

# Opening Items

- ▶ Call to order
- ▶ Pledge of Allegiance



# Sickness and Health.

▶ Larry Rovak (WB2SVB)'s son, Steven

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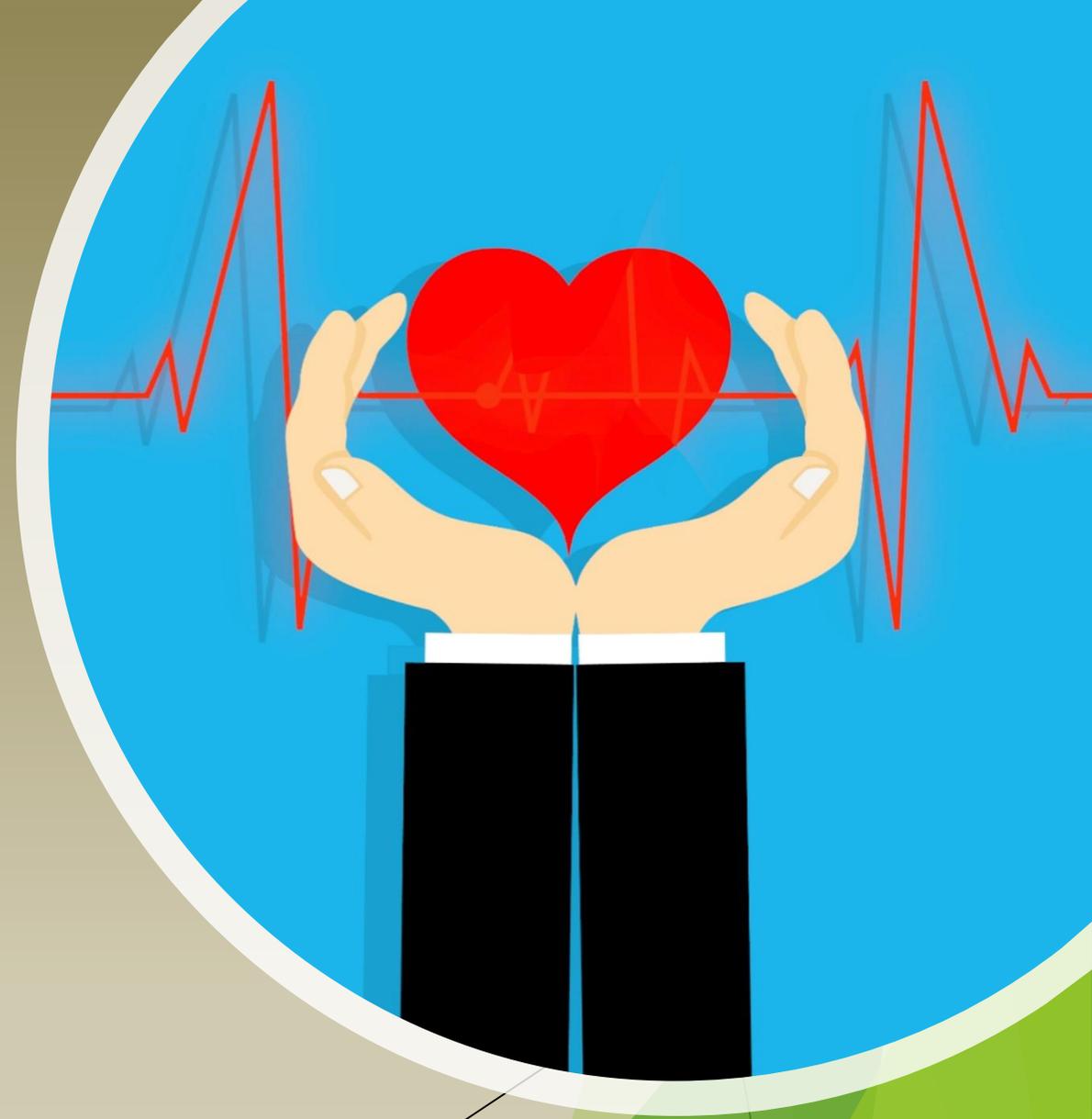
▶ Holy Name Hospital

▶ Foundation Department

▶ 718 Teaneck Road

▶ Teaneck, New Jersey 07666

➤ Other concerns/celebrations



# Officer Reports:

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- ▶ GARS Secretary
  - ▶ Treasurer
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  - ▶ Webmaster
  - ▶ VP& Repeater trustee
  - ▶ President Repot
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# Officer Reports: **GARS Secretary** **Rebecca Wolfson**

