

August—2014

# Thomasville Amateur Radio Club Reflector



*We apologize for the delay in emailing of this month's newsletter but the editor has had family health commitments, and we all know Family First!*

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# **August Monthly Diner Meeting**

**6:00 pm, Saturday August 2nd, 2014**

**Rock Bottom Seafood and Grill**

**2115 Smith Avenue**

**Thomasville, GA**

## **Three Important Orders of Business Scheduled**

Vote on bylaw proposals. (copy was sent by email to all paid members)

Nominating committee formation for upcoming elections.

Nomination to fill new vacancy for club secretary.

### **Other items to be considered:**

Proposal for having second tailgate / Hamfest.

Upcoming events.. Including upgrade classes, Veterans Day Fish Fry, Boston Marathon and of course Christmas at the Farm.

# From the president.....



President – John Swicord, KE4RWR

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Well it is that time again to begin our traditional meetings and of course the newsletter. I hope that everyone had a restful month of July and is ready to tackle what the year has for TARC.

If you missed “Field Day 2014” you missed a GREAT time. It started out looking a little shabby with the folks that were letting us know they were coming and what they were bringing, however it picked up at the last minute and we had a good crowd. The tables were full of food and if you left hungry it was your own fault.

I want to say thanks to Gary for stepping up and handling all of the coordination with the station captains and setup. We made some contacts and had lots of fun.

I am looking forward to the events that are to come for us in the next couple of months.

I hope to see everyone at the meeting coming up Saturday, August 2, 2014.

# From the vice president.....

**Vice President – Gary Alberstadt; KA3FZO**

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We hope everyone enjoyed their break during the month of July. I know we did.

First I personally want to thank all those that helped at Field Day back in June. While we had a smaller than normal turnout, the Barbeque Chicken and Boston Butt were great. There was plenty to go around, and many choices of sides & deserts were available to enjoy.

We ran 3-Foxtrot, from the Thomas County EOC, having four stations available for operation including the GOTA Station. Stations consisted of Eleanor, AK4QW in charge of the CW station on her FT-950, Dewey, KI4RGD was in charge of the GOTA Station operating his FT-450D, Bobby Cooper, W4MWW was in charge of one of the club TS-480SAT, and I was in charge of my FT-2000D.

We had many operators throughout the contest period including several recently licensed hams making their first contacts. The brightest note I think was when we had a several walk ins who made their first ever contacts and got a real introduction to Amateur Radio and have requested to be notified about upcoming classes. I understand John, KE4RWR is working on upgrade classes. I am sure he will have information regarding this soon. All in all I think we all had a great and successful day.

Setup took place Saturday morning with a great turnout. We utilized the two crank up tower trailers, one owned by Buddy, WD4CJI, and the other owned by Nell, N4NEL and numerous trees, bushes and utility poles as needed with lots of wire. While the main objective of a Thomasville Amateur Radio Club Field Day is “Fellowship”, we still did quite well playing radio.



The VE Team, headed by Alan, KG4GAV, conducted testing starting at 10:00 Saturday morning with several successful applicants.

On another topic, the By Law Committee received, reviewed, discussed and published their recommendations to the current by laws to the club members. A vote is scheduled to be taken at the August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 meeting currently scheduled at the Rock Bottom Seafood & Grill located at 2115 Smith Avenue (Rt 84) in Thomasville, GA. We usually eat dinner at 6:00pm with the meeting to follow at about 7:00pm. Thanks to the committee for the hours of work and effort put forth in this project.

A suggestion was received regarding the possibility of having a second tailgate being as this is usually a quiet time here, possibly in October, as there would be a conflict in November, unless we tied it to the Veterans Day Fish Fry tentatively scheduled for November 8th. Your input and support will help in the decision making.

I think that is all from here for now. Hope to see you all at the meeting in August.

