TARC Minutes 20250811

Members introduced themselves with callsign and name. Present were as follows: KN4VZR, N1SCS, AC4RW, KN4UOC, AA1AL, K4MJW, AE4AL, KG4AFY, N4FJB, WQ1H, KC5NMB, KQ4IWH, AG4H, KQ4PYW, KQ4HJL, AB4EJ, KE4USL, KF4DGS

N1SCS advised everyone of the new Alabama Weather Network founded by Spann and others

N1SCS also advised everyone to stay aware of potential tropical development in the Gulf

AC4RW advised of changes to the membership application form and asked everyone to fill out another copy due to those changes (require explicit consent to share personal info with general membership)

AA1AL advised that Nets were going well and thanked everyone for checking in

KN4VZR shared upcoming radio events and contests, including Huntsville Hamfest coming up this weekend

AC4RW talked about Hot Hundred and solicited feedback from everyone

KN4VZR discussed the new/amended bylaws

WQ1H mentioned the availability of Norfolk Southern grants (and a few others) for potential radiorelated purchases

KN4VZR mentioned the Bibb County ARES Net that's started back up and encouraged everyone to try to check in if they can

AB4EJ discussed MSK144, a digital protocol designed for weak-signal contacts, primarily via meteor scatter. KF4DGS did a short demo using KN4VZR's equipment.

TARC Fall Fields Ops date is tentatively slated for the weekend of October 25th at Stan's place in Samantha, and if weather or other things get in the way, then we'll do it the weekend of November 1st.

KN4VZR mentioned https://www.youtube.com/@TamithaSkov – she does weekly space weather forecasts and various educational content related to space weather.

KG4AFY agreed to present a POTA session at one of the upcoming meetings

AC4RW is going to check on having a CPR class for our membership

AC4RW agreed to present a DMR session at one of the upcoming meetings

Next meeting is September 8th, same time and same place as usual.