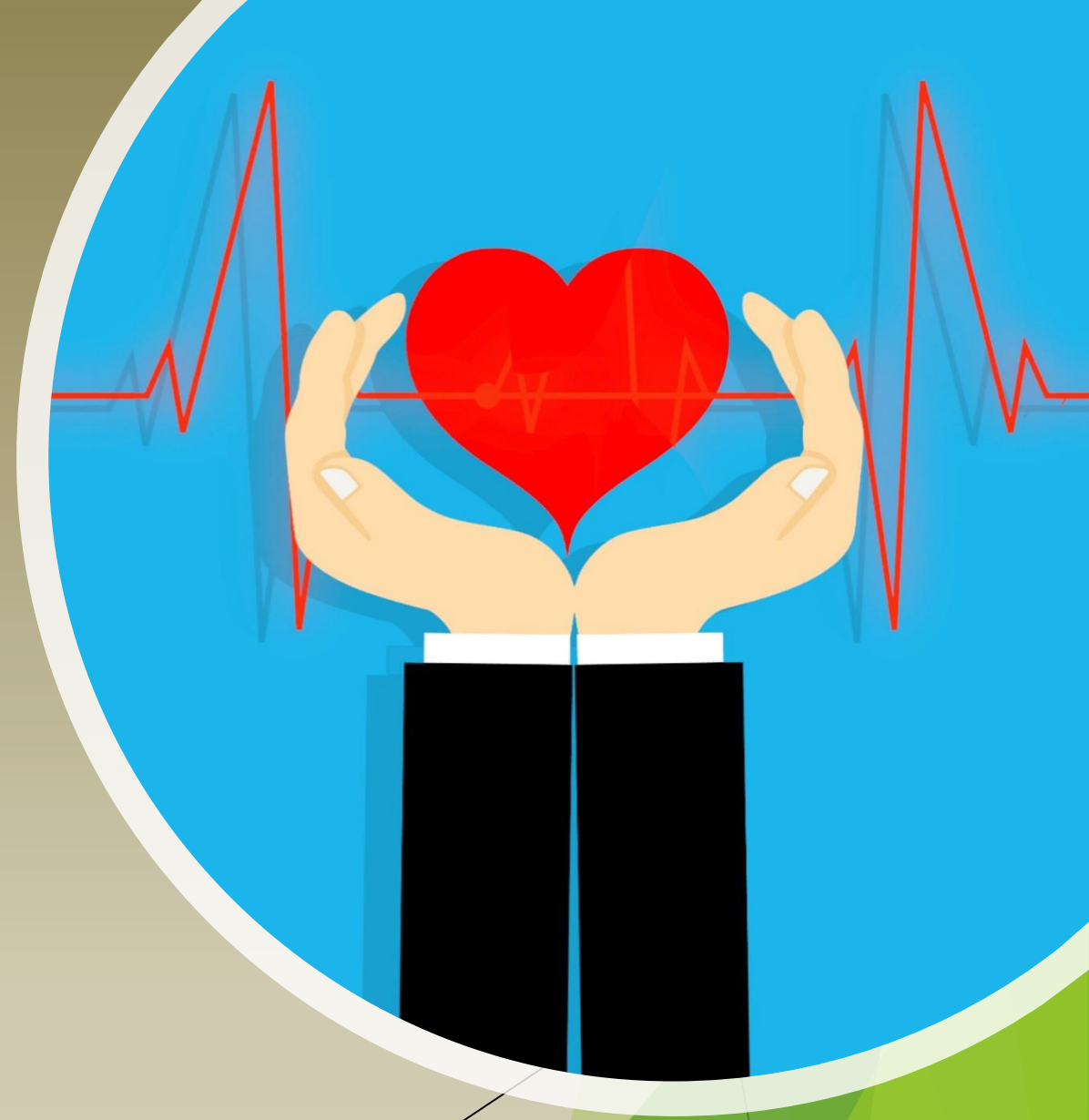


# Sickness and Health.

- ▶ Notes:
- ▶ Larry's Nancy is recovering from COVID.
- ▶ Bob Gay K8RAG - Silent Key
- ▶ West Palm Beach has lots of empty apartment.  
(Shannon discovered while working on census.)



# Officer Reports:

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



# Officer Reports: **GARS Secretary** **Rebecca Wolfson**

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Notes:

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# Officer Reports: Treasurer Pete Winter

Discussion points:

GARS Picnic and shelter space concerns: (No permit was required a couple weeks ago...etc.) This week, The Gainesville Sun, reported county commissioner idea for online registration form requirement for any groups meeting with 10 or more people. (Indoor only?) Possible citations if not following. TV20 reports about student meetings might be who needs to fill out the form. Are not sure. This is uncertain

Veteran's Day, Kim Smith - they are holding this event. No specifics yet. For Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. Will they have enough time for good planning? We think unlikely. Consider dropping. History: A booth and/or group helping with helicopter field security.

