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Next TAARS Meeting

Our next scheduled TAARS meeting is slated for Thursday, October 21, 7:30 PM at COA building "C" C123. Our dinner location is the Golden Corral at 6PM.

TAARS Regular Meeting September 16, 2010

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 by President Dave/AJ4NV
Brian/KD7SKX was introduced and recognized as a guest
The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.
The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Old Business

It was reported that Joe/W4UEB continues to recuperate from surgery.
Cynthia/KG4SPH reported that Katina/KG4SPP upgraded to General Class at the Virginia Beach Hamfest

New Business

Zeb/K4ZVM, and Terry/WB4FXD engaged the group in discussion over HF Radar. Discussion illustrated the usefulness in measuring wind generated waves in the marine environment, and measurement of marine currents based on wave reflections. Useful references pointed out were: CODAR at <http://www.codar.com/> and Internet search on the term "RUSSIAN WOODPECKER"

Champ/K2IUN reported the next state SET (Simulated Emergency Test) is scheduled for October 11-12 2010. Eastern Branch is not scheduling activity. The Snug Harbor 40th anniversary celebration is scheduled for October 11, 2010, and Perquimans County is scheduling an emergency demonstration and exercise to be held in conjunction with that event.

Recognition of the club members (Edgar/K4YF and Joe/W4UEB) who designed, researched, and developed the Carolina Windham antenna, was prompted by the circulation of the Carolina Windham Preliminary Report dated January 4, 1989.

Herman/NO4Y reported that the club license NC4EC is due for renewal; it was proposed that Kerry/KD4CEB be recorded as the Trustee. Kerry accepted.

The 2010 Christmas Party will be on the agenda for next meeting.

Edgar/K4YF circulated and commented on a newly acquired HT by Wouxun; maker of high quality hand held radios.

In Attendance: KJ4FIN JimB, NO4Y Herman, K4ZVM Zeb, KD4CEB Kerry, WB1CZX Tom, KB4TOH Mike, K4YF Edgar, AJ4NV Dave, WB4FXD Terry, KG4SPH Cynthia, K2IUN Champ, KD4ISA JimM, KD7SKX Brian, K4VHV Albert

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40

From ARRL Newsletter courtesy of Kerry/KD4CEB

Amateur Radio Operators Provide Communications Support During Chilean Mine Rescue

According to the Radio Club de Chile ([RCCH](http://www.rcch.cl)) -- that country's [IARU](http://www.iaru.org) Member-Society -- amateurs with the [Radio Club Copiapó, CE1CPI](http://www.radioclubcopiapo.cl), provided communication support between the authorities and emergency equipment operators inside the San Jose Mine complex, as well as with family of the trapped miners in the complex and authorities in Copiapó. "There are no other means of communication at the scene," said Radio Club Copiapó President Jose Maldonado Lazo, CE1RXY.

From Herman/NO4Y

TAARS sponsored VE Testing session is 23 October at COA, information available at club web site <http://taars.us>
Welcome new members:
KD4CAX Bill Chappel in Perquimans County
KD7SKX Brian Greig of Pasquotank County

SKYWARN News

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

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

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

Upcomming Events

October 23rd TAARS VE testing session at COA

November 13th CERA and ARES meeting at Plymouth
note from Tom/WB1CZZ: CERA meeting on November 13th as scheduled. Probable time change because of no ARES area 1 and 2 meeting. Stay tuned

SKYWARN Basic Spotter training 11/18/2010 see link above
note: A current Spotter class is a pre-requisite for the Advanced Spotter training tentatively scheduled for March 17, 2011