



THE JUNKBOX



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Next TAARS Meeting

Our next scheduled TAARS meeting is slated for Thursday, June 17, 7:30 PM at COA building "C" C109. Our dinner location is the Golden Corral at 6PM.

TAARS Regular Meeting May 20, 2010

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 by President Ron, N4WYR.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Old Business

TAARS support for the Tar Wheel Century bike event was a great success. Mention was made of the enticing food items that the bicycle club prepared for the race participants and also offered to the TAARS volunteers. Some suggestions were made to enhance SAG stop support, and there was a brief discussion on suggestions for the bicycle club.

Herman, NO4Y stated that a webmaster is needed to work on the TAARS website. Anyone interested should please call Herman.

The website continues to increase in importance for TAARS communications

New Business

TAARS officer elections were held. There were no nominations from the floor and the slate of candidates was accepted and voted in, with no opposition, for terms beginning with the June 2010 meeting, as follows:

President – Dave AJ4NV

Vice President – Ron N4WYR

Treasurer – Herman NO4Y

Secretary – Jim KJ4FIN

2010 Field Day T shirts will be ordered. Herman will send out an email request with details, and asking for style and size preference.

Club dues of \$30.00 can be paid at the next meeting or at Field Day.

Field Day (scheduled for the last weekend in June; this is June 26-27, 2010) discussion and planning occurred as follows:

Zeb, K4ZVM reported that facilities have been taken care of for field day.

George, KE4NBR will head the Food Committee; chicken, burgers, dogs, and brats along with the appropriate rolls were suggested, and will be provided by the club. Members were encouraged to bring deserts or other dishes if desired.

Major equipment will be brought as follows: Herman – station and laptop and Wy-Fi access point, Dave – station and antenna,

Kerry – 2 laptops and screen and 10m beam, and logging software, Albert – station and tents, Al R. - backup laptop. TAARS will participate as a 3A; the club generator will be tested. Zeb reported that the rules are the same as last year. Discussion took place on bonus point categories. There is a need of a CW operator, if possible. There may be a need for coax, Final discussion on equipment, antennas, and supply details will be done at the next meeting on June 17.

In Attendance: KJ4FIN Jim, N4QLD Greg, K4VHV Al, KI4BQI Albert, KG4SPP Katina, NO4Y Herman, KI4EIX John, WB4FXD Terry, N4WYR Ron, AJ4NV David, K4ZVM Zeb, WB1CZX Tom, KA2TQY Rod, W4UEB Joe, K4YF Edgar, KG4SPH Cynthia, K2IUN Champ, KD4CEB Kerry

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05

Following the meeting, Kerry KD4CEB summarized the statewide Hurricane Emergency Management/ARES Exercise and further commented on his event photographs published in the TAARS May 2010 edition of The JUNKBOX.

SKYWARN NEWS

I received the following from Steve Crow, and verified the information with Steve by phone:

"I intend to surrender the Amateur Radio Coordinator post on July 1. Anyone interested in filling this role please let me know as soon as possible. (877)499-4257 ext. 3900"

I had an opportunity to meet briefly with Mr. William Sammler of the NWS Wakefield office while he was making a local presentation. I outlined our training needs and pointed out the distance issue with Virginia area SKYWARN offerings. Mr. Sammler was receptive to the issue, and requested email contact which I sent on May 27, 2010, asking for a meeting at his location to discuss ideas to resolve the distance issue.

JimB/KJ4FIN

UPCOMING EVENTS

Field Day 2010 June 26th and 27th at Northeastern High School
TAARS VE testing session July 17th 2010
September 11th 2010 Virginia Beach Hamfest at the Virginia Beach Convention Center

Herman/NO4Y

Results of NC QSO Party &

Field Day Schedule

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Results of NC QSO Party

The results of the NC QSO Party were posted recently. Two Contestants from our club were included in the top 5 instate stations. Herman NO4Y was number 2 and Rick, KC4EEA, now a silent key was number 4. I hope more of our members will participate next year.

Herman/NO4Y

Field Day 2010 will be here before you know it. As usual the event will be held at Northeastern High School Athletic Complex. FD weekend is the 26th and 27th of June this year. We'll be operating 3A using the club call, K4WO.

Field Day Schedule

This is a 24 hour operating event. We will be operating the entire 24 hour period.

Here is the tentative schedule for the weekend:

Friday night 6 PM, assembly and hanging some of the antennas

Saturday morning 8:30 AM, breakfast at Golden Corral

After breakfast head out to the site and begin tent and equipment setup

12:30 PM Lunch, provided by TAARS followed by FD meeting

2 PM begin operation.

6 PM dinner at the site TAARS provided. The dinner menu includes BBQ Chicken, and what else, of course HAM. Greg N4QLD and George KE4NBR 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

7:30 PM resume operation. Snacks and leftovers throughout the night,

7:30 AM Breakfast TAARS provided

2 PM 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 won't want to miss. It's a crash course in eating, equipment setup, eating, antenna installation, eating, operating, and of course eating.

Your attendance is what makes it the event we look forward to each year.

**73 Herman/NO4Y
Field Day Chairman**