

Overview of E-board Meeting

I. **Sickness / Health and Welfare**

II. **OFFICER REPORTS.** (6 Officers)

III

Date: Mar. 4, 2021

Location: Zoom

Attendance

Yes/ No	Name	Yes/ No	Name	Yes/ No	Name
y	President – Vann Chesney AC4QS	y	Vice-President / Tech director Shannon Boal K4GLM	y	Treasurer – Peter Winters W4GHP
y	Jeff Capehart ARES				
y	Secretary – Barry Nason KD0QIX	y	Member – Leon Couch K4GWQ	y	Webmaster Carol Chesney KG4FEX
y	Member – Larry RovakWB2SVB	y	Member – Terry Gordon K4TMG	y	Member – Gregory Sporer KM4OCZ

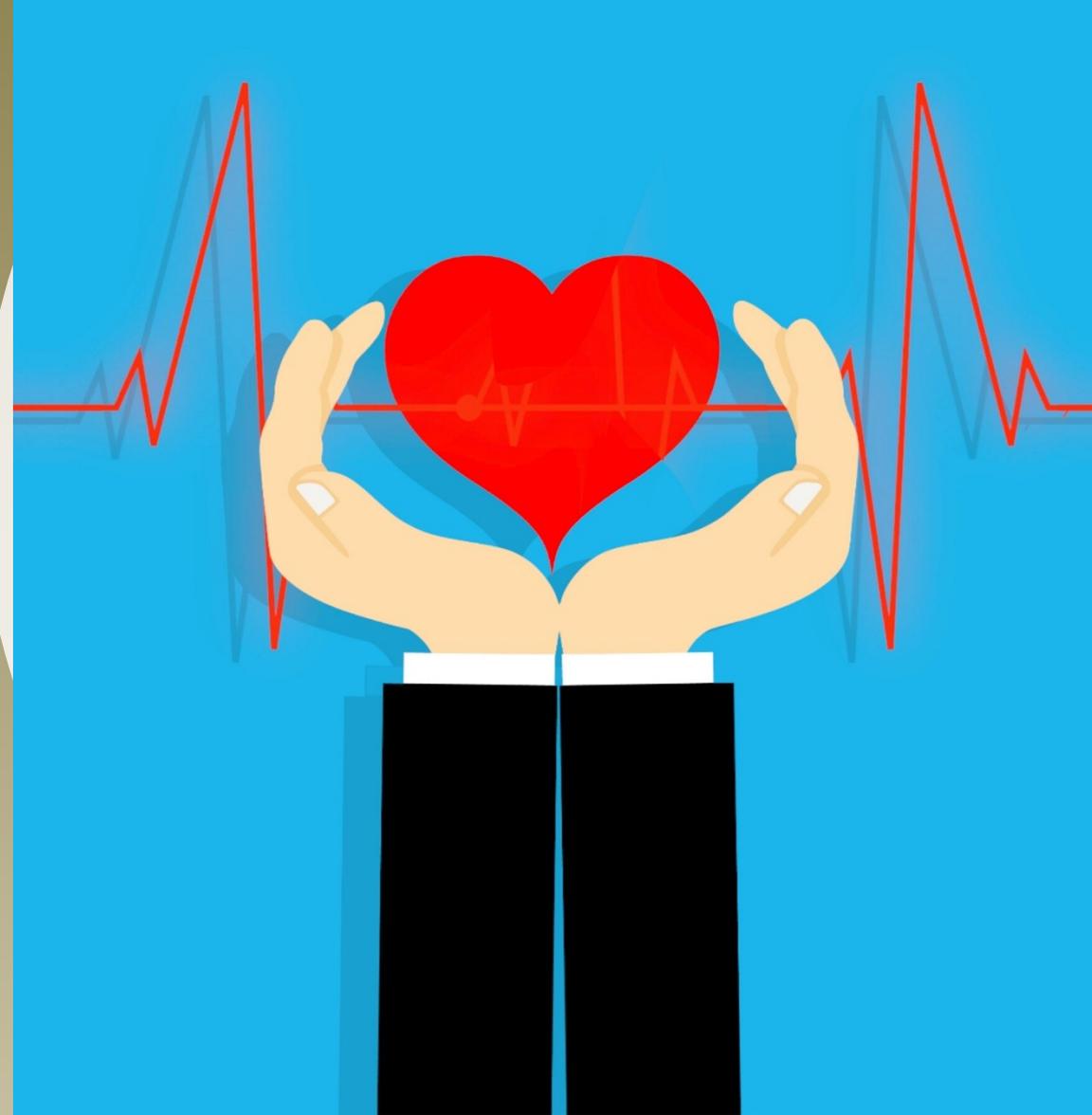
Sickness and Health.