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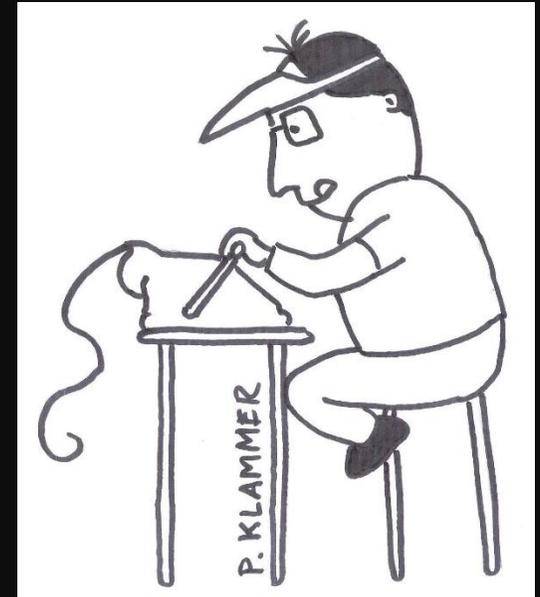
Updates: Please sign into Zoom with your first and last name for attendance.



# Officer Reports: Treasurer Pete Winters

## GARS Treasurers Report May, 2020

Date	Amount	Description
5/8	(\$16.88)	Debit Withdrawal - QTH Hosting (www.gars.club)
5/11	(\$72.49)	Debit Withdrawal - ATT Phone Bill
5/13	(\$24.35)	# 304 - J. Power, Tax Collector, Tower trailer license tag for 2020
5/15	(\$14.99)	Debit Withdrawal - ZOOM monthly fee
5/20	\$10.60	Deposit - Amazon Smile (Quarterly Rewards)
5/31	(\$15.00)	Campus USA Service Fee for May 2020
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	\$10.60	Total Income
	(\$143.71)	Total Expenses
	(\$133.11)	Net Decrease



Balances	Current 5/31/20	Prev. Month 4/30/20	Prev. Year 5/31/19	Annual Change
Checkbook Balance	\$926.48	\$1,059.59	\$3,095.54	(\$2,169.06)
Outstanding Checks			-	0.00
Checkbook + outstanding	\$926.48	\$1,059.59	\$3,095.54	(\$2,169.06)
Savings	\$8,065.97	\$8,065.63	\$7,120.67	\$945.30
Total	\$8,992.45	\$9,125.22	\$10,216.21	(\$1,223.76)

### Balance Per Bank Statement Dated 5/31/2020

Checking	\$926.48
Savings	\$8,065.97

# Officer Reports: **ARES**

## **Jeff Capehart**

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- ▶ ARES Membership is 56. Welcome to new ARES member Marcus, KN4DCJ.
- ▶ \* Coronavirus/COVID-19 Information & Update Net to merge the update with the ARES net
  - The net has switched to weekly on Mondays at 7pm
- ▶ Florida is in Phase 2 of reopening this Friday, except for Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties. The move to Phase 2 means bars, movie theaters, bowling alleys and other entertainment establishments can reopen at 50% capacity.
- ▶ **PHASE 2 GUIDANCE:**
  - ▶ Individuals over 65 or with underlying medical conditions are strongly encouraged to avoid crowds and take measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19.
  - ▶ All individuals that work in long-term care facilities should be tested for COVID-19 on a routine basis.
  - ▶ All persons in Florida are encouraged to avoid congregating in groups larger than 50.

# Officer Reports: ARES

## Jeff Capehart

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- ▶ \* EOC Update : Hal Grieb has approved an ARES group operation for Field Day at EOC. GOTA station.  
(ARES hours can be reported for Field Day if they are doing the ARES run Field Day, according to the Section Emergency Coordinator!)
- ▶ There will be an inside and outside portion. Operation will be NF4AC 2F NFL.
- ▶ The EOC Hurricane Season kick-off briefing was held on June 3. Expect an above-average season and social distancing requirements in shelters.

2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of the month, next meeting in July 8<sup>th</sup> for ARES

- ▶ FIELD DAY Updates
  - ▶ How to operate Field Day from home
  - ▶ Radiogram Practice
  - ▶ HF Power Amplifiers on <https://www.qsl.net/nf4rc/> ; site includes RF filters, solar power, trailer, task book
  - ▶ PIO contacts, they are in initial stages of this. Media release in progress. (Will be at GOTA station)
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# Officer Reports: ARES , Jeff Capehart

Updates: Will check up on first aid building to see if they can meet in their ARES building.

