

# SPARKS

Monthly Newsletter of the Tri-State Amateur Radio Society

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E-mail subscriptions are provided to all regular TARS members.

News contributions and letters/emails to the editor are always welcome.

TARS regular membership is open to all licensed Amateur Radio operators for \$25.00 a year. An Associate membership is also available to those who are interested in Amateur Radio but do not currently hold a license.

Associate membership is \$25.00 a year. Student memberships are also available for \$12.50 a year.

Membership information is available at [www.w9og.net](http://www.w9og.net)

The Tri-State Amateur Radio Society meets the second Thursday of each month at the Red Cross, 29 Stockwell Rd, Evansville IN, at 7:00 p.m.

Family and visitors are always welcome to attend.

For more information, please contact one of the TARS officers listed in this newsletter or email [info@w9og.net](mailto:info@w9og.net).

## Presidents Corner

March 2025

I wish to thank everyone for awarding me the McCutchan Award for this year. To quote the 1994 January Sparks, "This award was established in 1977 by Ellis Carson, VP2KC, in memory of his friend, John McCutchan, W9MOK. When Mr. Carson became a Silent Key the award program was taken over by T.A.R.S." While I've been president, Rick Jackson K9EXY (sk) and Tom Hilgeman KD9PFH have been given this honor. I realize that I've joined a lot of great hams in our local history and I hope to live up to their level. Thank you.

Last month we added another activity I hope will continue for a long time. I was reading about FlexRadio supplemental programs and came across the KARS club (<https://www.w9az.com/>) and their newsletter. Looks like they hold a monthly fox hunt using their cars within Kankakee County IL where a stuffed fox is presented to the winner to become the next fox. (BTW, they are celebrating 100 years as a club!) Taking this idea, I bought a stuffed fox and named him "TARSan" and our first fox hunt really was a lot of fun! So do me a favor and look around for other clubs and newsletters, it could be they are doing something we can do too.

If you have ideas or wish to do something in Amateur Radio – anything you think would be fun, please speak up and let one of the officers know. We have a lot of subject experts and a lot of experience in the club that can be utilized for success. As I said at the banquet, we are so privileged to live in a city filled with Amateur Radio enthusiasts that are willing to share and enjoy such a fantastic hobby.

Really excited about this year! Next month is the 10-meter antenna build.

And let's get ready for the Lewis and Clark On The Air activation this year. I know it isn't until May 31st, but last year the "other" Indiana club beat us in contacts. Do I need to say more?

Scott Hibbs KD4SIR  
President TARS 2023-25

## REMINDER CLUB DUES ARE NOW PAST DUE!!

**If you haven't renewed your membership this might be your last issue of SPARKS.  
Check the membership list in this SPARKS if you aren't sure if you have renewed.**

## March TARS Meeting

The next TARS regular meeting is Thursday March. 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm at the Red Cross, 29 S Stockwell Rd, Evansville.

The meeting program will be building a 10m J-Pole antenna.

## Eat'n Before the Meet'n

We will have a meetup before the regular TARS meeting for anyone that would like to join us. We will meet at **5:30**, for you to grab a bite to eat, swap stories and whatever else you like, giving us time to make it to the Red Cross for the meeting.

Come out and join us at [Big Bang Mongolian Grill](#) 2013 N Green River Rd, Evansville.

Big Bang, customers select from around 40 varieties of fresh vegetables, meats and noodles, stacking as much as they can carry in a bowl. The bowl is handed to a cook who adds the customer's choice of spices and sauces, then throws it all on a large, round grill, where it cooks in minutes while the customer watches.

## McCutchan Award

Congratulations to Scott Hibbs KD4SIR on receiving the McCutchan Award for 2024. Scott has served as TARS President for the last several years and been instrumental in gathering and preserving the club's history among promoting TARS and welcoming new members. Under Scott's leadership the club has kept the membership active. Congratulations again Scott!