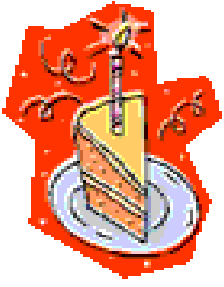
de Gary, KA3FZO & Lori



**ROCK BOTTOM**  
**Seafood & Grill**

Seafood Platters • Old Fashioned Burgers

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# August Birthday Wishes

Terry Webb Aug 1  
Walter Childs Aug 2  
Stewart Chandler Aug 7  
Zach Chandler Aug 7  
Ellis Troutman Aug 8  
Dock Brown Aug 15  
Megan Kornegay Aug 15  
Charles MacPherson Aug 18  
Niki Tyre Aug 21  
Virgil Castleberry Aug 28  
Kyle Swicord Aug 30  
Mac McLerry Aug 30



Friday morning breakfast group has resumed breakfast at a new location. New location will be Q Cafe (formally Izzo's) located at 122 N. Broad Street in Thomasville. The homemade pancakes & biscuits are awesome.

(Seminole Wind no longer serves breakfast)

# Calendar of Events for 2014

## August

Aug. 2nd – Monthly Club Meeting – 6p

Aug. 16th – Upgrade Classes – 9a-4p  
Aug 16th – ARRL SE Division Regional Centennial Hamfest, Huntsville, AL

