



THE JUNKBOX



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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, November 19, 7:30 at COA building "C" C109. Our dinner location is the Golden Corral at 6PM.

TAARS Regular Meeting October 15, 2009

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 by President Ron, N4WYR.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Old Business

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

No new information on the tower site. The potential COA budget related problem with nighttime use of the meeting room does not seem likely at this time.

New Business

N4OY Herman reported that the Christmas Party is scheduled for 12/10/2009 at Van's in Elizabeth City.

The next CERA meeting will be November 14, 2009 at the Golden Skillet in Plymouth.

K4ZBM Zeb asked for volunteers to help with instructions at a Boy Scout Radio Merit Badge program being conducted on November 14, 2009. More information about the annual Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) program can be found on the ARRL website at <http://www.arrl.org/scouts/jota/>

In Attendance: KJ4FIN Jim, WB4KZW Gene, K4ZVM Zeb, N4TOK Chris, KA2QY Rod, K4VHV Albert, KB4TOH Mike, NO4Y Herman, KC4EEA Rick, WB1CZX Tom, W4MUZ Ed, N4WYR Ron

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Following the meeting K4ZBM Zeb gave a demonstration of a laptop computer and cell phone being used to participate in a radio net using Echolink.

Upcoming Events

The TAARS Christmas Party will be held on 12/10/2009 at Van's in Elizabeth City. Starting time and further information will be forthcoming. There will not be a regular meeting in December.

Emergency Services News

The Albemarle Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) has been training and organizing for the past year at Albemarle Plantation in Hertford. Two TAARS members are also members of Albemarle CERT. They are: Jim KJ4FIN, and Tom WB1CZX. Albemarle CERT is sponsored through Perquimans County Emergency Management, and is a volunteer, Department of Homeland Security/FEMA organization. CERT members complete classroom and self paced study, along with field training to support their mission of light fire suppression, light search & rescue, and medical triage. In addition, CERT is committed to improving citizen preparedness for emergency situations, and providing a surge resource for times when professional responders are committed elsewhere or are not able to reach a community due to emergency conditions.

Tom WB1CZX has recently been appointed Training Officer for Albemarle CERT. Tom and Jim have completed the NC CERT requirements to become qualified trainers for mandatory FEMA CERT classroom training.

Jim KJ4FIN

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

If you are interested in becoming a NWS Spotter, or are in need of updating your Spotter training please review the training schedule. Details and registration instructions are available through this link, under SKYWARN Calendar.

<http://www.wx4akq.org/>

Even though SKYWARN, Area 7, Elizabeth City did not become active until March, we contributed 17 reportable events to the Wakefield SKYWARN office up to now in 2009.

During the November Nor'easter, SKYWARN Wakefield contacted all Net Control personnel to inquire about personnel safety. If you are a SKYWARN Net Control operator, please be sure that you keep your SKYWARN roster information updated.