

The April TARC Reflector for April 2014

Hello to all. It is that time again which has snuck up on me since I am still not use to doing this yet. It still seems like Mike should be doing this instead of me.



Even though the weather was rainy in the morning of the Ham fest, it turn out great. There was lots of fellowship and good times. The concession stand stayed busy again. Andy Clark, NX4AC stepped up the plate and helped sell tickets this year and he did an amazing job. Kyle, KK4LIJ did an awesome job with the youth lounge. We had two kids that did every activity and went home happy with each getting a door prize. We did not have many vendors like we had hoped but there is always room for improvement. The ARRL table did well with two people signing up. Even though we did not have many vendors the tailgate did give us three new members for the club.

The handheld FT60 was taken home by Richard Harris, WA4BDU. The mobile unit went home with Ken Elsberry, WD4ERM.



The radio reunion will be May 17, 2014 which will be here very soon. If you are coming to this grand event please let Dana know how many you have attending and what side dish you are bringing.

See you all at the meeting,

John Swicord, KE4RWR

April Birthdays

Sherry Giddens 6th

Eleanor Doering 8th

Becky Miller 8th

<u>Theresa James</u>	<u>10th</u>
<u>Dottie Brown</u>	<u>11th</u>
<u>Mary Saunders</u>	<u>16th</u>
<u>Mark Swicord</u>	<u>17th</u>
<u>Jeff Hearn</u>	<u>19th</u>
<u>Josiah Pitts (Jo-Jo)</u>	<u>20th</u>
<u>Amanda Peeples</u>	<u>21st</u>
<u>Curtis Heath</u>	<u>28th</u>
<u>John Swicord</u>	<u>30th</u>

Don't see YOUR Birthday? Let us know at w4ucj@arrl.net

Hamfest Test Session Results

A successful test session was held at the Hamfest. Six people showed up to test and all walked out with CSCEs.

Daniel Jones New tech

Jimmy Jones New Tech

Benji Cook New Tech

Scott Allen New Extra

Billy Miller New Extra

Congratulations to all!
Gina McCulley, W4GNA

April Test Session

The test session will be on Saturday April 19, at 10:00 a.m. It will be held at Thomas County EOC on Remington Ave.

Minutes from the March Meeting

Welcome and Announcements

John welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was a hard meeting because it is not where John wanted to be. Steve has been in the hospital for 3 weeks, he is doing much better and they have moved him to IMCU from ICU. He has had a lot of infection from where he broke his back again and had to have surgery on his spine to clear up the infection. He has a long road to recovery and when he leaves the hospital he will go to a swing bed. He is awake and alert and making jokes. Anyone can call him on his cell phone because he does have it out on the table.

Dana read card from the Nell thanking the club for the flowers that was sent to his funeral. We will not do a mid month test session because it will be done at the Hamfest.

Minutes and Treasurer's Report

The Minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved as presented

Old Business

The tailgate Hamfest will be held the 28th of March. The radios have not been ordered but they will be ordered this week. The radio we got last year went up in price and do we want to go with the same radio? A motion was made to use the same radio as last year because ticket sales were good. Gena is going to take care of the radio for the youth lounge. Food- will be hamburgers, hotdogs, and chili. Do we do these same items as last year or do we do something different? John picked up a box of hamburgers and hotdogs at Jones last year and John will pick these items up again this year. The sunshine girls from the church will sell the desserts at the Hamfest to raise money. Drinks will be placed in an ice chest. The list of prices are at the church and we will use the same prices as last year. Between Dana, Theresa, Kyle, and Tommy they will be able to run the youth lounge. The kids will get a separate ticket and will win a prize. Mike talked about Charles coming and doing a class but do not know if that has been confirmed yet, but will find out. Will hold a class at 10 AM. Terry will contact Charles to do a class from 1 to 2 and will hold the drawings after the class. If someone pushes to take a test John will call VE's together so that a test can be given. John will run the ARRL table in place of Mike. Will have the opportunity to sell memberships and renewals, and will have repeater directories. John will take the money and will send it to Gene W4AYK however he wants it sent. Gene will need to be

notified of what we get at the ARRL table. The packet from ARRL showed up this week. A 50, and two 25 dollar certificates showed up for us to use as give aways along with the radios. Dana is printing up the tickets for the give aways and she will have them ready Thursday for the tallahassee meeting, so that Gary can get the tickets from Dana and take them to the meeting and see if he can sell any at the Tallahassee meeting. Bill Jordan will be back again this year at the Hamfest.

TOSRV is up in the air with the information that John has. The dates are April 26th and 27th. The Tallahassee President forwarded information to John and it looks like this will be the last year for TOSRV and it is all in Georgia this year. It is starting and ending in Cairo. Starts at the high school in Cairo. Don't know how much the Tallahassee group is going to cover this year with the whole race being in Georgia. John will send out more information as he gets it.

The proposed date for the Reunion is May 17th. William's work schedule has changed so John will need to get with him to see when and if he can cook. Will do Boston Butt and will clear it with William to cook them. If it is Boston Butt William can cook it a week in advance and put it in the freezer and bring it up to temperature on the day of the reunion. People can bring side dishes. It will be held around 1 pm or some in the mid afternoon.

Will be taking a trip to Wakulla Springs to do the 2 boat tours. The restaurant that is at Wakulla Springs is expensive, and it was mentioned why not a picnic. Dana asked when is a good day that we as a club could do this outing. The club agreed to wait until the Fall to do this outing.

New Business

The classes were not rescheduled for April. We will plan to hold classes in the fall as planned and not worry about having spring classes.

A VP-Nominating Committee was put together that consists of Gary, Dana, Bill, and Nell. These people will need to get together to nominate people for the VP position that John vacated. These nominees will be presented at next meeting and will be put to a vote by the club members.

Presentation of present to Nell- pictures of Mike along with his call sign put in a picture frame.

We have two new techs from test session today and possibly new members in the coming months.

John has not looked at bone yard in awhile but he will get with Lowell and see about getting that cleared out.

Everyone was in agreement that the new meeting location has great food and they would like to keep attending there. The staff at the restaurant stated that they can arrange the room however we want it so that we can fit everyone more comfortably.

Respectfully submitted,

Leann Doering, KK4HYB