The McCutchan award reads:

**The strength and progress of Amateur Radio is vested in the hearts and minds of dedicated Amateur Radio Operators who voluntarily give of their time and knowledge.**

## TARS Calendar

### March

- 5 8pm Tri-State Emergency Net (Jerry, WB9ONU)
- 6 **TARS Board meeting 6:30 (ZOOM)**
- 12 8pm Tri-State Emergency Net (Dave, KC9UVG)
- 13 **TARS Club Meeting 7:00pm Red Cross**
- 19 8pm Tri-State Emergency Net (Terry, WB9KQF)
- 19 Ten-meter RAG CHEW net 28.350 +- 8:30 pm
- 22 **FOX HUNT 1:00 pm**
- 26 8pm Tri-State Emergency Net (Walt, WB4ZUT)

### April

- 2 8pm Tri-State Emergency Net (Herb, KB9MZH)
- 3 **TARS Board meeting 6:30 (ZOOM)**
- 9 Tri-State Emergency Net (Mark, KC9TYA)
- 10 **TARS Club Meeting 7:00pm Red Cross**
- 16 Tri-State Emergency Net (Chris, KE9YK)
- 23 8pm Tri-State Emergency Net (Jerry, WB9ONU)
- 26 **VE Testing 9am Red Cross**
- 30 8pm Tri-State Emergency Net (Dave, KC9UVG)

[\*\*Connect to the TARS Google Calendar\*\*](#)

***John McCutchan, a dedicated Amateur Radio Operator was a leader in this respect and is honored by his friend Ellis Carson, who promoted and sponsored this award.***

***By your dedication and your contributions, you have given inspiration and leadership to others, and have brought honor and dignity to your club and Amateur Radio.***

***As President of the Tri-State Amateur Radio Society, I am proud to present this citation and honor to you. May you continue to enjoy the rich experience of serving.***

**Once again Congratulations Scott.**

## The Contest Corner

By Mark Holland [KDOEE](#)

After a busy February, March settles in with two big events. The first big event, ARRL SSB DX contest, will have been held by the time you get this article, as it was March 1&2. We gave a heads-up on that contest in the February article. Now that one of the big ones is behind us, let's look at the other one: CQ Worldwide SSB WPX contest March 29&30. The goal with this contest is to work as many stations with different prefixes as possible. This means the contest is a free-for-all. Everybody works everybody! Multipliers are each prefix you work. Qso points are determined by continent and country of the station worked. The exchange is RS(T) and a progressive serial number. It is not uncommon to work over a hundred stations per hour in this contest. There's a lot of game in "them thar" hills! You are not only the hunter – you are the hunted. Give it a try. And, as always, have fun!

73, Mark KDOEE

For a complete list of contests coming up check out:

<https://www.contestcalendar.com/fivewkcal.html>

For a list of current and upcoming DXpeditions, check out:

<https://dxnews.com/calendar/>

## Beyond the Baofeng

By Chris Lantaff [KE9YK](#)

### Map your Ham Radio contacts

#### AI-Powered ADIF to map tool

Our tool uses AI and QRZ.com API to help you visualize your ham radio contacts. Simply upload your ADIF file (.adi file), and it will generate a clear map of your QSOs. Whether you're new to ham radio or a seasoned operator, this tool is here to make mapping your contacts easy and accurate.

<https://qslworld.com/>

If you're curious about how your ham radio contacts look on a map, give our tool a try. Upload your ADIF file and see your QSOs come to life. It's a fun and practical way to explore your ham radio journey.

## Desk of Jerry -WB9ONU

Well, if you didn't make it to the February Banquet. You missed a great meeting we all fill our bellies and Chris was honored at the banquet for doing Sparks for years. Sparks is one of the best newsletters. So hopefully Chris will continue being our Editor.

Big things are happening this March. I am wanting to start another net on 10 meters at 28.4 mhz. We need to have another net. What would we do if the 146.79 repeater was damage by a storm or needed to be shut down for repair. Having a 2nd net on 10 meters we should still be in touch with each other.

Also, by having a 2nd net on 10 meters we ate encouraging out Technician to have a experience on HF. Technicians are all voice from 28.3 MHz to 28.5 mhz. Which means they have a chance of working DX. I hope this will also encourage them to upgrade their license.

Our March club meeting will be a 10-meter vertical antenna build. If we all have the same polarization antenna, we should be able to hear each other. If you are interested in building a 10-meter j-pole antenna, come to our meeting.

**The plan is to start the 10-meter RAG CHEW net on March 19<sup>th</sup>, it will start after the 2-meter net,** so get on and check in. If you don't have your antenna up and working still check in someone will hear you and relay that you are checking into the net.