Details:

Carol has cardiac issues....

Pete - from Charly Amico W1CBR—in hospital with COVID since Nov.....

Little sister (Pete) removed little lobe of right lung...in hospital 5/6 days...



BUSINESS

Comments or suggestions about last general meeting?

Club goals for 2021?

- Zoom Presentations
 - Lots of ideas (see email)
- In person activities
 - Tailgate (Swap Shop) at Gordon Gibby's Sat. Apr. 24-----

Gordon Gibby a swap shop under his shed.....Apr 24....will check on Insurance liability...

In person meeting to load CHIRP.....????Larry/Shannon---train Glen Johnson to also assist.....

Hamfest ---time table Larry gone from March 15 – April end of/June---larry in NJ.....

March/later activities ---WSPR by Vann separate month

WinLink- Reed Tillary an extra session/maybe Leland

NVIS by Reed Tillary another session-----

Programs Committee to plan/schedule/ and have events



GARS 2021 Calendar of HAM RADIO Events and Public Service Activities

January 30 (Sat) 8:30am – TBA	GARS Winter Field Day Waldo City Square, 14450 NE 148th Ave, Waldo, FL 32694 https://www.winterfieldday.com/
January TBA 8am-10:30am	Florida Statewide TORNADO DRILL https://www.floridadisaster.org/dem/directors-office/media/swaw/
February 13-14 (Sat-Sun)	Orlando Hamcation Special Edition see: http://hamcation.org/
February TBA 7am-1pm	Five Points of Life Marathon (Gainesville -- 6am setup) http://www.fivepointsoflife.com/half-marathon-relay/
April TBA 8am-1pm	March for Babies Walk (Gainesville) 7am setup http://www.marchforbabies.org/Event/Alachua
April TBA	Gainesville Hamfest http://www.gars.club/hamfest/hamfest.pdf
April TBA 6pm-7pm	Skywarn Storm Spotter Training – Alachua County EOC http://www.weather.gov/jax/skywarn_schedule
April-May TBA	Statewide Hurricane Exercise https://portal.floridadisaster.org/SERT/hurrex/
June 26-27 (Sat-Sun)	ARRL Field Day http://www.arrl.org/field-day
October TBA	ARRL - Simulated Emergency Test
October TBA	JOTA Day – Scouting Jamboree-on-the-Air & Radio Merit Badge http://www.k2bsa.net/jota/
November 11 (Wed) 7:30 am – 1 pm	TBA - Veterans Day Ceremony @ Kanapaha Park 7400 SW 41st PL Gainesville
December TBA	Skywarn Recognition Day (On-Air HF 20/40m) http://wx4jax.net/
December TBA	LifeSouth Operation Santa Delivery with ShandsCair 9am – 1pm @ Santa Fe North Field 9100 NW 39 th Ave GNV Setup & Onsite time is 8am

Scheduled Program Listings

2021

January ----- Winter Field Day by Shannon Boal (K4GLM)
----- Ideas for Improving GARS by Jeff Capehart (W4UFL)
----- Homebrew Yagi by Terry Gordon (K4TMG)

