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Next TAARS Meeting

Our next scheduled TAARS meeting is slated for Thursday, March 17, 2011. This meeting will follow an Advanced SKYWARN training session being held at the Chowan County Public Safety Center, 2nd floor, 305 West Freemason Street, Edenton NC 27932. The training session will begin at 6:30pm. All club members are invited to attend the SKYWARN portion. In order to receive SKYWARN credit for the session you need to register in advance and have had current spotter training. Our dinner location for this time is Captain Bob's, US 17S, in Hertford, around 5:00 – 5:30 pm.

TAARS Meeting February 17, 2011

Minutes

A meeting with SKYWARN presentation was called to order at 7:05pm by president Dave/AJ4NV.

Membership was referred to the TAARS web page for prior meeting minutes.

Treasurer's report was tabled until the next meeting.

Old Business and New Business discussions were tabled until the next meeting.

Zeb/K4ZVM was welcomed to the meeting, recognizing his return after an extended stay in Baltimore.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm, and the time was turned over to Mr. Steve Crow, the SKYWARN Radio Coordinator for the National Weather Service, Wakefield VA.

Steve/KG4PEQ conducted a presentation of SKYWARN Net Control Station (NCS) operation.

The educational portion of the meeting concluded at 9:10pm

Five new NCS operators volunteered for SKYWARN NCS support at the meeting. The new operators, awaiting paperwork and access privileges from NWS Wakefield are: Katina/KG4SPP, Albert/KI4BQI, Jim/KD4IJA, Ronnie/KD4VRI, and Jim/NC1JD. TAARS thanks these new SKYWARN NCS operators for their interest and support of a valuable public service.

In Attendance: KJ4FIN JimB, N4QLD Greg, K4VHV Al, KI4BQI Albert, KG4SPP Katina, AJ4NV David, NO4Y Herman, KG4SPH Cynthia, K2IUN Champ, WB1CZX Tom, W4MUZ Ed, KD4IJA JimM, NC1JD JimD, K4ZVM Zeb, KD4CAX Bill, KD4VRI Ronnie, W4UEB Joe

Amateur Radio in the News

Saturday, March 12, 2011

Japan Earthquake (Amateur Radio) JARL Info

It has been 24 hours since the worst earthquake for 140 years hit off north-eastern Sendai registering 9.1 (REVISED) on the Richter scale and triggering a tsunami. The JARL (Japan Amateur Radio League) Regional HQ station JA7RL is now involved in emergency communication to support rescue and disaster relief coordination.

From:

http://www.southgatearc.org/news/march2011/widespread_quake_tsunami_damage.htm

New Zealand Radio Amateurs Assist in Earthquake's Aftermath

The 6.3 magnitude earthquake that struck the Canterbury region in New Zealand's South Island on Tuesday, February 22 brought out local amateur radio operators according to the ARRL

From ARRL: [See the full article at here.](#)

SKYWARN News

An Advanced SKYWARN class is scheduled for March 17, at 6:30 pm at the Public safety Center on 305 W.

Freemason Street, Edenton. This will conclude our current, locally scheduled, SKYWARN offerings. Please check the following links for SKYWARN training scheduled in other nearby areas.

<http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/akq/spotterinfo/skywarn.htm>

<http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/mhx/>

Upcoming Events

VA QSO Party March 19th <http://www.qsl.net/sterling/uf1.htm>

Raleigh Hamfest April 23rd Raleigh NC <http://rars.org/hamfest/>

TarWheel Bike Event Saturday, April 30, 2011

June 25 -26, 2011