April meeting will be presented by Chris Mathews about windows and Linux. We will also be discussing INQP that will be May 3 & 4. What would you like to see or would to host an event. The club is only as good as everyone input and help. If you're not sure you can do it we are here to help. So try to be a captain of an event, or do a presentation at a meeting.

73's Jerry -[WB9ONU](#)

## "TARSan the fox"

I grabbed the stuffed animal I named "TARSan" and gathered my things to be the fox. I got to my spot at St. Joseph Catholic Church across from St. Joe Mini mart and caddy-corner to St. Joe Inn. Ten minutes before the hunt, I was putting TARSan on the roof of my car (to be found) when a truck with a tri-band antenna passed me. (later I knew this was KC9TYA). I thought uhoh, I may have been caught already. At 1pm I started transmitting. KC9TYA said he heard me and so did N9OL. There were 6 hounds looking for me. I transmitted every five minutes for 1 minute. About 45 minutes in, I wasn't hearing any chatter on the TARS 79 Repeater System so I transmitted that we held a fox hunt in 2025 and lost the president along with a handful of hams who were still searching for him to this day. When I was transmitting at the one-hour mark, N9OL pulled in! We then gave clues and KC9TYA said he knew where we were and he showed up at 2:30. He lived a mile or so from where I started. We told everyone where we were at and then gathered at St. Joe Inn to eat and swap stories. Pretty fun and cool day!! N9oL has TARSan now and I look forward to finding him next month. Let me know if you want to ride along.



N9oL, TD-H3, TARSan, and KD4SIR



N9oL states "TARSan the fox is getting pretty comfortable in my truck LOL."

**The next Fox Hunt will be  
Saturday March 22, 1:00 pm.**

## Bits of Interest

### The Coming 21st Century Amateur Radio Networking Revolution

From: Zero Retries

I posit that Amateur Radio is poised to experience the equivalent of the Packet Radio Revolution, but in the 21st century, with 21st century technology.

It's understandable to be skeptical when imagining yet another new networking paradigm in Amateur Radio making a significant impact. Especially factoring in "now, we have the Internet". But consider the impact that the relatively simple (in comparison to IP400) TAPR TNC-2 had on Amateur Radio beginning in the 1980s. It's not overstating the impact to recall the catchphrase Join the Packet Radio Revolution! [Full Article \[CLICK HERE\]](#)

### SOLAR MAX -- IS A SECOND PEAK COMING?

The most recent cycles are double peaked, with northern sunspots and southern sunspots. [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)  
Spaceweather.com

### RigExpert's Administrative Office Destroyed in Missile Attack – Production Remains Intact

[Kyiv, 12 Feb 2025] – Today, RigExpert's administrative office was completely destroyed by a russian ballistic missile. Fortunately, all employees are safe. [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

### Grimeton Radio Station - The Early Days of Wireless Communication, Sweden

The radio station in Grimeton near Varberg on the Swedish southwest coast, together with 20 other systems of this type, formed a global radio network from 1925 onwards. Today it is the only surviving and functioning long-wave transmitter with all the equipment from the 1920s. A film about the history and function of the radio station. [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

## Brag Rag

### Dennis Martin WA2USA

WA2USA makes the DXCC Honor Roll!

It is now official on LoTW that yours truly is now on the **DXCC CW Honor Roll** with 332 countries. It took a number of years, close to 40 to make it.

Anyway, I'm pretty excited about all this.

73, Dennis - WA2USA/4

Editor's Note:

For those of you who may have never heard of the DXCC Honor Roll, it is a pretty prestigious accomplishment to attain.

[Honor Roll: Attaining the DXCC Honor Roll represents the pinnacle of DX achievement: To qualify, you must have a total confirmed entity count that places you among the numerical top ten DXCC entities total on the current DXCC List (example: if there