February ----- JS8/FT8 (fastest growing mode in amateur radio) by
Gordon Gibby (KX4Z)

March ----- TBA

April ----- TBA

May ----- TBA

June ----- ARRL Field Day preparations

July ----- TBA

August ----- TBA

September ----- TBA

October ----- TBA

November ----- Club Elections

December ----- Awards Banquet: tickets required

Officer Reports:

- ▶ Secretary
 - ▶ Treasurer
 - ▶ VP& Repeater trustee
 - ▶ Webmaster
 - ▶ President
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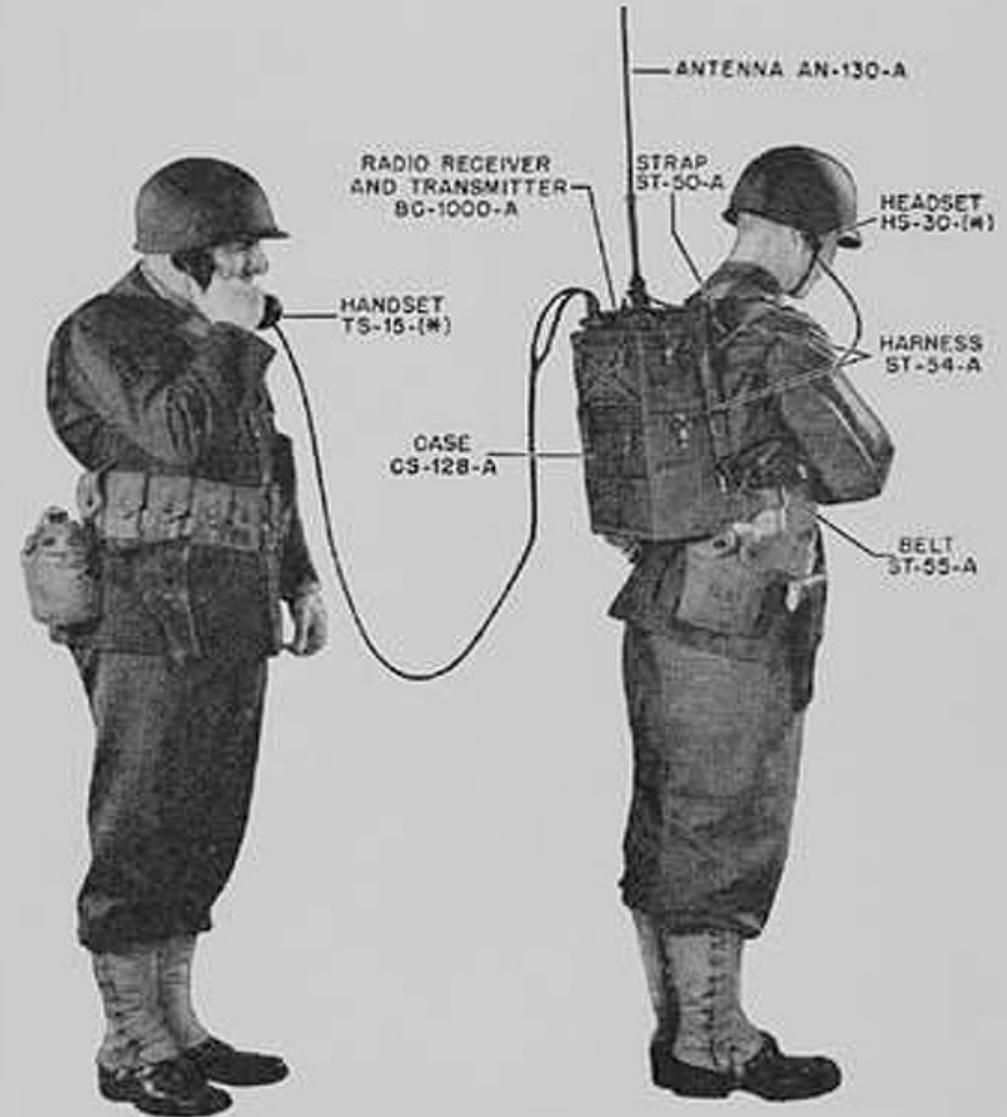


Figure 1. Radio Set SCR-300-A. In Use, Viewed From Right Side.

