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Next TAARS Meeting

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.

There was no regular TAARS meeting in December. Old Business, and new business from November, previously published in the December newsletter are repeated here for convenience of the January meeting agenda.

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

Those of you in Area 7 who have inquired about being able to take Spotter training offered by a neighboring office such as Newport/Morehead City, I finally have an official answer straight from the top. I have heard that there were issues in the past and this should not have been the case.

Spotter training is entirely portable between adjacent offices!

If you attend a Spotter class held by Newport/Morehead City, Raleigh, Sterling, Blacksburg, or Mt. Holly and they indicate that they cannot forward your information to Wakefield, please send ME an e-mail with the details-- date of training, location, and, if you have it, the name of the NWS employee who told you it couldn't be done. I'll get the information updated in Wakefield's records.

Thanks!

Steve

Citizen Corps News Digest provided by FEMA's Community Preparedness Division, from ARRL WEB: ARRL News

[2009 Sees Surge of New Amateur Radio Licensees](#)

This past year was a banner year for new Amateur Radio licensees. According to ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, the FCC issued more than 30,000 new ham radio licenses. "In 2009, the demand for Amateur Radio exam sessions remained elevated and is still running at a higher rate than before the FCC's restructuring of the license requirements in 2007," Somma said. "This high level of exam session activity has produced an elevated influx of new applications, far outpacing recent years."

Upcoming Events

Saturday January 23 TAARS sponsored VE testing session takes place Saturday morning 9AM at COA. For further info contact NO4Y@arrrl.net or phone 562 2231

Saturday February 6th The Richmond Va Frostfest. This is the kick off of area Hamfest for 2010. Although I have not attended in several years I understand this Hamfest has really improved. More info can be found at <http://www.rats.net/>

Saturday February 13th CERA meeting including Areas 1 and 2 ARES meetings at Plymouth NC. Meetings begin at 10AM. Bylaw changes on the schedule to be adopted and election of CERA officers. WB1CZX Tom is the current CERA President and has done an excellent job. More info can be found at <http://taars.us> .

Sunday February 28th The NC QSO Party takes place. Operations from all over NC are encouraged and especially from Northeast NC. More info can be found at <http://www.w4nc.com/2010ncqsoparty.html>