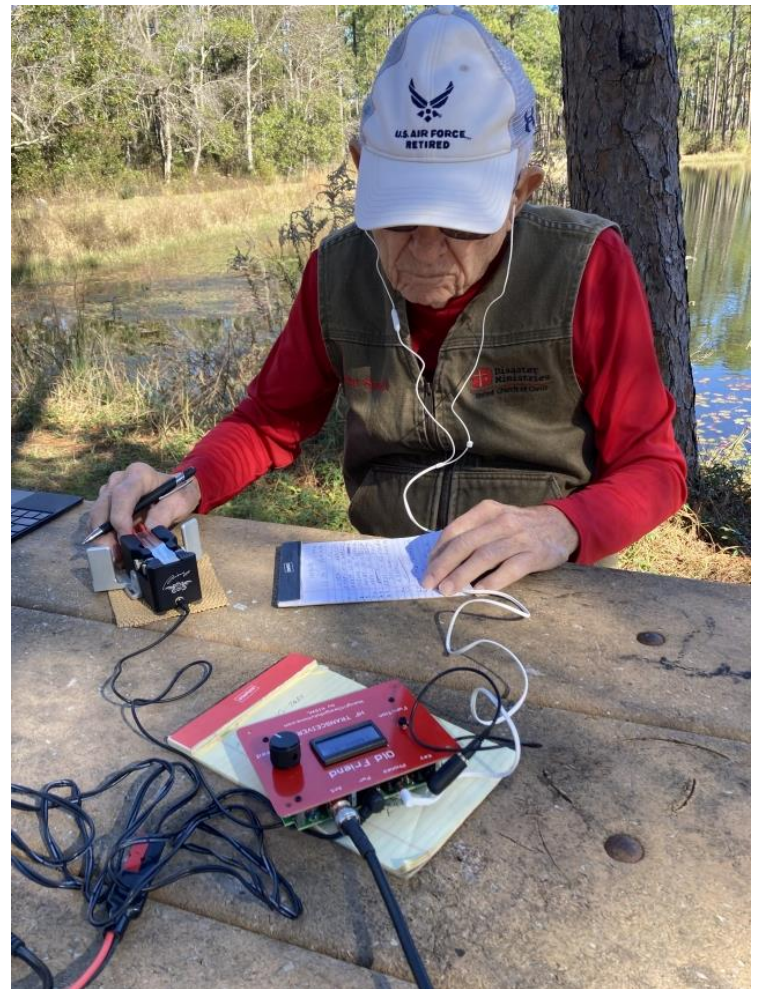
are 340 current DXCC entities, you must have at least 331 entities confirmed). Deleted entities do not count towards the DXCC Honor Roll.]

## Congratulations Dennis!!!

### John Small W9FHA

I built a new kit from Midnight Designs in December and got a chance to do several POTA activations on the Gulf coast with it. It was designed by K1SWL who was in the kit business years ago. I frequently use one from him that I built in 2005. For \$63 you get a lot of BANG for your buck with the Old Friend-XX (My rig is an OF-20). Check it out on the Midnight Designs website.

John W9FHA



Do you have something you would like to submit for the Brag Rag? Send your QSLs, special event certificates, awards, interesting photos, projects etc. to [sparks@w9og.net](mailto:sparks@w9og.net) to have them included in your newsletter.

### WANTED - WANTED - WANTED

**The Antenna Committee is getting lazy and fat.**

If you need help with your shack or an antenna install, please reach out to Scott, KD4SIR @ [scotthibbs@gmail.com](mailto:scotthibbs@gmail.com) or Jerry, WB9ONU @ [wb9onu@hotmail.com](mailto:wb9onu@hotmail.com) or speak up at a meeting. A dozen or so hams are ready and waiting to help.

