

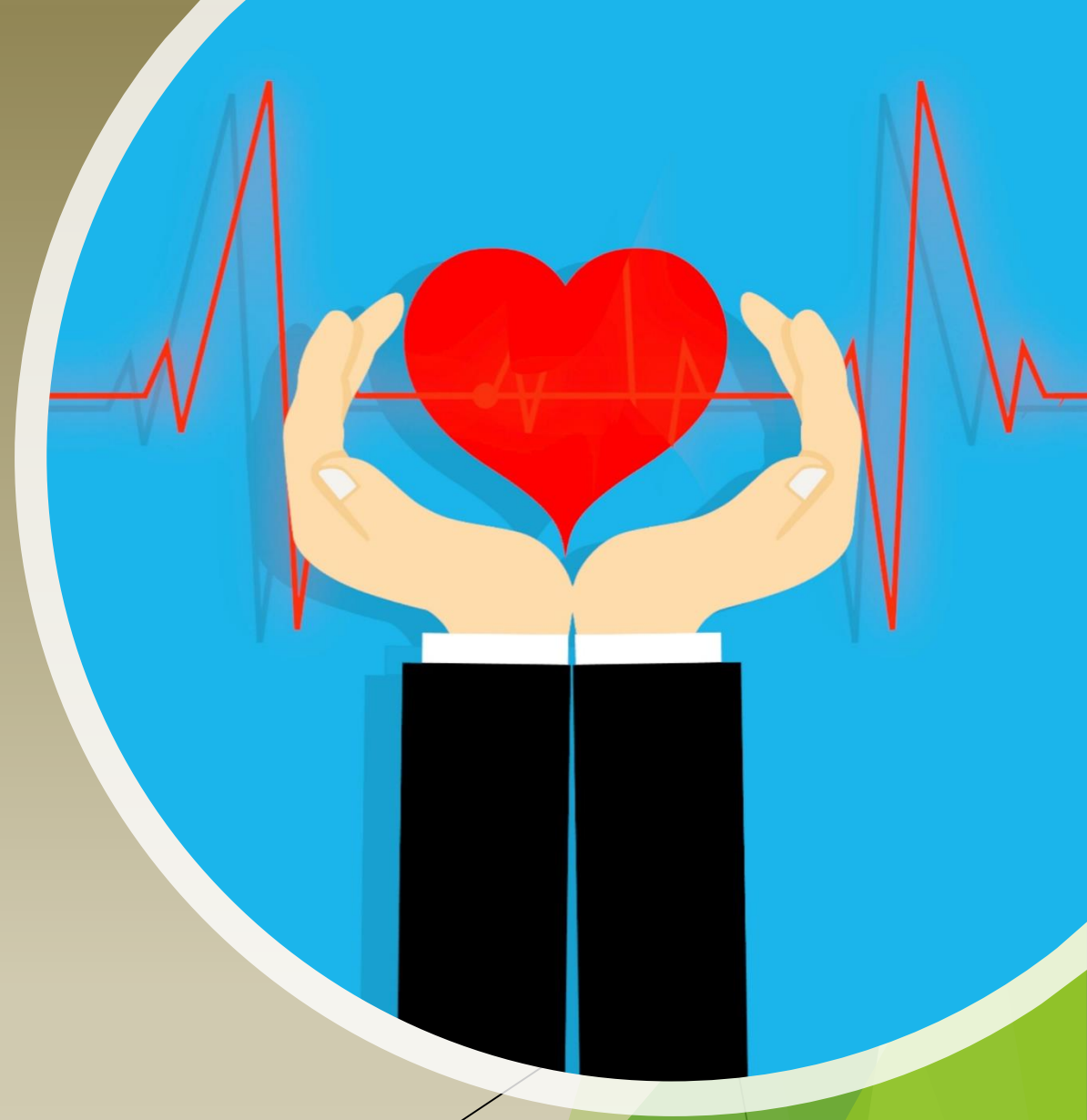
# Opening Items

- ▶ Call to order
- ▶ Pledge of Allegiance



# Sickness and Health.

- ▶ Beverly has a doctor appointment tomorrow concerning chest congestion. Things are improving.
- ▶ Pete's hand, stitches are out. Things are improving here too. His Uncle Hal passed 2 weeks ago. Navy Vet. Funeral is pending.
- ▶ Larry - his son has been to the pulmonologist. Lungs are having more issues. Bleeding is under control. They are spending time with his son.
- ▶ Helkie - out of hospital and in rehab HollyHill, located near his sister's house. Trying to gain mobility and strength back.



