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Next TAARS Meeting

Our next scheduled TAARS meeting is slated for Thursday, August 19, 7:30 PM at COA building "C" C109. Our dinner location is the Golden Corral at 6PM.

TAARS Regular Meeting July 15, 2010

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 by President Dave AJ4NV

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Old Business

Discussion was devoted to observations and comments from the 2010 Field Day exercise. Herman/NO4Y reported that food item expenses were up from last year. Comments continued that food preparation was outstanding for the event. Observation was made that some periodic adjustment to antenna orientation may need to be made throughout the event especially for the 10m beam. There may have been some temporary power issues that could be resolved if an external watt meter is available at the next Field Day. A significant amount of bonus points were earned through the following : public official attendance, ARRL CW message copy, display table with appropriate material, ICS lesson, contacts made using solar power, operating on generator power, supervised youth operator, and web submission of the log.

Annual Club dues of \$30.00 can be paid at the next meeting or by mail to the TAARS Treasurer.

New Business

Notation was made of the CERA meeting to be held on August 14. This is held directly after the ARES areas 1&2 meeting at the Golden Skillet in Plymouth. Meetings begin at 10:00 am. KJ4FIN/Jim, NO4Y/Herman and WB1CZX/Tom will be meeting with the National Weather Service (NWS) leadership in Wakefield VA on July 23. The purpose of the meeting is to confirm dates for upcoming SKYWARN classroom training in our area. In addition, the agenda includes discussion of progress on alternate training methods being researched to resolve the distance and attendance issues for communities away from NWS metropolitan resources.

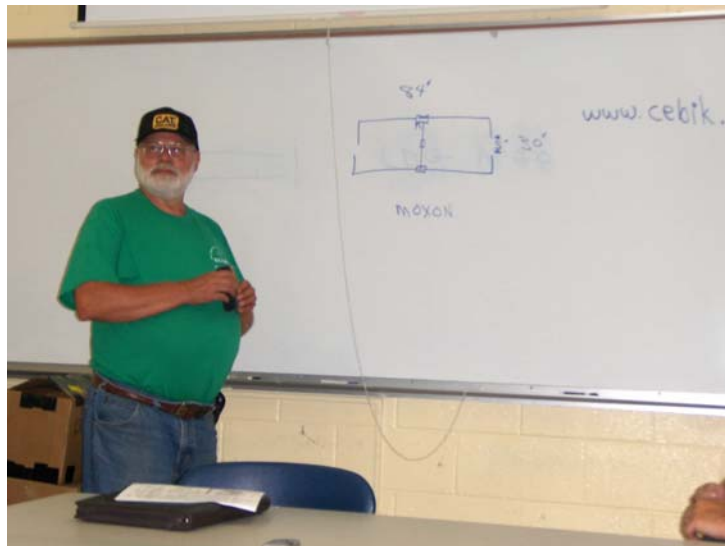
Herman NO4Y and Albert K4VHV are working on a valuation and liquidation of Collins amateur radio equipment and various antennas.

In Attendance: KJ4FIN JimB, KI4BQI Albert, KG4SPP Katina, NO4Y Herman, WB4FXD Terry, N4WYR Ron, K4ZVM Zeb, W4UEB Joe, KD4CEB Kerry, AJ4NV Dave, K4YF Edgar, NC1JD JimD, K4VHV Al, WB1CZX Tom, KB4TOH Mike

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39

Following the meeting Ron N4WYR gave a presentation of a 12v fused, power switch for use with PowerPole and binding post output connectors. Also, Ron described the construction of a MOXON antenna as described at L.B Cebik memorial website at www.cebik.com

In addition, Ron circulated a newly acquired LDG AT200 antenna tuner and described the importance of such a device in the construction of antennas.



SKYWARN NEWS

KJ4FIN/Jim, NO4Y/Herman, and WB1CZX/Tom visited with NWS Wakefield, Michael Montefusco on 7/23/2010. A Basic Spotter class is scheduled for 11/18/2010 at COA in Elizabeth City. An Advanced Spotter class is tentatively scheduled for March 17, 2011 at the Chowan County Public Service Center in Edenton. Details and registration information will be posted at <http://www.erh.noaa.gov/akq/spotterinfo/skywarn.htm>

Discussions took place resulting in an encouraging outcome regarding our request for additional and alternate training options to supplement the NWS conducted classroom sessions. These options are expected to allow us more flexibility in timing, location, and class size for Basic Spotter training.

Enjoy NWS photos below; note the special yellow rain gage.



TAARS TEST SESSION REPORT

Three candidates participated in our July testing session. The session produced two License upgrades. TAARS offers VE testing session 4 times yearly. The next one will be held on October 23rd at COA.

Volunteer examiners present were: NO4Y, NC1JD, N4WYR, K4YF, KD4CEB, and KI4BQI

NO4Y/Herman

UPCOMING EVENTS

CERA meeting 8/14/2010 at the Golden Skillet in Plymouth after areas 1&2 meeting. Meetings begin at 10:00 am
September 4th and 5th Shelby Hamfest at Dallas NC
September 11th Virginia Beach Hamfest at the Virginia Beach Convention Center

NO4Y/Herman

ITEMS FOR SALE

Cushcraft R7 Vertical antenna Cover 10, 12, 15, 17, 20, and 40 meters. \$200.00

Icom 7100 Receiver covers 25 Mhz to 2 Ghz Like new \$300.00

Icom 02AT 2 meter HT. \$50.00 includes battery and charger

Frequency Counter \$20.00

1.5 KW Tuners by Murch 200 A \$100.00

Heathkit Keyer \$25.00 looks like new

Grid Dip Meter \$15.00 with all coils

Drake L-4B Amplifier \$795.00

For more information on photos call or email NO4Y

NO4Y/Herman