## 2025 Member List

### Have you renewed your membership?

Ko9o	Brewster	Steve
AA9WJ	Holt	Jeffrey
AB9JK	Stuckey	Terry
K9EPD	Matthews	Jeremy
K9HVI	Folz	Ed
K9KDJ	Johnson	Kenneth
K9LMK	Robb	Paul Richard
K9SRC	Connaughton	Steve
KB9AXD	Julian	Debbie
KB9MZH	Alvey	Herbert E.
KC9BLZ	Schmitt	Susan
KC9EOU	Hibbs	Wendy
KC9EP	Plikuhn	Eric
KC9HOT	Anderson	David
KC9HWQ	Politano	Chris
KC9JOV	Cecil	Ross
KC9NOY	Schoenbachler	Gerald
KC9SYL	Flick	Gene R.
KC9UVG	Sandine	David
KC9VDA	Lantaff	Betty
KD0EE	Holland	Mark
KD4SIR	Hibbs	Scott
KD9CHH	Sandine	Mary
KD9KJG	Martin	Connie
KD9NCP	Witherspoon	Rodney
KD9PFH	Hilgeman	Thomas
KD9UAY	Koewler	David
KD9UAZ	Block	Jim
KE9AUQ	Carick	Carl
KE9BAH	Gibson	Joshua
KE9BBK	Fisher	Timothy
KE9BHY	Damm	Isaac
KE9CCA	Zimmer	Jay
KE9CCS	Kincheloe	Allen
KE9CCV	Schelhorn	Brett
KE9YK	Lantaff	Chris
KF6XA	Donnelly	Dave
KN9DXD	Gwin	Kenneth
Member	Day	Danielle
N9JCA	Matthews	Chris
N9OL	Van Vorst	John
N9TQR	Kevin	Mischler
N9WJ	Kelley	Dan
N9XXK	McCormick	John
N9YAI	Jobe	Randy
W9CFI	Lemon	Chris
W9GFS	Hatfield	Bruce
WB4ZUT	Egenmaier	Walter
WB8LDV	Martin	Charlie

WB9ICL	King	Jay
WB9KQF	McCraey	Terry
WB9ONU	McIntosh	Jerry
WB9QAV	Schoenbachler	Randal
WB9YIG	Julian	Dave
WR9W	Conley	Gordon

### March Birthdays!!!

N8LF	Lee Ferrell	4
KZ9C	Rob Ferguson	4
WR9W	Gordon Conley	14
N9WJ	Dan Kelley	24
WB9ICL	Jay King	26
AB3F	James Munsell	29

### Hamfest Calendar

03/22/2025 - **Cave City Hamfest**

Location: Cave City, Kentucky, KY

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: MCARC

Website: <http://ky4x.org>

05/16/2025 - 05/18/2025

**Dayton Hamvention**

Location: Xenia, OH

Type:

Sponsor: Dayton Amateur Radio Association

Website: <http://Hamvention.org>

09/06/2025 - **Greater Louisville Hamfest 2025**

Location: Shepherdsville, KY

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Greater Louisville Hamfest Association, Inc.

Website: <http://LouisvilleHamfest.com>

11/08/2025 - **Hoosier Hills Hamfest**

Location: Bedford, IN

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Hoosier Hills Ham Club

Website: <https://hoosierhillshamfest.com>

For a complete ARRL hamfest list, go to:

<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar>

## VE Testing 2025

**\*\*No Testing in March\*\***

April 26 2025 - 9AM Central time  
June 7 2025 - 9AM Central time  
July 26 2025 - 9AM Central time  
August 23 2025 - 9AM Central time  
September 27 2025 - 9AM Central time  
November 22 2025 - 9AM Central time  
December 27 2025 - 9AM Central time  
January 31 2026 - 9AM Central time

You will need to know your FRN number. If you have a license currently you have an FRN number. If you do not yet have a license you can register with the FCC and obtain an FRN number. Go to [www.fcc.gov/register](http://www.fcc.gov/register).

If you need help or have questions, please let me know at [n9ol@arrrl.net](mailto:n9ol@arrrl.net).

Examinations will start promptly at 9:00 AM Central time.

We have no pre-registration, and examinations are administered on a walk-in basis. Details can be found at:

<http://w9og.net/ve-testing>

For more info contact: [John VanVorst N9OL](mailto:John.VanVorst@N9OL) c: 812.305.4100



## BASIC SPOTTER TRAINING

**TUESDAY APRIL 1, 2025 6:00 PM CDT: Boonville, IN**

(Warrick County) Boonville Fire Dept 410 S. 4th St.

**TUESDAY APRIL 8, 2025 6:00 PM CDT: Owensboro, KY**

(Daviess County) Owensboro Christian Church 2818 New Hartford Rd. Entrance

Registration is required ([CLICK HERE](#)) for on-site classes

## BASIC SPOTTER TRAINING: WEBINARS

MONDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2025 6:00 PM CST: [Click here to register](#)

THURSDAY MARCH 27, 2025 6:00 PM CST: [Click here to register](#)

## ELITE SPOTTER TRAINING (ADVANCED SPOTTER)

*IMPORTANT: The basic spotter training is a prerequisite to taking the Elite Spotter Training Class.*

*These classes last between 3 and 4 hours.*

**MONDAY APRIL 14, 2025 6:00 pm CDT: Evansville, IN**

(Vanderburgh County) American Red Cross 29 S. Stockwell Rd.

