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Next TAARS Meeting

Our next scheduled TAARS meeting is slated for Thursday, January 20, 2011, 7:30 PM at COA building "C" C123. There will be no December meeting in lieu of the club Christmas Party on December 8, 2010. Our dinner location for meeting nights is the Golden Corral at 6PM.

Minutes

TAARS Regular Meeting October 21, 2010

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

Joe/W4UEB was welcomed back after recuperation from surgery.
Club license for NC4EC has been renewed, and received.
Kerry/KD4CEB is the Trustee
Bill/KD4CAX and Steve/KU4BY were welcomed as new members.

New Business

The November meeting scheduled for November 18 will be preempted by the SKYWARN Basic Spotter Training class, to be held at 6:00pm, in room B-202, at The College of The Albemarle.

Dates for the annual Christmas Party were suggested
Herman/NO4Y will circulate details when plans are finalized.

It was noted that the CERA meeting scheduled for November 13, may have a time change. Details will be circulated when available.

In Attendance: KJ4FIN JimB, W4UEB Joe, KD4CEB Kerry, KI4EIX, John, K4ZVM Zeb, KU4BY Steve, KD4CAX Bill, N4QLD Greg, KD8BLQ Brad, KB4TOH Mike, W4MUZ Ed, WB4FXD Terry, N4WYR Ron, K4VHV Al, KI4BQI Albert, KG4SPP Katina, AJ4NV David, NO4Y Herman

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42

Al K4VHV described a trip to Cass WV, site of the Cass Scenic Railroad State Park, also nearby is the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Green Bank WV imposing a no RF zone. Link to the observatory is <http://www.gb.nrao.edu/>

Al also demonstrated and explained the use of an automated antenna tuner.

SKYWARN News

TAARS sponsored a Basic SKYWARN Spotter class at the College of The Albemarle on November 18, 2010. We registered 75 attendees for this class representing: TAARS members, Emergency Management from Pasquotank and Perquimans counties, USCG Air Station military and civilian personnel, US Navy personnel from Norfolk, along with a Civil Air Patrol Blue Ranger squadron From Elizabeth City.

Attendees were issued new Spotter IDs or qualified for required Spotter renewal training. A special thanks to Kerry KD4CEB for obtaining the facilities to accommodate the large group. Steve Crow will attend the TAARS February meeting and conduct a session on new SKYWARN reporting and Net Control Station procedures.

SKYWARN Basic Spotter Training November 18, 2010





Upcoming Events

Just a reminder the annual TAARS Christmas Party is Wednesday December the 8th at 6:30 PM. Once again this year Van's Pizza is hosting our event.

Have you checked out the new TAARS website. Terry, WB4FXD has been hard at work.

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An Advanced SKYWARN class is tentatively scheduled for March 17 in Chowan County.

Frostfest Hamfest

Saturday, February 06 2010, 08:00 - 17:00 at the Richmond Raceway Complex with over 60,000 square feet of flea market, commercial vendors and forums. <http://fieldcomm.org/gk/article.php?story=2010010118015038>

2010 SKYWARN™ Recognition Day

Date - 00Z December 4th to 00Z December 5th
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1r2XIKVUIy1QgwU6mP7dUBEabcOz_aaU9VFi7H27Um5A/edit?hl=en#

January 22nd 2011, TAARS VE testing session at COA