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Next TAARS Meeting

There will not be a regular meeting in December. Our next scheduled TAARS meeting is slated for Thursday, January 21, 7:30 PM at COA building "C" C109. Our dinner location is the Golden Corral at 6PM.

TAARS Regular Meeting November 19, 2009

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 by Herman NO4Y, standing in for President Ron, N4WYR. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with one correction noted from the previous month where K4ZVM was incorrectly cited as K4ZBM. The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Old Business

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

Tom WB1CZX, reported that at the CERA meeting held on 11/14/2009, changes in the CERA by-laws regarding directors were discussed. Recommendations were referred to committee for drafting and presentation to the members at the next meeting.

Zeb K4ZVM, reported that even though the weather was severe for the Boy Scout Merit Badge Weekend, over 240 scouts attended the event. Faced with high winds and torrential rain 200 scouts stayed overnight, and 5 scouts completed the Radio Merit Badge program. In addition, an Echolink demonstration generated interest among the participating scouts.

New Business

Herman N4OY, reported that the Christmas Party is scheduled for 12/10/2009 at Van's in Elizabeth City. A motion was introduced, and seconded for TAARS to contribute \$60.00 toward door prizes for the party.

A discussion took place regarding recent testing activities. It was noted for further discussion to consider offering a Level 1, Technician class. Additional discussion offered ideas for encouraging interest in Amateur Radio, through promoting its role in public service.

In Attendance: Jim KJ4FIN, John KI4EIX, , Herman NO4Y, Zeb K4ZVM, Rick KC4EEA, Tom WB1CZX, Champ K2IUN, Cynthia KG4SPH

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

SKYWARN NEWS

Results from Steve KG4PEQ:

SKYWARN Recognition Day was a success! I'm sure you are all wondering about the results so here they are:

- Had 180 contacts - up 66 from last year!
- Worked 31 NWS offices - down 16 from last year, probably due to having so many more operators this year which resulted in lots and lots of duplicate contacts... still a great number!
- Worked 33 states - up 4 from last year; Echolink helped with this.

All but one of our contacts were voice this year. Rich W4NMH brought out an interface for the TS-570D which we used for some RTTY and PSK31 work. It seems we also had fewer foreign contacts this year, with only one into Canada and one into Netherlands.

Repeater News

Columbia 146.835 is back in operation after a repeater failure. Thanks to Mike KB4TOH and William WB4YNF for outstanding efforts.

Herman NO4Y

TAARS Christmas Party Pictures

Good times, good food, and good friends came together at the TAARS Christmas Party held at Van's Restaurant in Elizabeth City on December 10th. A few pictures from the event that included drawing for a selection of door prizes are attached

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