Officer Reports: **GARS Secretary** **Barry Nason**

Notes:

Minutes for regular Feb meeting posted to web-site (by Vann)....



Officer Reports: VP& Repeater trustee Shannon Boal

Notes:

Repeaters working.....

Temporary Repeater for Waldo....use spare parts..below 50
ft/uncoordinated (147.xx)/

FEB 2-----Test Session 15 people ---or
so....spacing/sanitizing/temperature at door....



Officer Reports: VP& Repeater trustee Shannon Boal

Notes:





Gainesville Amateur Radio Society



Officer Reports: **Webmaster**

Notes: <http://gars.club>

Posted minutes for Feb. general meeting.

Updated scheduled Program Listings.



Officer Reports: President Vann Chesney

Notes:

Discussed future presentations with Gordon and Jeff at extra presentation for which there were no attendees.



ARES: Jeff Capehart

Notes:

ARES Membership: 36 members are active on the weekly ARES Net.

ARRL Update

ARRL posted news items regarding the American Red Cross National EMCOMM Spring Drill (May 8, 2021) as well as the Northern Florida Section's "Whirlwind Boom" emergency communications exercise on March 19th (7-9pm).

ARRL Northern Florida Section (NFL) Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) Update

Winlink Thursdays will continue on a monthly basis going forward in preparation for the Spring 2021 Red Cross drill.

There will be a section-wide EC/AEC meeting March 11th at 7:30pm on Zoom.

A section-wide exercise is being planned for a date in April (TBD).

ARES: Jeff Capehart

Notes:

Alachua EOC Amateur Radio Station **NF4AC** Update

Leland continues to represent Alachua County by checking in to the EOC SARNet on Wednesdays from the Alachua County EOC amateur station, NF4AC.

There was an ESF2 (Emergency Support Function 2 – Communications) group meeting with the EOC to review the CEMP (Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan). EM is interested in the Shelter WiFi Server. The badged RACES members will be added to the Everbridge emergency notification system.

9 AM - 11 AM Saturday at the EOC. EQUIPMENT FAMILIARIZATION: Review of the SHELTER GO BOXES including a briefing on the public safety radio & what you're to do with it. Orientation on the HF and VHF/UHF EOC station we have. Bring/wear a mask. Call to get thru the door. There will be a phone number there at the door to get you in. If you arrive right around 9AM that would save a lot of trips to the front door, interrupting others.

MARCH 19 EXERCISE-- 20 different individuals or groups have now registered. These includes counties, groups, and individual resource units. NFL SEC Karl Martin is engaged. Alachua, Columbia, Flagler Counties just to name a few. A Zoom briefing is going on now and another on March 18th. A shorter synopsis and specific plans will be presented at the ARES meeting next week, of who will deploy or simulate deploying (that's up to them!) where. A press release has been created.

Two NWS JAX Skywarn “Basic Spotter” virtual courses will be in March.

Sign up at [weather.gov/jax/skywarn_schedule](https://www.weather.gov/jax/skywarn_schedule)

March 11, 2021 11am-Noon

March 16, 2021 6pm-7pm

ARES: Jeff Capehart

Notes:

Next ARES Meeting Wed. **Mar 10, 2021** 6:30-8:45pm on ZOOM

Link to the agenda: <https://www.qsl.net/nf4rc/>

Briefing on March 19 exercise

EOC Updates (Shelter WiFi, Everbridge, etc.)

MOSFET Polarity Protection (printed circuit board)

LIFEPO4 Batteries – Charging & Storage

Cell Phone & WiFi HotSpots