Registration is required ([CLICK HERE](#)) for on-site classes

## ELITE SPOTTER TRAINING - WEBINARS

MONDAY APRIL 14, 2025 6:00 PM CDT: [Click here to register](#)

## For a FULL LIST go to the PAH website:

<https://www.weather.gov/pah/spottertraining>

## Tri-State Emergency Net

**8:00 p.m. Wednesday nights on 146.79 pl 88.5**

If you haven't checked into the Tri-State Emergency Net, please take a few minutes at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday evenings on 146.79 and get updated on what is happening, the latest club information, upcoming events, topics of general interest and from time-to-time good old-fashioned rag chewing.

If you would like to be a Net Control Operator for the Wednesday Night Net or learn how to run a SKYWARN net,

Contact: [Chris Lantaff KE9YK](mailto:Chris.Lantaff@KE9YK).

## Vanderburgh Co. ARES/RACES

The next meeting will be March 3/20/25, 6:30pm at the Vanderburgh Co. EMA west side training facility, [1440 Harmony Way](#).

Our meetings are usually the third Thursday of the month.

Anyone interested in emergency communication in Vanderburgh County is invited!

Contact us for more details.

Vanderburgh County Auxcomm

Chris KE9YK [IN82RACES@gmail.com](mailto:IN82RACES@gmail.com)

Vanderburgh Co RACES Officer

c: 812.453.1972 Hamshack Hotline: 12604 WinLink: KE9YK



## Warrick Co Auxcomm

The Warrick County Auxcomm group meets on the second Monday of each month. The meeting begins at 6:30pm and generally is completed by 9:00pm. The meetings are held on the third floor of the Court House in the EMA Conference room.

Anyone needing additional information concerning meetings or location contact: Chris L. Owen at [KC9CLO@gmail.com](mailto:KC9CLO@gmail.com)

# Secretary Report

Tri-State Amateur radio Society  
 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
 Date: 02/06/2025

Meeting called to order by \_\_Scott KD4SIR\_\_ at 06:31PM CST.

Board Members/Officers Present:

- Scott Hibbs KD4SIR, President
- Jerry McCintosh
- WB9ONU, Vice President
- Tom Hilgeman KD9PFH Treasurer
- John Van Vorst N9oL, Secretary
- Mark Holland KD0EE, Dir (2024-25)
- Ross Cecil KC9JOV, Dir (2024-25)
- Terry WB9KQF, Dir (2024-25)
- Charlie Martin WB8LDV Dir (2025-26)
- Herb KB9MZH, Dir (2025-26)
- Bruce Hatfield, Dir (2025-26)
- Dave KC9UVG
- Dave wb9yig
- Chris ke9yk

Reading of officer reports:

Treasurers Report report ending 1/31/2025 read by Tom kd9pfh – Motion to accept by Joh N9oL seconded by Charlie .Report was accepted.

Secretary’s Report – Minutes from 2/02/2025 meeting read by John Van Vorst, N9oL – Motion to accept by Charlie wb8ldv seconded by Terry wb9kqf . Report was accepted.

Chris reported that the web hosting went up slightly to \$50.98. This was approved last month to renew, but came in a few dollars above the estimate. The board is still good to renew.

Zoom renewal total cost \$107.99 . Motion to reimburse Scott for this amount motion be Mark kd0ee seconded by Tom kd9pfh – motion passed.

Shack committee-

- Working on getting router set up.
- Hamtober fest – discussed venue options. VFW in Newburgh, Armstrong Community center, 4H

Still need a June Field Day chairman. Mark kd0ee volunteered for chairman for the event. Charlie wb8ldv said he would be safety officer.

INQP – Jerry McIntosh chairman.

February banquet – decided to go to Golden Corral

- Nothing else to report – everything is a go.

Repeater committee- –

- No updates

Discussed antenna party committee –

- Went to Chris Mathews house and did some work, he needed to get a lift or something for the elevated work.
- Chris ke9yk will need some lines shot into trees soon.