Aug. 23rd – Upgrade Classes – 9a-4p

Aug. 16th & 23rd – Test Session following classes – 4pm

## September

Sept. 6th – Monthly Club Meeting

Sept. 20th – Midmonth Breakfast

Sept 20th – Monthly Test Session – 10am at TCEOC

## October

Oct. 4th – Simulated Emergency Test

Oct. 4th – Monthly Club Meeting

Oct. 18th – Midmonth Breakfast

Oct. 18th – Monthly Test Session – 10am at TCEOC

Oct. 25th – Boston Mini-Marathon – 7:30am at Rest Stop 1

## November

Nov. 1st – Lawrenceville Hamfest

Nov. 8th – November Meeting and Annual Fish Fry

Nov. 15 – Test Session – by appointment

Nov. 27th – Thanksgiving – No Thursday Nets

## December

Dec. 6th – Christmas at the Farm

Dec. 20th – Test Session – By appointment

Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve Net – 9pm

Dec. 31st – New Year's Eve Net – 9pm

## Thomasville Area 2 Meter Repeaters & Simplex

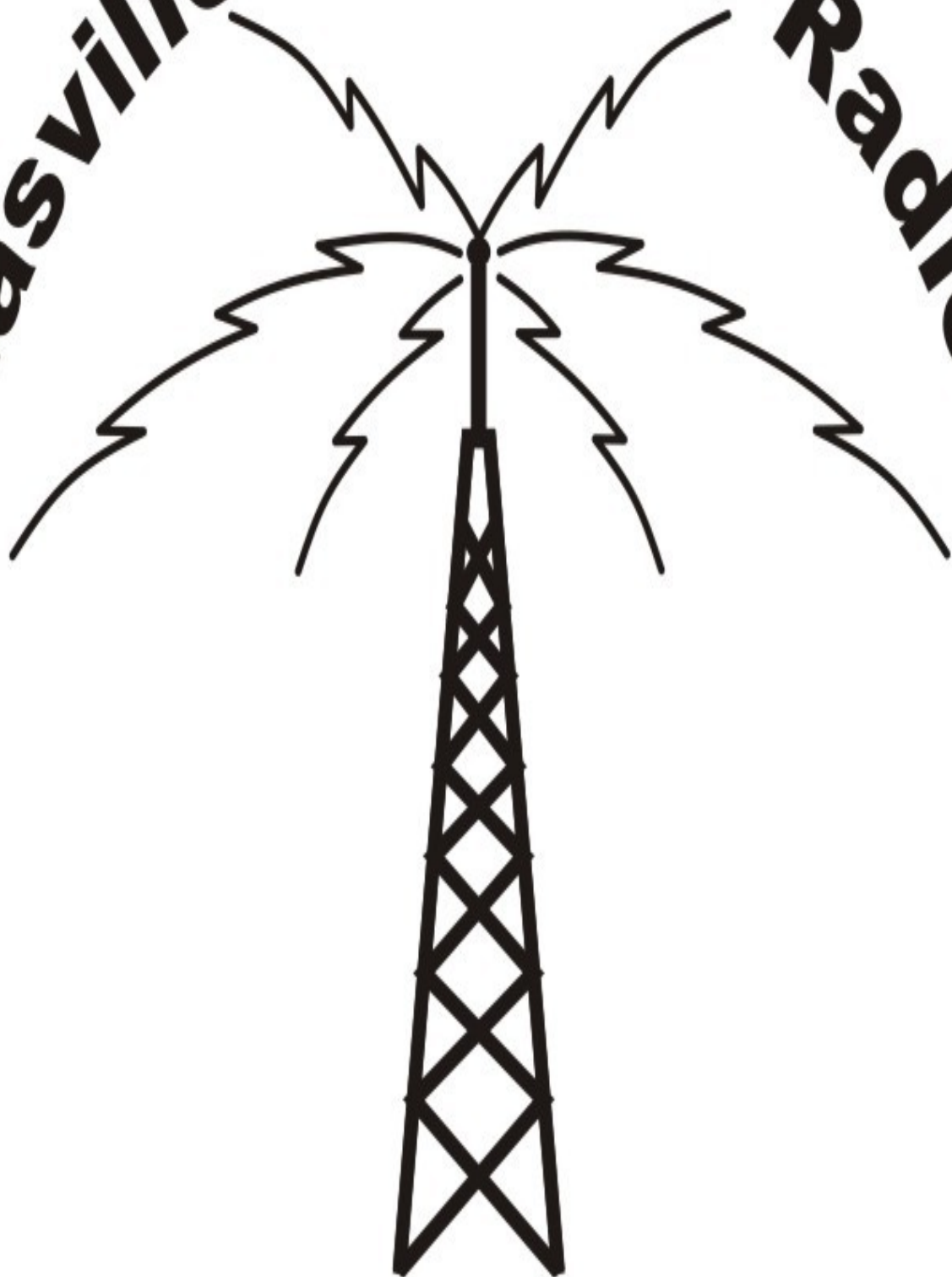
Freq	Offset	Tone	Label	
1.	146.520	none	none	National Simplex
2.	146.550	none	none	NFL-Simplex
3.	146.580	none	none	SWGA – Simplex
4.	147.060	POS	none	W4UCJ – FEMA
5.	147.060	none	none	Emergency Simplex
6.	146.865	NEG	141.3	W4UCJ – EOC
7.	147.240	POS	141.3	W4UCJ – Boston
8.	147.195	POS	141.3	W4UCJ – Metcalf
9.	145.170	NEG	141.3	KE4URL – Reno – Grady ARES
10.	146.655	NEG	94.8	AE4S – Leon ARES (FL)
11.	147.030	POS	94.8	K4TLH – Leon ARES (FL)
12.	147.285	POS	94.8	KA4EOC – Florida EOC
13.	145.430	NEG	94.8	WX4JEF – Jefferson (FL) ARES
14.	146.880	NEG	none	WA4NKL – Brooks ARES
15.	146.790	NEG	141.3	AA4P – Colquitt ARES
16.	147.285	POS	141.3	W4PVW -Tift, Turner ARES
17.	146.820	NEG	110.9	W4MM – Dougherty, Lee ARES
18.	146.700	NEG	none	W4MM – Dougherty, Lee ARES
19.	147.360	POS	173.8	WG4JOE – Parrot – Lee ARES
20.	147.270	POS	131.8	W4VIR – Sumter ARES
21.	145.080	POS	none	KJ4PYB – D-Star – TVL – 1.4 MHz. offset
22.	145.190	NEG	123.0	W4FAO – Lee FL

## UHF Simplex and Repeaters

Freq	Offset	Tone	Label	
1.	446.000	NONE	NONE	National Simplex
2.	442.000	POS	141.3	W4UCJ-EOC
3.	443.000	POS	100.0	W4DXX – Reno
4.	443.325	POS	114.8	N4JMD – Moultrie
5.	444.350	POS	141.3	WR4SG – Valdosta
6.	444.500	POS	NONE	W4MM – Albany
7.	443.950	POS	94.8	AE4S – Tallahassee
8.	442.100	POS	94.8	K4TLH – Tallahassee
9.	444.925	POS	141.3	W4PVW – Tifton
10.	444.900	POS	141.3	W4CCS – Moultrie
11.	440.650	POS	NONE	KJ4PYB – TVL D-Star
12.	1248.750	POS	NONE	KJ4PYB – Thomasville TVL D-Star



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