 PM

Information: www.floridaqsoparty.org

ARRL Field Day 2025

Fox Lake Park June 28th—29th

Information: www.arrl.org

Hello TARC members!

We are still looking for volunteers to help with organizing, staffing and planning the above activities. They will be here before you know it, and we need to start pre-planning activities NOW.

We need help in all the various support areas, but what we mostly need right now is for individuals to come forward and volunteer to coordinate these important events. Once we have an specific person willing and ready to take ownership of the event, then we can start gathering volunteers.

Please look at your schedules now and see if you can step up and be the master of ceremonies, ringleader, and cheerleader for any of the above. We need energetic, capable, and active folks to jump in and take charge. We have lots of talent in our group, and we're counting on YOU to make it all happen!

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