Trinity Methodist Meeting Facility: As of last week in Aug, they aren't planning to open until Oct. They will limit group sizes in Oct. The only larger classroom already has a meeting at the same time as GARS.

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Discussion points:

# Officer Reports: Treasurer Pete Winter

End of the year awards: Normally start collecting nominations in Nov for Dec meeting. (Note: GARS activity has been limited due to COVID.) Keep HAM of the year. Postponement of Rusty DrainPipe proposed. Presentation idea: show up at door and present. A 2 person selection committee decides. (Usually at least 1 board member.) Board appointed by president.

Elections concern via Zoom. Sept - request nominations (email or in meeting) / Oct - People to nominate / Nov. - nominations Dec- They could vote via Google forms.

Awards Banquet and Annual Dinner Party Concerns: COVID limitations, etc. with an indoor activity. Probably will not be happening.

Winter Field Day: Can we do any pre-planning?

AR Testing 1<sup>st</sup> Sat - can we emphasize this due to COVID activity limitations?

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Discussion points:

# Officer Reports: Treasurer Pete Winter

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Treasury is doing well.

New Members have submitted dues.

Will be sending out email about last month, including:

-gross was approx. \$30 last month. (A donation from Gordon Gibby to help with cost of Zoom meetings.)

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# Officer Reports: VP& Repeater trustee Shannon Boal

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## Notes:

The repeaters are working

Are helping with testing

Overhaul / maintenance at Waldo Center Square

Busy with census and poll working recently, will last another 3 weeks.

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Gainesville Amateur Radio Society



# Officer Reports: **Webmaster**

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Notes: <http://gars.club>

Notes: All minutes are posted

Website is updated with guest speaker for next general meeting.

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# Officer Reports: President John Troupe

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Notes:

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# ARES: Jeff Capehart

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## ARES Update for GARS 9-3-2020

\* ARES Membership is 56.

29 members are active on the weekly ARES Net. 18 people attended the August ZOOM meeting. A video on INTEROPERABILITY was shared. Report on Florida Baptist Disaster Relief group Satellite training. Additional updates as shared below.

**August LabNLunch Digital 101:** A Covid social distanced building project of whatever the attendees wished (digital radio cables; SoundCard circuit; etc.), eight in attendance, multiple items built, repaired, tested, skills verified and signed off.

# ARES: Jeff Capehart

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**Brief demo of the DIY Backup Battery Charger/Auto-Switch project.** The backup battery switcher/charger is now pretty much finished and has been written up with construction, component, and explanatory information. It can now handle almost any kind of storage battery. At the next ARES meeting Gordon will be discussing a less inexpensive LIFEPo4 item.

See write-ups for the above two items in **QST NFL September 2020.**

► <https://arrl-nfl.org/qst-nfl-newsletter/september-2020-qst-nfl-newsletter/>

**Beaty Towers Packet Update:** A replacement sound card system has been built for Beaty Towers, and Susan KG4VWI is coordinating a work party day to get it back up and running.

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# ARES: Jeff Capehart

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ARRL Update: The ARRL is sponsoring a special EXPO complete with Training Tracks and a National Convention in Orlando February 11-14. It will begin on Thursday at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Orlando at SeaWorld. <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-expo/>

Gordon Gibby, KX4Z, is coordinating the training, and several instructors are coming from our ARES group. Approximately 90% of the speakers for the have confirmed, but plans are still somewhat in the air. Newington (ARRL) is thrilled with what they are seeing from Alachua county.

Saturday Oct 3 The ARRL annual national Simulated Emergency Test (S.E.T.) is normally scheduled for the first weekend in October.

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# ARES: Jeff Capehart

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## \* ARRL Northern Florida Section Update

An online one-day Emergency Conference is being planned for September 19, 2020.

<https://arrl-nfl.org/>

## \* Alachua EOC Update

A huge amount of work has gone on down at the EOC. Both storage corners of the room are now cleaned out. The room is a ton better organized, with more things to operate an efficient office in an emergency. 14 go boxes have been assembled, battery alternate connections were provided, and polarity protection is now being worked out. Approximately 140,000 has been spent to provide backup communications to the shelters.

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# ARES: Jeff Capehart

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\* Next ARES Meeting Wed. **SEP 9, 2020** 6:30-8:45pm on ZOOM

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

Polarity Protection P-Channel systems;

Raspberry Pi Practice with Winlink servers;

Review plans for Simulated Emergency Test

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