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Next TAARS Meeting

Our next scheduled TAARS meeting is slated for Thursday, September 16, 7:30 PM at COA building "C" C109. Our dinner location is the Golden Corral at 6PM.

TAARS Regular Meeting August 19, 2010

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 by Albert K4VHV standing in for President Dave AJ4NV

Albert introduced a guest, Steve KU4BY

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Old Business

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

New Business

Mention was made of the CERA meeting held on August 14. This was held directly after the ARES areas 1&2 meeting at the Golden Skillet in Plymouth.

Significant topic of the ARES meeting was a recap of the process for obtaining qualification for EOC workers to comply with new requirements, and the reason for the increased requirements. KJ4FIN/Jim, NO4Y/Herman and WB1CZX/Tom met with the National Weather Service (NWS) leadership in Wakefield VA on July 23. Dates for upcoming SKYWARN classroom training in our area were set. A Basic SKYWARN class will be held at COA in Elizabeth City on November 18, 2010, at 6:00pm. An Advanced SKYWARN Class is scheduled for March 17, 2011, at 6:00pm. This advanced class will be held at the Chowan County Public Service Center in Edenton. Basic SKYWARN is a prerequisite. Email KJ4FIN/Jim for questions and reservations. In addition, discussion with NWS moved forward on alternate training methods being researched to resolve the distance and attendance issues for communities away from NWS metropolitan resources.

Mention was made that W4UEB is recuperating from hip surgery. NO4Y Herman has made arrangements for a club table at the VA Beach Hamfest to be held on 9/11/2010.

Bring your excess radio and electronic equipment to sell at Hamfest.

<http://www.vbhamfest.com/>

Herman NO4Y and Albert K4VHV have been working on a valuation and liquidation of Collins amateur radio equipment and various other equipment. Tables were set up with some items that

are currently for sale. Albert K4VHV offered explanation and comments on the equipment, and members were invited to examine items and to purchase.

In Attendance: KJ4FIN JimB, KI4BQI Albert, KG4SPP Katina, NO4Y Herman, K4ZVM Zeb, KD4CEB Kerry, K4VHV Al, WB1CZX Tom, WB4FXD Terry, KB4TOH Mike, K4YF Edgar, W4MUZ Ed, KU4BY Steve

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40

SKYWARN News

Links to access Wakefield and Newport training schedules are listed below.

Wakefield : <http://training.wx4akq.org/>

Newport: <http://www.mhxskeywarn.org/training.php>

Upcomming Events

October 23rd TAARS VE testing session at COA
November 13th CERA and ARES meeting at Plymouth
SKYWARN Basic Spotter training 11/18/2010 see link above
NO4Y/Herman

VA Beach Hamfest Report

Carpools left from Hertford and Elizabeth City nearly at dawn on Saturday. Maintaining our protocol of "Nutrition First" Nine TAARS members met at the Golden Corral in Chesapeake VA. As expected, this was a great breakfast stop. Other club members who missed breakfast met up at the Convention Center.

A VE session was held at the Hamfest, and our own KG4SPP Katina was among those upgraded to General.

Congratulations Katina.

The club table did well. It took several folks helping to bring in the items for sale, and only a hand full of items were left over at the end of the day. Traffic appeared to be steady all day long in the Convention Center, and in the parking lot for the tailgaters. Lots of folks were seen walking around with bags from the vendors. TAARS members did their share, requiring a need to pick up large purchases at the side door.

Thanks to WB4FXD/Terry for the pictures. (see over)

