



# THE JUNKBOX



## The Official Newsletter of The Albemarle Amateur Radio Society

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Elizabeth City, NC 27906-1217

<http://www.taars.us>

WA4VTX Repeaters 146.655/444.300/147.330 PL 131.8 APRS 144.39

### Next TAARS Meeting

Our next scheduled TAARS meeting is slated for Thursday, June 18, 2009, at 7:30 at COA building "C" room C109. Our dinner location is the Golden Corral at 6pm.

### Minutes

May 2009 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Al, K4VHV.

The minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer's report were accepted.

#### Old Business

Club Affiliation: Tom, WB1CZX reported that we are still affiliated with ARRL, but not active since we have not submitted an annual report since 1989. Tom will submit a new report.

Instead of sending a letter inviting area hams to Field Day, Zeb, K4ZVM, suggested a QSL card be sent. Tom will work on this and review the list of hams to send it to with Herman, NO4Y.

#### New Business

Field Day:

Al appointed the following individuals to these tasks;  
Chairman; Herman, NO4Y

Cooks; Greg, N4QLD and George, KE4NBR

Computers; Kerry, KD4CEB

Tents; Ron, N4WYR

PR; Zeb, K4ZVM

Miscellaneous; Everyone

CommEx09

This will be an interoperability exercise of State of North Carolina public safety agencies including ham radio. Perquimans County will participate. Tom will send info to Kerry for Pasquotank/Camden.

UHF Repeater

A motion was passed to hire a tower climber to install our spare UHF antenna at the Elizabeth City site since apparently the UHF part of the repeater antenna is not working.

Field Day shirts

Greg will look into the cost of golf shirts for Field Day.

#### Election of Officers

Officers for the coming will be:

President; Ron, N4WYR

Vice-President; Al, K4VHV

Secretary; Jim, KJ4FIN

Treasurer; Herman, NO4Y

SKYWARN

Jim, KJ4FIN, did an excellent presentation on the new Net Control Station training course and procedures. He was able to condense a 90 minute presentation to a half hour with discussion.

Members present included: WB1CZX, KI4EIX, KI4FHB, N4QLD, N4WYR, KA2TQY, NO4Y, W4UEB, K4VHV, KJ4FIN, AJ4NV, KD4CEB, K4ZVM

#### Field Day 2009

Field Day 2009 will be here before you know it. As usual the event will be held at Northeastern High School Athletic Complex. FD weekend is the 27th and 28th of June. We will be using the Club call K4WO

This is a 24 hour operating event. Here is the tentative schedule for the weekend. Friday night 6PM, we will assemble and hang some of the antennas. Saturday morning 8AM, breakfast at Golden Corral. After breakfast head out to the site and begin tent and equipment setup. 12:30 Lunch, provided by TAARS followed by FD meeting. 2PM begin operation. 6PM dinner at the site TAARS provided. The dinner menu includes BBQ Chicken, and what else, of course HAM. Greg and George will be the cooks in charge so you know it will be good eating.

Members, including families are not only welcomed but encouraged to attend. 7:30PM resume operation. Snacks and leftovers throughout the night, 7:30 AM Breakfast TAARS provided. 2PM operation completed and tear down begins.

We need lots of help for antenna raising on Friday night, Tent and equipment Setup on Saturday morning, overnight operators, and teardown on Sunday.

If you are new, to the hobby Field Day is one event you will not want to miss. It's a crash course in eating, equipment setup, eating, antenna installation, eating, operating, and of course eating. If you are old, (seasoned) you know what fun to expect!

Your attendance is what makes it the event we look forward to all year. **Herman/NO4Y**

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### **WA4VTX Repeater News**

The 444.300 repeater receiver in Elizabeth City is still suffering due to a bad antenna on the receiver. We are hopeful that this will be resolved within the next few weeks. 146.655 Elizabeth City and 147.300 Hertford are both operating normally I'm happy to report.

Greg, N4QLD after a few sleepless nights and controller programming filled days has mastered both the electronics and programming to make the installed weather radio perform as intended. During watches or warnings for Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, and Camden counties you will hear the announcements on all the WA4VTX repeaters. The system will remain linked at the end of the transmission for possible Skywarn activations. There is a timers set to terminate the emergency transmission should they exceed 90 seconds.

**Herman/NO4Y**

### **ARRL Club Affiliation**

We are once again listed as "Active" with the ARRL Club Affiliation program.