



# THE JUNKBOX



## The Official Newsletter of The Albemarle Amateur Radio Society

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<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, October 15, 7:30 at COA building "C" C109. Our dinner location is the Golden Corral at 6PM.

TAARS Regular Meeting September 17, 2009

### Notice

If you haven't paid your club dues of \$30.00, please mail your check to TAARS, PO Box 1217, Elizabeth City NC27906-1217

### Minutes

The September meeting was called to order by TAARS's president N4WRY at 7:30 with 5 members present. An informal meeting took place due to lack of attendance. Treasurer, NO4Y passed around bank statements and treasurer's report for verification by membership.

### Old Business

A discussion was held on possible tower sites if relocation of WA4VTX becomes a reality.

NO4Y reported that dues collections were progressing well with a few outstanding members, Ron suggested that a notice be included in next months newsletter. Herman will compile an updated roster in the near future and post it on the web.

### New Business

Ron appointed NO4Y to make arrangements for our annual Christmas party at Van's Pizza on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Members Present: N4WYR, K4VHV, KG4CAU, KC4EEA, and NO4Y

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM  
Herman/NO4Y

### Upcoming Events

TAARS sponsored VE testing session  
Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> at COA  
Email [no4y@arrl.net](mailto:no4y@arrl.net) for information

Albemarle Plantation will be having a Fall Festival on Saturday October 17, noon – 4:00 pm. Among other events there will be a presentation of the AP Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), along with equipment on display from Bethel Fire Department and Perquimans County Rescue Squad.

### Member News

Steve K1RLU is recuperating from surgery and is at home in Hertford.

Joe / W4UEB has uncovered a piece of history from the May 1981 issue of the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps MARS publication. The article details a procedure for using an analog TV set or AM broadcast receiver as a Tornado Warning Device. Copies of the article will be available at the September 17 TAARS meeting.

### SKYWARN NEWS

Net activation tools such as log sheets and scripts, the Program Roster, along with advanced training and reference tools have been moved to the [SKYWARN Operations Center](http://ops.wx4akq.org) web site, [ops.wx4akq.org](http://ops.wx4akq.org)

If you are interested in becoming a NWS Spotter, or are in need of updating your Spotter training please review the schedule below. Details and registration instructions are available through this link, under SKYWARN Calendar. <http://www.wx4akq.org/>

Tuesday, October 13

6:00pm

SKYWARN Basic Spotter Class - Hanover, VA

Wednesday, October 28

6:00pm

SKYWARN Basic Spotter Class - Portsmouth, VA

Thursday, November 5

6:00pm

SKYWARN Basic Spotter Class - Gloucester, VA

Tuesday, November 10

6:00pm

SKYWARN Basic Spotter Class - Poquoson, VA

6:00pm

Jim/KJ4FIN

### HF Fun

As other activities decrease they can be replaced with lots of HF fun. Weekend before last was the California QSO Party, on last weekend the PA QSO Party took place. These are really fun ways to spend an entire weekend or just a few hours of your time. Electronic logging programs are available for free in some cases, if not they are usually very inexpensive. You can visit ARRL for a list of upcoming QSO parties and other information <http://www.arrl.org/awards/ysqso/>  
Herman/NO4Y