



THE JUNKBOX



The Official Newsletter of The Albemarle Amateur Radio Society

Post Office Box 1217

October 2011

Elizabeth City, NC 27906-1217

<http://www.taars.us>

WA4VTX Repeaters 146.655/444.300/147.330 PL 131.8 APRS 144.39

Next TAARS Meeting

Our next scheduled TAARS meeting is slated for Thursday, October 20, 2011, 7:30 PM at COA building "C" C109. Our dinner location is the Golden Corral at 6PM.

Minutes TAARS Meeting September 15, 2011

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

Herman NO4Y reminded all that a table has been purchased at the Virginia Beach Hamfest for club members to use for selling items.

As appropriate for Old Business, happy birthday wishes were noted for Tom WB1CZX.

New Business

Herman NO4Y had contact with ZEB K4ZVM. ZEB continues to report progress.

A 180' tower, in 15' sections is reported to be available. This is the tower by the Pure Oil station (an historic landmark) in Elizabeth City.

The repeater antenna on the 655 machine is bad. Mike KB4TOH has a climber lined up. A motion was made, seconded, and approved authorizing an approximate expenditure of \$300 to purchase 2 new antennas, and to authorize the labor expense as needed.

It was noted that the recent hurricane Irene created a need for radio operators to support Pasquotank/Camden Emergency Management. A reminder was made that this is an important support function that TAARS members can and should help with.

National Incident Management System (NIMS) classes are being required for many Emergency Management positions and related work. A request was made to identify the link for this training. The link to the FEMA site for NIMS online classes is:

<http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/NIMSTrainingCourse.s.htm>

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm.

In Attendance: KJ4FIN JimB, K4VHV Al, NO4Y Herman, AJ4NV Dave, KD4CAX Bill, KI4BQI Albert, KG4SPP Katina, KB4TOH Mike, KR4DHR Jimmie, N4QLD Greg, N4WYR Ron, WB1CZX Tom, KD4VRI Ronnie, KK4CRD Dean, W4UEB Joe, W4MUZ Ed

WEBPAGE

Our Webmaster, Terry WB4FXD has been working on a suggestion from Kerry KD4CEB, to have a place to collect "technotes". Terry has been working on adding a section to the TAARS webpage to accomplish this. If you have technical notes, comments, or suggestions that you wish to share, please send them to the Webmaster at wb4fxd@arri.net

If you have not checked out the TAARS webpage lately, please take a look at what Terry has been working on for us at <http://www.taars.us/>

Community Service

Jim KJ4FIN and Tom WB1CZX, responded to a request from Chowan County Emergency Management, and conducted a CERT, 20 hour training class, consisting of light fire suppression, light search and rescue, medical triage, along with an emergency exercise for the 17 member Shalom International Church CERT in Edenton. In addition, KJ4FIN worked with former Chowan County EM Patty Madry in conducting CERT, CPR, and AED training for Bertie County.

SKYWARN News

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/>

Repeater update

TAARS Senior Technical Support reports that we still have receive problems on both the Elizabeth City repeaters and are working on a resolution.

Upcoming Events

The next test session will be held on Saturday, 9:AM, October 22, 2011 at College of The Albemarle in Elizabeth City, Building C.

Frostfest will be on Saturday February 4, 2012 at the Richmond Raceway Complex 600 East labrum Avenue, Richmond VA 23218

Website <http://www.frostfest.com>