



# THE JUNKBOX



## The Official Newsletter of The Albemarle Amateur Radio Society

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### Next TAARS Meeting

Our next scheduled TAARS meeting is slated for Thursday, May 19, 2011, 7:30 PM at COA building "C" C109. Our dinner location is the Golden Corral at 6PM.

TAARS Meeting April 21, 2011

### Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm by President Dave AJ4NV. The minutes of the previous meeting, as posted on the TAARS website, were approved. The Treasurer's report was read.

### OLD Business

TAARS support for the River City Cycling Club, TarWheel Century was reviewed. The event will begin shortly after 7:45 am from the Mid-Atlantic Christian University in Elizabeth City. Support will end at 5:00pm. Herman reviewed Rovers and SAG stop locations and supporters were reminded to verify your assignment with Herman if you have not already done so. A back up net control is needed for Kerry KD4CEB.

Reminder was made to VEs for the next test session scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Reminder was made that the election of TAARS officers will be held at the next meeting. Volunteers are called for. Field Day planning will begin next month for the June 25 26 event. Members are asked to offer suggestions for meals. Comments were that last year's menu was great and could be mostly duplicated.

All needing to ride share for attending the Raleigh Hamfest should meet at Capt. Bob's in Hertford at 6:30 am.

### New Business

Club dues will be collected at Field Day as is the usual practice. If you can not attend Field Day, payment can be made to Treasurer Herman NO4Y.

Greg N4QLD will coordinate T shirt orders. Golf and T style again were requested. Personalized shirts were not requested.

The Treasurer requested a volunteer to independently review bank statements of the past 6 months. Cynthia KG4SPH offered, and will do the review.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the business portion of the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Champ K2IUN and Cynthia KG4SPH made a presentation of their voyage to north of the Magnetic Pole. Among the stops were: Canada, Norway, Greenland, and Iceland.

In Attendance: KJ4FIN JimB, N4QLD Greg, K4VHV Al, NO4Y Herman, KG4SPH Cynthia, K2IUN Champ, WB1CZX Tom, KA2TQY Rod, WB4FXD Terry, KB4TOH Mike, KD4CEB Kerry, K4YF Edgar, KU4BY Steve, AJ4NV Dave, N4WYR Ron

### Tar Wheel Century 2011

TAARS again supported the River City Cycling Club TarWheel Century Bicycle Race. The race took place on April 30 and followed courses between Elizabeth City and Edenton. TAARS provided radio communication at event headquarters, SAG stops and with roving mobile rigs. Missing this year was the attention grabbing "Cantenna" at the Edenton location; replaced with a more traditional, but less interesting antenna.





### **SKYWARN News**

TAARS conducted 2 SKYWAN radio nets in support of Wakefield NWS, with 12 members on 4/16/2011, and 7 members on 4/28/2011.

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**

Field Day June 25 -26, 2011