GARS: Shelter protocol for hurricanes? ARES is going to try to get latest update from EOC.

Can they set up a hurricane ham station in Waldo with ARES EOC coordination? Ask emergency manager where they will set up shelter. City is concerned that it's opened at the last minute for pets/disabled/etc. City of Waldo would like us to prepare ahead of time. There is a new room with a generator. If city of Waldo wants to take the liability, it is possible. Or, Waldo would need to fill all of the requirements for Alachua County shelters. 7 Alachua county shelters have been identified and are set up for this year. Next year 7 more will be ham radio equipped. FL Statue requires all workers/volunteers to have background checks, etc. People are encouraged to show up and help. List of shelters is on the EOC website. No specific places listed until activated.

Is current EOC manager and assistant at EOC aware of the Waldo issues? There are new employees. They need to be contacted. Each city has a rep with EOC. Congregant shelter for COVID (no spacing), and traditional shelters in annex portion of Emergency manual.

Waldo needs to be brought up to date on various trainings/meetings. Waldo officials should contact EOC point of contact. (See ARES member)

John, new Red cross logistics shelter lead in Gainesville. He is happy to help



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# Officer Reports: **Webmaster**

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Notes: <http://gars.club>

Please ask people to check in. 😊

# Officer Reports: VP& Repeater trustee Shannon Boal

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Updates: See Field Day slides.

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# Officer Reports: **President John Troupe**

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Notes: See Bylaw discussion slides

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# BYLAW DISCUSSION



- ▶ Concerns about the definition of a quorum in the bylaws. There are 2 definitions. How do we legally change the bylaws with a quorum?
- ▶ Concerns about 15% of membership voting required for a quorum. This is seen as too low for some members.
- ▶ Bylaw revision vote tabled. Bylaws sent back to eBoard for more work.



# BYLAW DISCUSSION



**ARRL  
FIELD DAY  
2020**



**A:** Each participant will submit his or her own independent entry under his or her call sign. ARRL will calculate the aggregate score based upon the club name entered on the official Field Day [entry form via the web applet](#) (preferred method) or on the paper Field Day entry form. In order for results to be tabulated correctly, all club participants must enter the club's official name exactly the same, avoiding abbreviations or acronyms. This is important!

## 2020 Field Day Entry

**Attention!** Entries for the 2020 Field Day are not being accepted until its start at 2020-06-27 18:00:00

Complete this form to submit your Field Day Entry to the ARRL for review and tabulation. You can access a help page by clicking on **i** next to an item on the form. **Note:** You can select documentation files for upload as you complete this form, or you can upload the documents at a later time. Each document can not be larger than 6 MB.

Call Used  **i** GOTA Station Call  **i** Location

Club or Group Name  **i**

Number of Participants  **i** Number of Transmitters in simultaneous operation  **i**

Entry Class (check only one):

- A. Club or non-club group portable **i**
- B. 1 or 2 person non-club group portable **i** List of calls of operators:
- C. Mobile **i**
- D. Home station commercial power **i**
- E. Home station emergency power **i**
- F. EOC station **i**

Power Source (check all that apply):

- Generator
- Commercial mains
- Battery
- Solar
- Other (list)

Power Multiplier (check only one):

- 5 watts or less and battery powered = 5x
- 150 watts or less = 2x
- Over 150 watts = 1x

verified at ARRL HQ and added to your score.

<input type="checkbox"/> 100% emergency power <a href="#">i</a>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Media publicity <a href="#">i</a>	Upload documentation: <input type="text"/> <input data-bbox="2204 292 2382 335" type="button" value="Browse..."/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Public location <a href="#">i</a>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Public information table <a href="#">i</a>	Upload documentation: <input type="text"/> <input data-bbox="2204 421 2382 464" type="button" value="Browse..."/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Formal message to ARRL SM/SEC <a href="#">i</a>	Upload documentation: <input type="text"/> <input data-bbox="2204 492 2382 535" type="button" value="Browse..."/>
<input type="checkbox"/> W1AW Field Day message <a href="#">i</a>	Upload documentation: <input type="text"/> <input data-bbox="2204 564 2382 606" type="button" value="Browse..."/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Formal messages handled <a href="#">i</a> — No. <input type="text"/>	Upload documentation: <input type="text"/> <input data-bbox="2204 635 2382 678" type="button" value="Browse..."/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Satellite QSO (automatically determined)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Natural power QSOs completed <a href="#">i</a>	Upload documentation: <input type="text"/> <input data-bbox="2204 763 2382 806" type="button" value="Browse..."/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Site visit by invited elected official <a href="#">i</a>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Site visit by invited served agency official <a href="#">i</a>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational activity <a href="#">i</a>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth participation <a href="#">i</a>	
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Total num <input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> GOTA bonus (automatically determined)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Submitted entry online (automatically determined)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Safety officer <a href="#">i</a>	Upload documentation: <input type="text"/> <input data-bbox="2204 1306 2382 1349" type="button" value="Browse..."/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Social media <a href="#">i</a>	