# 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:

Thanks to members logging in with first and last name.  
That helps me with taking attendance.

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# Officer Reports: Treasurer

## Pete Winters

### GARS Treasurers Report April 2020

Date	Amount	Description
4/6	\$150.00	Refund from Waldo First Baptist Church for cancelled 2020 Hamfest
4/7	(\$72.49)	Debit Withdrawal - ATT Phone Bill
4/8	(\$118.00)	# 303 - Postmaster Gainesville, FL Annual Fee Rental of Post Office Box
4/9	(\$25.60)	# 302 - State Farn Ins. Semi annual premium Tower Trailer Liab. Ins.
4/26	(\$19.40)	Debit Withdrawal - QTH Website Hosting (annual fee)



\$150.00	Total Income
(\$235.49)	Total Expenses
(\$85.49)	Net Decrease

Balances	Current 4/30/20	Prev. Month 3/31/20	Prev. Year 4/30/19	Annual Change
Checkbook Balance	\$1,059.59	\$1,145.08	\$3,109.20	(\$2,049.61)
Outstanding Checks	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Checkbook + outstanding	\$1,059.59	\$1,190.08	\$3,109.20	(\$2,049.61)
Savings	\$8,065.63	\$8,065.30	\$7,120.38	\$945.25
Total	\$9,125.22	\$9,255.38	\$10,229.58	(\$1,104.36)

Outstanding Checks	Amount
Ck #	
Total	\$0.00

### Balance Per Bank Statement Dated 4/30/2020

Checking	\$1,059.59
Savings	\$8,065.63

# Officer Reports: ARES Emergency Coordinator

## Jeff Capehart

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▶ \* ARES Membership is 55.

Every Thursday at 8 PM we run an ARES Net Roll Call that has 31 active (regular) check-ins. Anyone who doesn't check in for 3 months is marked inactive, but can be reactivated if they check-in. Welcome to new ARES member Mike Perry, K1SFN.

Two of our long-time 10+ year net controls are retiring -- A huge **THANK YOU** to Bob Guertin W1GLV and Mike Lewis K4MPL for their service. Mike is leaving the area and Bob is letting some of our newer folks take their turn. The new Net Control Stations will be Leland Gallup AA3YB and Jim Bledsoe KI4KEA. Gordon Gibby KX4Z is still listed as a "5th" week of the month net control or fill-in NCS.

- Coronavirus/COVID-19 Information & Update
- - The net has been meeting daily at 7pm since March 27, 2020 on the 146.820 repeater
- John Trites NO5X, Wendell Wright KN4TWS, & W4UFL are alternating Net Controls
- So far 49 nets have been held.
- There have been 40 unique ham call signs checking in over the past 7 weeks
- Four hams checked in 40+ times; 13 hams have checked in more than 10 times.
- The net was mentioned in QST-NFL May 2020 issue
- The net will be held 5/20 & 5/21 then will be Mondays only.



# Officer Reports: **ARES Secretary** **Jeff Capehart**

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\* Skywarn Storm Spotter Training - ONLINE

8 hams took training APRIL 30; 3 took the MAY 4<sup>th</sup> class

NWSJAX no longer offers certificates. However, NWS Tallahassee still does.

\* EOC Update

Last year, the Sheriff's Office partnered with the EOC to install antennas in 7 shelters in Alachua County and construct 7 radio "go-boxes". That has been approved for this year to do 7 more shelters and go-kits! Thank you to David Huckstep W4JIR for coordinating that!

\* Next ARES Meeting Wed. **JUNE 10** 6:30-8:30pm on ZOOM

WIFI - MESH Overview & Orange Lake Overlook Project (Macintosh, FL)

Digital 101 Overview

FIELD DAY Updates

HF Power Amplifiers on <https://www.qsl.net/nf4rc/>

New gear:

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# Officer Reports: **ARES Secretary**

## **Jeff Capehart**

Additional Updates: Sherriff approved and supplied: 45 amp power supply, kw antenna tuner, etc. Volunteers need training on new equipment. Located at the EOC. 400 Watt output. Might add in additional end-fed antenna.

Leland tested all equipment at the EOC last week. Only 1 person at the building...who let him inside. Tomorrow he will activate the EOC.

County mask ordinance: Today it was rescinded. Joint meeting with county to discuss this is going on currently.

There will be an Alachua county “intro to hurricane stuff” event with EOC staff coming up soon in Zoom.

Number of Level 1 ARES members certified: 3.





Gainesville Amateur Radio Society



# Officer Reports: **Webmaster**

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Notes: <http://gars.club>

Carol has produced a newsletter that includes the bylaws. Nice work! (John Troupe)

Carol would be willing to do additional newsletters or set up a swap shop if desired by GARS members.

