# 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, August 18, 2011, 7:30 PM at COA building "C" C109. Our dinner location is the Golden Corral at 6PM.

TAARS Meeting July21, 2011

# **Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 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**

There was no old business raised for discussion.

#### **New Business**

Current year's dues can be paid at the next meeting or by mail to the club Treasurer at TAARS PO Box 1217 Elizabeth City, NC 276906-1217.

Thanks were offered to Dave AJ4NV for the use of his antenna the TA -33 Mosley Jr. It was a big help at field day and assembly was easier.

A VE test session is scheduled for 7/23. Examiners for the session will be: Herman, Al, Ron and Kerry.

Herman NO4Y thanked all for set up and assembly help at field day, and noted that participation was noticeably down from earlier years.

It was reported that the generator problem at field day has been resolved and apparently was the result of the low oil sensor, perhaps due to uneven ground.

It was reported that thank you letters have gone out for use of the high school property to: Mr. Don Sisson, Principal Mr. Linwood Williams Superintendent and to Mr. Gary White for use of his professional style cooker.

Gary KD4CEB gave a presentation of space shuttle operation and technology including pictures and comments from his attendance on July 8, 2011at the last shuttle flight of Endeavor, STS-135.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 pm.

In Attendance: KJ4FIN JimB, K4VHV Al, NO4Y Herman, KD4CEB Kerry, AJ4NV Dave, KD4CAX Bill, KI4BQI Albert, KG4SPP Katina, KB4TOH Mike, KD4VRI Ronnie, K4YF Edgar, WB4FXD Terry, KD8BLQ Brad

## **SKYWARN News**

Please check the following links for SKYWARN training scheduled in other nearby areas. <a href="http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/akq/spotterinfo/skywarn.ht">http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/akq/spotterinfo/skywarn.ht</a> m

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

# **Upcoming Events**

VA Beach Hamfest September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. See link below for vendor and ticket information.

http://www.vbhamfest.com/blog