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I/We have observed all competition rules as well as all regulations for amateur radio in my/our country. My/our report is correct and true to the best of my/our knowledge. I/We agree to be bound by the decisions of the ARRL Awards Committee. Submission of this form indicates my/our agreement with these statements. (i)

Name  Call  E-mail Address

You'll have an opportunity to enter comments using a link on the confirmation page.

Submit Entry Clear Form

# FIELD DAY JUNE 27-28

## In Waldo,

- ▶ ARRL has made last minute changes allowing radio operators to log in on personal station and participate with 1 club.
- ▶ Special event call sign ARRL page is no longer working. Use KN4GNV for the club in this year's field day.
- ▶ N3JFP logging software – allows remote operation. Need user name and password, get this from GARS club.
- ▶ COVID-19 distancing needs not applicable to Waldo facility. Large facility.
- ▶ Problem: ARES having their own group. Currently limited # of people helping at GARS field day.
- ▶ Would like people to use/participate as a thank you to the city of Waldo.
- ▶ OLD Goats meeting have worked on facilities and set up. Power/antennas/feed lines planned. AC/furniture/tables/ beds already at facility. Pete will bring the ladder/banners/pass through panel on Friday.
  
- ▶ Food: Cook- Ken Mille KF4ULO. John Troupe will help with food, condiments and drinks. Shannon/Pete have disposable plates, coolers, etc.
- ▶ The city mayor, manager, maintenance people are invited
- ▶ Need a public information officer. Someone to get the extraneous points available for the context.
- ▶ Propagation: Terry Gordon, has been able to work “closed” bands.
- ▶ Banners will be used, announcing the event.

# FIELD DAY

- ▶ **Notes: Band/modes: Terry Gordon KM4DRR helped with new ladder line. Gordon has end-fed antennas. These antennas use field wire. Long wire across baseball field antenna covers 80,40,15, 20 ,10 meter**
- ▶ **Tower trailer antenna covers 10, 15, 20 meter**
- ▶ **Modes: CW, Digital – prob from home with FT8**
- ▶ **OLD GOATS Friday at 7:00AM, they will set up as part of Friday activities**
- ▶ **Logging: Laptop at station.**
- ▶ **Primary transceiver is a Kenwood,**
- ▶ **Suggest that EOC crew logs in as KN4GNV to help with points.**
- ▶ **Bring what you have. They have extra generators. Test out your equipment and play.**
- ▶ **Ground rods – John Troupe has an extra one. Check for utilities before placing.**
- ▶ **2 stations so far; There is room for additional stations. Stations can be set up for LSB/USB/AM**
- ▶ **Bring a mask for being indoors.**

▶ Notes: Rise in COVID numbers **FIELD DAY**

- ▶ Gordon can link together stations with TCP/IP etc. could try this at field day.
- ▶ Trying to keep it simple and will trouble shoot antenna interference on field day.
- ▶ ARES has a list on how to make the extra field day points.
- ▶ - ex. Solar panel. They make RFI when charging. Better to charge batteries off in the distance and the hook up to equipment. Gordon and Pete both have panels. This will be added to the field day set up after the base equipment has been set up.
- ▶ -band pass filters available via Gordon. 2 section filter with 5 poles. (Gordon)
- ▶ Earl can help with 2 logging stations. Earl can set up computers to work together with the N3JFP program. 1 desktop for the radio as central logging station. Advised to have UPS for routers, things that need connectivity. (Issue: Computer with access to logging computer is active in Gainesville, but will not be able to fix as it in Larry's house. So will try to set up a local network.)
- ▶ Larry will not be able to participate in field day at this time.
- ▶ 3 possible generators: Shannon (2), Pete (1);

# NEXT MONTH



- ▶ **Presentation:**
- ▶ **Astronomy and Radio applications**



# MOTION TO ADJOURN