March antenna build

- Discussed antenna design

Scott wants to have a monthly Fox Hunt

- Fox will be in a vehicle, parked in public place
- Feb 22 will be the first monthly fox hunt

TARS Picnic

- Decided to look at Aug 16 Saturday
- Scott will call Audubon to ask about the Sycamore Shelter again.

Upcoming meetings-

- FEB 13 – banquet
- MAR – 10-meter antenna build night. Mark kd0ee is chairman of this event/meeting
- APR – Chris Mathews discussing Windows and Linux
- MAY – LCTOTA and something else
- JUN- SDR receivers (tentative)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 CST.

# Treasurer Report

<b>Tri-state Amateur Radio Society</b>			
<b>Financial Report for</b>			
<b>January 2025</b>			
<b>Amateur Radio Society Primary Account</b>			
<b>Opening Balance:</b>			<b>\$11,556.92</b>
<b>TARS sub-accounts</b>			
<b>General Fund sub-account</b>			
Opening Bal		\$3,624.63	
<b>Receipts:</b>			
	Membership	\$580.50	
	Donations	\$174.00	
<b>Total Receipts ---&gt;&gt;</b>			
		\$754.50	
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
	Switching Power Supplies, 2 pcs.	(\$153.99)	
	Drinks for Christmas party and Winter Field Day - Tom Hilgeman KD9PFH (check #1159)	(\$41.68)	
<b>Total Expenditures---&gt;&gt;</b>			
		(\$195.67)	
<b>Ending Balance General Fund</b>			<b>\$4,183.46</b>
<b>Repeater Maint &amp; investment - Restricted account</b>			
<b>Opening Balance</b>			\$6,641.30
<b>Receipts:</b>			
<b>Total Receipts ---&gt;&gt;</b>			
		\$0.00	
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
None			
<b>Total Expenditures---&gt;&gt;</b>			\$0.00
<b>Ending Balance of Repeater Restrcted sub-account</b>			<b>\$6,641.30</b>
<b>Red Cross Fund - Restricted Acct</b>			
<b>Opening Balance</b>			\$1,290.99
<b>Receipts:</b>			
	1/18/2025	\$21.00	
	12/28/2025	\$7.00	
<b>Total Receipts ---&gt;&gt;</b>			
		\$28.00	
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
none			
<b>Total Expenditures---&gt;&gt;</b>			\$0.00
<b>Ending Balance of Red Cross Restrcted sub-account</b>			<b>\$1,318.99</b>
<b>Ending Balance - TARS primary Checiking Account</b>			
			<b>\$12,143.75</b>
<b>TARS IGC (IN Gaming Commission) restricted checking account:</b>			
<b>Opening Balance</b>			\$1,458.36
<b>Receipts:</b>			
none			
<b>Total Receipts ---&gt;&gt;</b>			\$0.00
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
		\$0.00	
<b>Total Expenditures---&gt;&gt;</b>			\$0.00
<b>Ending Balance of IGC Restrcted checking account</b>			<b>\$1,458.36</b>

## Looking Ahead

2025

**INQP May 3rd**

MUSEUM SHIPS WEEKEND June 7-8 2025

**Lewis and Clark Trail On The Air May 31st - June 15th 2025**

ARRL Kids Day June Third Saturday

**Field Day June**

**13 Colonies Special Event** July

**TARS PICNIC August 16<sup>th</sup>, Audubon Sycamore Shelter**

International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend (ILLW) third full weekend of August

**Route 66 Special Event** September

**TARS 7<sup>th</sup> annual HAMTOBER FEST October , 2025**

Jamboree-on-the-Air third full weekend in October

SKYWARN Recognition Day, First Saturday, December

2026

Straight Key Night January 1 from 0000 UTC through 2359 UTC

ARRL Kids Day Jan First Saturday

**Winter Field Day January**

**TARS Banquet February 2026**

## TARS @ Groups.IO



**Have you heard about the TARS Groups.io email list?**

You can subscribe at <https://groups.io/g/TARS> or by sending an email to [TARS+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:TARS+subscribe@groups.io) directly.

The mail list is an area where you can ask questions or get the latest information on club happenings.

For HELP on the Groups.IO site, send an email to:

[TARS+help@groups.io](mailto:TARS+help@groups.io)

## Your input is important

Sparks is **YOUR** information source for club activities and local Amateur radio information.

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