The AR testing section of website - June session has been cancelled. August is still scheduled.

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# Officer Reports: VP Repeater trustee Shannon Boal

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Repeater hardware is working properly. (See pictures.) Pete and Shannon physically checked equipment and with Rob Carr (UF), about the antenna interference. The antennas are too close together. GARS figured the issue out over the process of 3 years. WUFT needs to do work on the tower and GARS needs to piggyback on that work. GARS needs another feedline and antenna. WUFT hasn't been working on the tower. (This adjustment will require Larry's assistance. GARS wants to increase coverage over to Cedar Key for Emergency communication purposes. (SAR, UF, and GARS share this goal.)

SAR Net is working on tower in Austin Cary Forest with new installation. They are troubleshooting issues.

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Note: Interference from uncoordinated transmitter on frequencies. Please monitor 44925, record call signs and report.



# Field day

- ▶ Need to finish arranging this day.
- ▶ Need city permission for “strange groups” of people to work on strange equipment in Waldo after the old goat’s breakfast. AKA a work party!! 😊
- ▶ Will be 1A or 2A in ARRL competition.
- ▶ No public interaction at this point in time, due to COVID-19
- ▶ Want to operate in a safe way for all GARS and community members.
- ▶ Larry has set up ability to log contacts remotely via Internet N3FJP software. They’ve loaded new authorized software on several GARS members computers. (Any club member can participate.)
- ▶ Trying to remoting control Kenwood transceivers. Only expert on this is Ron Smith KJ4HBF. Harbor Freight.
- ▶ Need 4 people on 4 different Fridays: to measure for set up, fix coax, etc. to set up properly for event.
- ▶ ARRL Guidelines/rules don’t reflect “reality” no accommodations for COVID-19 issues. We are working to find a way to match field day regulations to the current situation.
- ▶ Invite Waldo City mayor, etc. City Officials: Louis Davis and Kim Worley.
- ▶ Waldo: Transmissions during night are allowed. Restrooms are available. AC. Shelter from outside environment.
- ▶ Another idea for a tower trailer is being developed. Contact information for Marsha Pinson and son Marty is requested from GARS members. Send contact information to Shannon Boal.
- ▶ 17 foot boat trailer, could be converted into a tower trailer -donated to GARS. Conversion is being considered.
  - ▶ Kudos to Shannon, Debbie, Stuart for helping sort through stuff... found so much stuff in addition to the boat trailer.

# Officer Reports: **President John Troupe**

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Notes: Working on field day and how to handle it with the COVID-19 related issues.

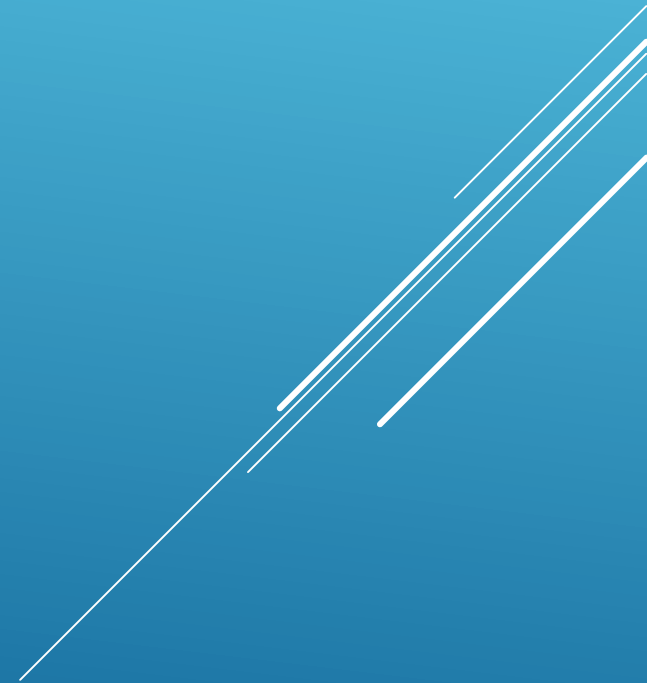
We are wanting to update the bylaws. Suggested changes have been included on the website. Please review. Let us know if you have additional suggestions by emailing John Troupe.

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PRESENTATION BY GORDON GIBBY

(GARS SPECIFIC SOFTWARE IS AVAILABLE  
ONLINE.)





# Close of meeting. Motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vote?

HEAR YA ON THE RADIO!



Expert Electronics: The new GUI for SunSDR-MB1